

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

June 13, 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 June 13, 2014, and convened at 7:33 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 Parks and Legislative Services, Director of Development Beth Redden, Director of Marketing Trish Butler, Business Manager Jennifer Grusenmeyer, Project Manager Joe Zimmerman, Lieutenant Ranger Adrian Sargent, IT Manager Tim Clark, Conservation and Nature Program Manager Katrina Arnold and Education Supervisor Doug Horvath.

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

**Minutes:** The BOPC was presented with the minutes of the regular meeting for May 9 2014. On a motion by Commissioner Pippenger and second by Commissioner Davis the minutes of the May 0, 2014, regular meeting were approved.

**Financial Reports:** The BOPC was presented with MetroParks' May, 2014 financials and the Approved List of bills for May 1 – 31, 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' May, 2014 financial reports as presented.

**Staff Reports:**

**Law Enforcement Activity:** The BOPC was presented with the Law Enforcement Activity report for May, 2014. Lieutenant Ranger Adrian Sargent gave a brief overview of information contained in the report. Following a brief discussion, the BOPC thanked Mr. Sargent for his information.

**Mad River Run Project Update:** Executive Director Benná began by highlighting the affects of the major flooding in recent weeks that caused bank damage at the Mad River Run project site. Deputy Director Scarff continued by explaining exactly where the damage was located around the project. Ms. Scarff commended staff with help from the City of Dayton for getting the in-river hazards removed quickly. The contractor has completed intermediary repairs to stabilize the area. MetroParks is working with a local engineer to determine what final repairs need to be done. Following a discussion the Commissioners thanked Ms. Scarff for the information.

**Safe Routes to Play Presentation:** Education Supervisor Doug Horvath provided a PowerPoint presentation on Safe Routes to Play. Mr. Horvath noted that many years ago environmentalists started noticing that children and adults were losing places to play outdoors and that other in-door activities were taking the place of playing outdoors. Rachel Carson and Richard Louv are two such activists that have written books about these issues. Richard Louv's *Last Child in the Woods* book has brought

this issue to the forefront. Youth spend up to 53 hours in-front of some type of screen in a week.

Mr. Horvath and other have organized a group known as the Miami Valley Leave No Child Inside. This had led to Safe Routes to Play initiative to help youth access the outdoor areas. Mr. Horvath gave examples of why this happens and how to solve them.

Following a discussion the BOPC thanked Mr. Horvath for the information.

**Surplus Property:** Executive Director Benná requested authorization, per the Ohio Revised Code Section 9.62, to declare a mounted patrol horse and the saddle and dressage as surplus equipment. The horse was 14 years old. If approved, the horse will be sold to Ranger Danna Flaughter for \$1.00 and the custom saddle and dressage for \$600.00. Lieutenant Ranger Adrian Sargent explained that the mounted patrol duties are being conducted by the MVP mounted patrol group. Following a brief discussion and on a motion by Commissioner Pippenger and second by Commissioner Davis the BOPC approved the request as presented.

**Miami Conservancy District (MCD) Annual Funding:** Executive Director Benná requested authorization, per the River Corridor Improvement Subdistrict Funding Agreement with MCD, to pay MCD \$174,000 which helps fund a variety of mutually agreed upon repair projects along the river corridors in Montgomery County. Director of Park Services and Legislative Affairs Karen Hesser gave a list of items covered by this agreement and noted that the amount includes a \$20,000 contingency that will be used to repair a wall and railing along the portion of bikeway that goes under I-75. Following a brief discussion and on a motion by Commissioner Davis and second by Commissioner Pippenger the BOPC approved the request as presented.

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

- Resolution No. 14-018 for the transfer of funds within the General Fund. On a motion by Commissioner Davis and second by Commissioner Pippenger the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 14-018 as presented.
- Resolution No. 14-019 for the transfer of funds between the General Fund into the RiverScape Replacement Reserve Fund and State Grant Fund. On a motion by Commissioner Davis and second by Commissioner Pippenger the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 14-019 as presented.

**Other Business:** Executive Director Benná updated the BOPC on the status of the Director of Finance and Business position opening. Ms. Benná explained the job description and title are being modified and the new title will be Director of Business Services. Ms. Benná explained the difference between the two job descriptions.

Ms. Benná noted that a job analysis and wage compensation study is underway.

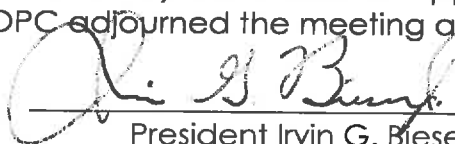
Director of Development Beth Redden gave a brief update on the status of the MetroParks Foundation. Ms. Redden indicated that the development of the board was still progressing.

**Visitor Comments:** No visitor comments.

**Next Board Meeting:** The BOPC agreed to hold the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 11, 2014, commencing at 8:00 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 Pippenger and second by Commissioner Davis, the BOPC elected to temporarily adjourn and hold an Executive Session commencing at 9:14 a.m. for the specific purpose of discussing one personnel item. On a motion by Commissioner Davis and second by Commissioner Pippenger the open session reconvened at 9:22 a.m.

**Adjournment:** By roll call vote, following a motion by Commissioner Pippenger and seconded by Commissioner Bieser, the BOPC adjourned the meeting at 9:23 a.m.



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President Irvin G. Bieser Jr.

Attest: Rebecca A. Benna