

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

June 7, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners (BOPC) was held at Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office, 409 E. Monument Avenue, 3rd Floor, Dayton, Ohio, on June 7, 2019, and convened at 9:02 a.m. on a roll call vote by the Board of Park Commissioners.

Present:

Five Rivers MetroParks Commission President Karen L. Davis, Vice President Jessica Saunders, Commissioner Bear Monita, Executive Director Rebecca Benná, Chief of Public Safety Mark Hess, Chief of Operations Karen Hesser, Chief of Philanthropy Beth Redden, Chief of Planning & Projects Carrie Scarff, Chief of Administration Bill Tschirhart, Director of Marketing & Public Engagement Trish Butler, Director of Information Technology Tim Clark, Director of Outdoor Connections Amy Dingle, Director of Parks & Conservation Chris Pion, Director of Human Resources Antoine Tweedie, Director of Adventure Central Nate Arnett, Manager of Outdoor Education Katrina Arnold, Outdoor Education Coordinator Joshua York, Community Engagement Coordinator Lauren Lemons, Education Specialist Lauren Stayer Asquith, Executive Assistant Christianna Romer and Legal Counsel Bob Curry.

Visitors Present: Paul Lamberger, Cory Frolik, Kelly George, Laura Peterson, Wes Peterson, Darla Myers, and Jacob Stubbs

Minutes: The BOPC was presented with the minutes of the regular meeting for May 14, 2019. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the minutes were approved.

Financial Reports:

- The BOPC was presented with the May 2019 financial information and approved list of bills for May 1–31, 2019. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC accepted the financial reports as presented.
- The BOPC was presented with a Then and Now Certification for payment to Schlegel Creative for work completed at the Barbara Cox Center for Sustainable Horticulture. On a motion by Commissioners Saunders, the BOPC approved payment and certified the Then and Now invoice.

2019 National Association for Interpretation (NAI) Award: Lauren Stayer Asquith was recognized for receiving the 2019 Master Front-line Interpreter Award for the NAI Great Lakes Region.

Outstanding Teacher Award: Five Rivers MetroParks' Outstanding Teacher Awards were presented. Kelly George, Cline Elementary teacher at Centerville City Schools, was presented with the Rising Star Award; Laura Peterson, Primary Village South teacher at Centerville City Schools was presented with the Leader Award; and Darla Myers, Walter Shade Elementary teacher at West Carrollton Schools, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

2018 PRism Awards Recognitions:

- Marketing Manager Kristen Wicker and Graphic Designer Josh Koenig were recognized for receiving the Top Place PRism award for their fall 2018 ParkWays article, "Growing Community in the Garden", in the Writing Long Form category.
- Director of Marketing & Public Engagement Trish Butler, Marketing Manager Kristen Wicker, Graphic Designer Josh Koenig, Web Specialist Nick Hrkman, and Community Engagement Coordinator Lauren Lemons were recognized for receiving the Award of merit for the "Get Out & Explore" campaign in the Integrated Marketing and Communications category.

Law Enforcement Activity: The BOPC was presented with the Law Enforcement Activity Report for May 2019.

Budget Adjustment Resolution: Chief of Administration Bill Tschirhart requested approval and adoption of Resolution No. 19-0016, authorizing budget appropriation adjustment requests. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 19-016.

Grant Resolutions: Chief of Administration Bill Tschirhart requested approval and adoption of Resolution No. 19-017, to establish the grant budget for an Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife Rod & Reed federal pass through grant that will fund the purchase of fishing gear. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 19-017.

Other Business:

- The BOPC was presented with an update of the impact of the May 27 tornados on FRMP facilities, operations, and staff, as well as efforts to assist each other and our community. Events in the works to benefit the community include the following:
 - The FRMP Foundation will accept donations at an event at RiverScape this evening. Those collections will go to The Dayton Foundation for tornado relief.
 - Staff is working with Whole Foods to distribute food at four of our locations closest to the hardest hit areas.
 - Staff is also working with SOCHE on a summer benefits concert at RiverScape. Proceeds will go to The Dayton Foundation for tornado relief.
- The BOPC was presented with an update on the May 25 Honorable Sacred Knights (an affiliate of the KKK) rally at Courthouse Square and the Black

Lives Matter Dayton First Amendment rally at RiverScape, held at the same time. The Rangers were part of the larger, downtown Dayton plan.

Visitor Comments: Comments from Jacob Stubbs:

- Mr. Stubbs shared comments and questions about the wetland area that was constructed on Boomershine Road by FRMP, which resulted in excess water being rerouted and expelled into the drainage ditch and across the roadway
- Mr. Stubbs made a Public Records Request for all documents related to the Ummel and Markey properties from June 7, 2018 to June 7, 2019. He indicated that there is no need to include documents already provided in response to his 11-7-2018 public records request.

Next Board Meeting: The BOPC agreed to hold the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 12, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. at Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office, 409 E. Monument Ave., 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.

Adjourn to Executive Session: In accordance with the open meetings law Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, by a roll call vote, following a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC elected to adjourn to Executive Session commencing at 10:03 a.m.

Reconvene Open Session: By a roll call vote, following a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC elected to reconvene at 10:14 a.m.

- Executive Director Rebecca Benná requested approval to accept the donation of a 0.202-acre parcel, Montgomery County parcel number R72 123100013, located on Cornell Drive, just east of Gettysburg, from the Five Rivers MetroParks Foundation. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC approved the request, as presented.
- The BOPC embarked on a facility tour at 10:17am. They visited Aullwood MetroPark, Woodman Fen Conservation Area, and RiverScape MetroPark.

Adjournment: On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Approved:



President Karen L. Davis

Attest:

