

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Board of Park Commissioners
Five Rivers MetroParks**

June 12, 2015

President Irv Bieser called to order the Board of Park Commissioners Board meeting on June 12, 2015 at 7:34 a.m.

Present: Five Rivers MetroParks Commission President Irvin G. Bieser, Jr., Vice President Alan F. Pippenger, Commissioner Karen L. Davis, Executive Director Rebecca A. Benná, Director of Outdoor Connections Amy Dingle, Director of Marketing Trish Butler, Director of Human Resources Debra Jackson, Director of Conservation Dave Nolin, Director of Business Services Bill Tschirhart, Park Project Manager Richard Alder, Ranger Lieutenant Adrian Sargent, Park Planning Manager Eric Sauer, Project Manager Joe Zimmerman, Community Program Manager Katrina Arnold, Community Program Manager Bernadette Whitworth, Finance Manager Jennifer Grusenmeyer, Marketing Research Manager Amy Forsthoefel, Education Coordinator Doug Horvath, Education Specialist Lauren Asquith, Executive Management Assistant Cheronne Wilson, and Legal Counsel Robert Curry.

Visitor Recognition: President Irv Bieser recognized Mr. Paul Lamberger and Education Specialist Lauren Asquith recognized Becky Stroh, Kenzie Campbell, Robert & Emily Irwin and their 4 children, and Katie Henry recipients and the family of the recipients of the OUTstanding Teacher Awards.

Minutes: On a motion by Commissioner Pippenger, the BOPC approved the minutes of the May 15, 2015, regular meeting.

Financial Reports: Finance Manager Jennifer Grusenmeyer presented the BOPC with MetroParks' May 2015 financials and the approved List of Bills for May 1-31, 2015. On a motion by Commissioner Pippenger, the BOPC adopted the May Financials and Approved List of Bills for May 1-31, 2015.

Staff Reports:

Partnering with Local Schools Presentation: Education Specialist Lauren Asquith, and Community Program Managers Bernadette Whitworth and Katrina Arnold presented the BOPC with a Partnering with Local Schools Presentation.

Five Rivers MetroParks OUTstanding Teachers Award: Commissioner Alan Pippenger presented Katie Henry the Rising Star OUTstanding Teacher Award; Commissioner Karen Davis presented Robert Irwin the Leadership OUTstanding Teacher Award; and Commissioner Irv Bieser presented Becky Stroh with the Lifetime Achievement OUTstanding Teacher Award.

Law Enforcement Activity: Lieutenant Ranger Adrian Sargent presented the BOPC the law activity for May 2015.

1st Quarter Visitor and Participation Report Update –Marketing Research Manager Amy Forsthoefel presented the BOPC with the 1st Quarter Visitor and Participation Report.

Land Acquisition- Director of Conservation Dave Nolin requested authorization to purchase 112 acres of land from the estate of Carolyn Ummel. The purchase price of the property is \$681,656.00. MetroParks' local match is not to exceed \$104,000.00.

Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation funds have been approved for this project that covers 75% of acquisition and restoration costs. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is contributing \$35,000.00 to the project. The closing is projected to be complete by September 30, 2015, and improvements completed by the end of 2016. The project will purchase the property, eradicate honeysuckle on the property, and plant native vegetation in the existing farm fields. On a motion by Commissioner Pippenger, the BOPC approved the request.

Capital Improvements Request: Park Planning Manager Eric Sauer requested authorization to work with a Commissioner to award the contract for the Barbara Cox Sustainable Horticulture Center. This project is funded by a grant awarded to the Cox Arboretum Foundation from the James M. Cox Foundation in Atlanta. Bids will be opened June 22, 2015. Staff wishes to enter into a contract to begin work in early July. The BOPC designated Commissioner Karen Davis to work on this project. Commissioner Davis motioned to approve the request, Commissioner Bieser concurred and Commissioner Pippenger abstained. With 2/3rd votes the BOPC approved the request.

Park Planning Manager Eric Sauer requested approval to solicit bids for the MetroParks Mountain Bike Area (MOMBA) site improvements. The improvements will include the new skill loop already under contract with Dirt Artisans of Colorado and the installation of the new CXT restroom. The new CXT restroom will be purchased on a US Communities Cooperative Purchasing Contract. The total cost of the project is \$221,071.62. A MoMBA Beginner's Loop and Skills Area grant was awarded by Ohio Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$144,328.62. The project estimate is \$90,000.00. Funds are available in the Capital Project Fund. On a motion by Commissioner Davis, the BOPC approved the request.

Executive Director Benná requested the authorization to modify the existing contract with J&J Schlaegel, Inc. in the amount of \$110,000.00. This request is to restore the bank at Mad River Run. Funds are available in the Capital Project Fund. On a motion by Commissioner Pippenger, the BOPC approved the request.

Capital Equipment Request: Executive Director Benná requested authorization to purchase 48 digital format radios from Motorola in the amount of \$176,477.20. The federal government mandated all radios are required to communicate on a digital platform. The mandate will take effect in July 2016. Forty-three radios will be for the Ranger Division and the remaining 5 radios will be used at various locations around the park district to allow staff to communicate directly with the Rangers. These radios are being purchased from the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program and funds

are available in the General Fund. On a motion by Commissioner Davis, the BOPC approved the request.

Grant Budget Resolution- Finance Manager Jennifer Grusenmeyer requested approval and adoption of resolution No. 15-024 to establish the grant budget to purchase the Ummel property for the Germantown MetroPark Expansion Project. On a motion by Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Bieser concurred; Commissioner Pippenger seconded and Commissioner Bieser concurred again, the BOPC adopted resolution No. 15-024.

Budget Adjustment and Capital Fund Resolutions: MetroParks is requesting approval and adoption of the following Resolution:

- Resolution No 15-025 revising Resolution No. 15-023 for the appropriation and adjustment of funds within the Capital Projects fund. On a motion by Commissioner Davis, the BOPC adopted resolution No. 15-025.

Other Business: Executive Director Benná updated the BOPC on the following:

- City of Dayton Independence Day Celebration is scheduled for July 2nd
- The ground breaking for River Run is scheduled for July 8th
- The application for the United States Community Olympic Development Program was approved; staff is working with partners USRowing and USOC to introduce the program to the community
- MetroParks is currently in the final stages of the data collection for the Comprehensive Master Plan
- Executive Director Benná attended the Ohio Policy Summit in Columbus, Ohio

Visitor Comments: Paul Lamberger said "carry on."

Next Board Meeting - The BOPC agreed to hold the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 10, 2015, commencing at 7:30 a.m. at MetroParks' Main Office, 409 E. Monument Avenue, 3rd 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.

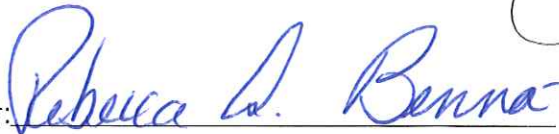
Adjournment: Following a motion by Commissioner Pippenger, the BOPC adjourned the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

Approved:



President Irvin G. Bieser Jr.

Attest:



Rebecca A. Benná