

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

July 10, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners (BOPC) was held at Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office, 409 E. Monument Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Dayton Ohio, on July 10, 2020, and convened at 8:01 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 Planning and Projects Carrie Scarff, Chief of Administration Bill Tschirhart, Director of Information Technology Tim Clark, Executive Assistant Christianna Romer, and Legal Counsel Bob Curry. By video and/or telephone: Chief of Operations Karen Hesser, Chief of Philanthropy Beth Redden, Director of Adventure Central Nate Arnett, Director of Marketing and Public Engagement Shelli DiFranco, Director of Parks and Conservation Chris Pion, Director of Human Resources Antoine Tweedie, Finance Manager Jennifer Grusenmeyer, Historical and Cultural Resources Manager Bernadette Whitworth, and Landscape Architect Alex Clark.

**Visitors Present:** None

**Minutes:** The BOPC was presented with the minutes of the regular meeting for June 12, 2020. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the minutes were approved.

**Financial Reports:** The BOPC was presented with the June 2020 financial information and approved list of bills for June 1 – 30, 2020. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC accepted the financials as presented.

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

**COVID-19 Update:** Executive Director Rebecca Benná updated the BOPC on how the COVID-19 Pandemic has affected the Agency and its response to continuing to provide services to the community.

**RiverScape Fountain Update:** Executive Director Rebecca Benná updated the BOPC regarding ongoing efforts and plans to keep the 20-year old Five Rivers Fountain of Lights operational.

**Grants:**

- Chief of Administration Bill Tschirhart requested approval and adoption of Resolution No. 20-018 to establish the grant budget for the 2020 Marine Patrol Assistance Grant. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 20-018.
- Chief of Administration Bill Tschirhart requested approval and adoption of Resolution No. 20-019 to establish the grant budget for the 2020 Montgomery County Solid Waste Recycling Incentive Grant. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 20-019.

**Budget Adjustment Resolution:** Chief of Administration Bill Tschirhart requested approval and adoption of Resolution No. 20-020, authorizing budget appropriation adjustment requests. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 20-020.

**Capital Improvement Requests:** Executive Director Rebecca Benná requested approval to award a contract, contingent upon the Ohio Public Works Commission authorizing distribution of FY 2020 project funds, in the amount of \$69,000 to Advanced Demolition Services for demolition and site restoration at the former Asbury property, located at 146 Heathcliff. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC approved the request as presented.

**Other Business:** Executive Director Rebecca Benná updated the BOPC on Five Rivers MetroParks response to issues surrounding systemic racism, equity, and inclusion.

**Visitor Comments:** None

**Next Board Meeting:** The BOPC agreed to hold the next regularly scheduled meeting on August 14, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office. The BOPC directed the Secretary of the Board to give notice of this meeting and all subsequent meetings to the rule adopted by the BOPC.

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC adjourned the meeting at 8:36 a.m.

**Approved:**

*Karen L. Davis*

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President Karen L. Davis

Attest:

*Rebecca A. Benná*