

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

August 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 August 14, 2020, and convened at 8:00 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 Administration Bill Tschirhart, Director of Information Technology Tim Clark, Manager of Research/Analysis Amy Forsthoefel, and Executive Assistant Christianna Romer. By video and/or telephone: 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, Director of Outdoor Connections Amy Dingle, Finance Manager Jennifer Grusenmeyer, Marketing Manager Kristen Wicker, and Manager of Facilities and Equipment Richard Alder.

Visitors Present: By video: Sean Mitchell, Amy Powell, Sean O'Rourke, Ben Bentley, Emily Laidler, Will Smith, Elizabeth Roscher, Nicholas Hrkman, and Sarah Franks.

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

Financial Reports: The BOPC was presented with the July 2020 financial information and approved list of bills for July 1 – 31, 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 July 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.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives: Executive Director Rebecca Benná updated the BOPC on the agency's ongoing, current, and upcoming efforts to further address diversity, equity, and inclusion within our community.

New MetroParks App Highlights: Manager of Research/Analysis Amy Forsthoefel presented an overview of the Five Rivers MetroParks' mobile application powered by OuterSpacial.

Budget Adjustment Resolution: Chief of Administration Bill Tschirhart requested approval and adoption of Resolution No. 20-021, authorizing budget appropriation adjustment requests. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 20-021.

Other Resolution(s):

- Executive Director Rebecca Benná requested approval and adoption of Resolution No. 20-022 to approve that Five Rivers MetroParks will assume any costs over its allocation from the Ohio Department of

Transportation Park District Road Allocation for 2020-2021 for the paving repairs project at Carriage Hill MetroPark. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 20-022.

- Executive Director Rebecca Benná requested approval and adoption of Resolution No. 20-023 to establish a new fund to hold cash seized by MetroParks Rangers. On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 20-023.

Other Business: None

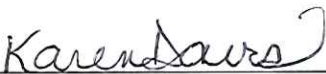
Visitor Comments:

- Nick Hrkman was complimentary of the release of the Five Rivers MetroParks' mobile application and expressed his disappointment that Five Rivers did not release a public statement in support of Black Lives Matter.
- Sean O'Rourke spoke in support of Black Lives Matter and Nick Hrkman; and on behalf of the Miami Valley Democratic Socialists of America. He expressed his concern that Five Rivers MetroParks signed on to the statement released by the Chamber of Commerce denoting racism as a public health crisis and asked the BOPC to investigate statistics of racial disparity related to the new fund to hold seized cash approved at this meeting.

Next Board Meeting: The BOPC agreed to hold the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 11, 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 8:58 a.m.

Approved:



President Karen L. Davis

Attest: 
