

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS**

May 9, 2014

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners (BOPC) was held at the Five Rivers MetroParks' Main Office, 409 E. Monument, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Dayton, OH, on May 9, 2014, and convened at 7:38 a.m. on a roll call vote by the Board of Park Commissioners.

**Present:** Five Rivers MetroParks Commission President Irvin G. Bieser, Jr., Vice President Alan F. Pippenger; Commissioner Karen L. Davis, Executive Director Rebecca A. Benná, Deputy Director Carrie Scarff, Director of Human Resources Debra Jackson, Director of Conservation David Nolin, Director of Development Beth Redden, Chief of Rangers Mark Hess, Director of Marketing Trish Butler, Park Planning Manager Eric Sauer, Business Manager Jennifer Grusenmeyer, Project Manager Joe Zimmerman, Regional Park Manager Paul Williams and Conservation Biologist Michael Enright.

**Visitor Recognition:** There were no visitors.

**Minutes:** The BOPC was presented with the minutes of the regular meeting for April 24, 2014. On a motion by Commissioner Pippenger and second by Commissioner Davis the minutes of the April 24, 2014, regular meeting were approved.

**Financial Reports:** The BOPC was presented with MetroParks' April, 2014 financials and the Approved List of bills for April 1 – 30, 2014. Business Manager Jennifer Grusenmeyer highlighted revenues and expenses. Following a brief discussion and on a motion by Commissioner Pippenger and second by Commissioner Davis, the BOPC accepted MetroParks' April, 2014 financial reports as presented.

**Staff Reports:**

**Law Enforcement Activity:** The BOPC was presented with the Law Enforcement Activity report for April, 2014. Chief of Rangers Mark Hess gave a brief overview of information contained in the report. Following a brief discussion, the BOPC thanked Mr. Hess for his information.

**RiverScape River Run Project Update:** Deputy Director Scarff began by giving an overview of the financial status of the RiverScape River Run Project. Park Planning Manager Eric Sauer continued with a PowerPoint presentation detailing the project schedule to include construction beginning in the fall of 2014 with construction taking approximately one year pending weather. The presentation also included renderings and showed specific project elements. Mr. Sauer concluded with a detailed project budget and the board asked questions about the project and budget. Following a discussion the Commissioners thanked Mr. Sauer for the information.

**Other Business:** No other business was brought to the attention of the Board at this time.

**Visitor Comments:** No visitor comments.

**Next Board Meeting:** The BOPC agreed to hold the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 13, 2014, commencing at 7:30 a.m. at MetroParks' Main Office,

409 E. Monument Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Dayton, Ohio. The BOPC directed the Secretary of the Board to give notice of this meeting and all subsequent meetings pursuant to the rule adopted by the BOPC.

**Executive Session:** In accordance with the open meetings law Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, by roll call vote following a motion by Commissioner Bieser and second by Commissioner Davis, the BOPC elected to temporarily adjourn and hold an Executive Session commencing at 8:45 a.m. for the specific purpose of discussing one personnel item and one land matter. On a motion by Commissioner Davis and second by Commissioner Pippenger the open session reconvened at 9:24 a.m.

**Open Session:** Director of Conservation David Nolin requested the following in relation to three Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Grants:

- Authorization to purchase 13.81 acre parcel located at 5600 Old Springfield Road from Steve and Cathy Mitchell at a total cost of \$138,000 for the Taylorsville MetroPark Addition Grant CDHAB. MetroParks' share is \$34,500. On a motion by Commissioner Davis and second by Commissioner Pippenger the BOPC approved the request.
- Authorization to purchase a 58 acre conservation easement from the City of Dayton at a total cost of \$10 for the Stillwater Corridor Protection Grant CDHAC. MetroParks' share is \$10. On a motion by Commissioner Pippenger and second by Commissioner Davis the BOPC approved the request.
- Authorization to purchase 191.7 acres from Bear Creek Farms Inc. at a total cost of \$1,200,000 for the Larch Tree Acquisition Grant CDHAA. MetroParks' share is \$100,000. On a motion by Commissioner Davis and second by Commissioner Pippenger the BOPC approved the request.

Business Manager Jennifer Grusenmeyer requested approval and adoption of the following resolutions:

- Resolution No. 14-015 establishing the budget for the Larch Tree Acquisition Grant CDHAA. On motion by Commissioner Bieser and second by Commissioner Davis the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 14-015 as presented.
- Resolution No. 14-016 establishing the budget for the Taylorsville MetroPark Addition Grant CDHAB. On motion by Commissioner Bieser and second by Commissioner Davis the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 14-016 as presented.
- Resolution No. 14-017 establishing the budget for the Stillwater Corridor Protection Grant CDHAC. On motion by Commissioner Bieser and second by Commissioner Davis the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 14-017 as presented.

A tour of facilities was given.

**Adjournment:** By roll call vote, following a motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Pippenger, the BOPC adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Attest: Rebecca A. Benna

  
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President Irvin G. Bieser Jr.