

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

February 14, 2020

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 February 14, 2020, and convened at 8:03 a.m. on a roll call vote by the Board of Park Commissioners.

Commissioner Davis gave a brief tribute in recognition of retired BOPC Commissioner Irvin G. Bieser, Jr. A moment of silence was observed by those in attendance to honor him.

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 Information Technology Tim Clark, Director of Outdoor Connections Amy Dingle, Director of Parks & Conservation Chris Pion, Director of Human Resources Antoine Tweedie, Acting Director of Marketing & Public Engagement Amy Forsthoefel, Manager of Facilities & Equipment Richard Alder, Finance Manager Jennifer Grusenmeyer, Project Manager Joe Zimmerman, Park Manager Matt Stevens, Park Manager Mike Pitts, Public Market Manager Lynda Suda, Biologist Grace Dietsch, Program Specialist Kelly Kingery, Graphic Designer Karen Allen, Administrative Assistant Rebecca Rowley, Executive Assistant Christianna Romer, and Legal Counsel Bob Curry.

Visitors Present: Andy Helmick, Mary Saunders

Minutes: The BOPC was presented with the minutes of the regular meeting for January 10, 2020. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the minutes were approved.

Financial Reports:

- The BOPC was presented with the January 2020 financial information and approved list of bills for January 1–31, 2020. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC accepted the financials as presented.
- The BOPC was presented with a Then and Now Certification for payment to Century Link in the amount of \$5,685.91. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC approved payment and certified the Then and Now invoice.

Law Enforcement Activity: The BOPC was presented with the Law Enforcement Activity Report for January 2020.

Presentation of Ohio Park and Recreation Association State Awards: The BOPC was presented with Awards received by the Ohio Park and Recreation Association to FRMP at the annual meeting on February 4, 2020.

- First Place in the Natural Resources & Conservation Category for the Eastwood MetroPark Tree Sinking Project
- First Place in the Programs Health & Wellness Category for the 2nd Street Market/Homefull Partnership
- First Place in the Programs Environmental & Interpretive Category for the Fishing Line Recycling Program
- Seven Rangers received the Professionals of the Year Award for assistance they provided following the Oregon District Mass Shooting:
 - Sergeant Eric Lane
 - Ranger Scott Janicki
 - Ranger Elyzabeth McDonald
 - Ranger Cory Reis
 - Ranger Kyl Caldwell
 - Ranger Amanda Chiles
 - Ranger Rebecca Dieker

Budget Adjustment Resolution: Chief of Administration Bill Tschirhart requested approval and adoption of Resolution No. 20-005, authorizing budget appropriation adjustment requests. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 20-005.

Capital Improvement Request(s):

- Executive Director Rebecca Benná requested approval to reject all bids received for the Regional Bike Trail Renovation project and request authorization to rebid the project. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC approved the request as presented.
- Executive Director Rebecca Benná requested approval to award a demolition contract in the amount of \$79,200 to Badger Construction Co. for the approximately 9-acre former CSAS property, part of the Wesleyan MetroPark Expansion. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC approved the request as presented.

Other Resolution(s):

- Executive Director Rebecca Benná requested approval and adoption of Resolution No. 20-006, authorizing the Executive Director or his/her designee to serve as the contracting authority for, and in the name of, Five Rivers MetroParks; and in such capacity to approve bidding of capital projects included in the approved budget of Five Rivers MetroParks, subject to the final approval of the BOPC as to the appropriation of funds and the award of the contract. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 20-006.

- Executive Director Rebecca Benná requested approval and adoption of Resolution No. 20-007, requesting inclusion in the Jefferson Health Plan and authorizing execution of associated agreements. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 20-007.

Grant(s): Executive Director Rebecca Benná requested approval and adoption of Resolution No. 20-008, authorizing FRMP to apply for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Paddling Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$57,853 for the RiverScape River Run Bank Improvements project. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 20-008.

Other Business:

- The Adventure Summit will be held at Wright State University February 14 and 15, 2020. This bi-annual event was founded jointly by Wright State University's Outdoor Resource Center and Five Rivers MetroParks and is the region's premier outdoor adventure exposition. Commissioner Karen Davis will represent the BOPC at the Summit Soiree on February 14.
- The Miami Valley Orchid Society Show will be held February 15 – 16 at Cox Arboretum MetroPark.
- The Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEFFA) 2020 Conference will be held February 13 – 15, 2020 at the Dayton Convention Center.
- The Ohio State Auditor will be conducting an audit covering fiscal years 2018 – 2019.
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Visitor Comments: Mr. Andy Helmick, with the Ohio River Road Runners Club, noted that his organization has enjoyed a great relationship with Five Rivers MetroParks for many years and hopes to do so in the future.

Next Board Meeting: The BOPC agreed to hold the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 13, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office, 409 E. Monument Ave., Dayton, OH, 45402. 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 to discuss property/land acquisition commencing at 8:48 a.m.

Reconvene Open Session: By a roll call vote, following a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC elected to reconvene at 9:03 a.m.

Property Acquisition(s): Chief of Planning and Projects Carrie Scarff requested approval to purchase the former Hodapp property, consisting of 7.390-acres located at 5102 Kings Highway, from the Montgomery County Land Bank at a cost of \$500. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC approved the request as presented.

Adjournment: On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC adjourned the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Approved:

Karen L. Davis
President Karen L. Davis

Attest: Rebecca Benna