

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

November 22, 2022

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 November 22, 2022, and convened at 2:05 p.m. on a roll call vote by the Board of Park Commissioners.

Present:

Five Rivers MetroParks Commission President Karen L. Davis, Vice President Jessica Salem, Commissioner Bear Monita, CEO Rebecca Benná, Chief of Public Safety Mark Hess, Chief of Operations Karen Hesser, Chief of Philanthropy Alexis Larsen, Chief of Planning and Projects Carrie Scarff, Chief of Administration Bill Tschirhart, Finance Manager Jennifer Grusenmeyer, and Executive Assistant Christianna Romer.

Visitors Present: Paul Lamberger and Tom Vogel

Minutes: The BOPC was presented with the minutes of the regular meeting on October 14, 2022. On a motion by Commissioner Salem, the minutes were approved.

Financial Reports:

- The BOPC was presented with the October 2022 financial information and list of bills for October 1 – October 31, 2022. On a motion by Commissioner Salem, the financials were accepted as presented.
- Chief of Administration, Bill Tschirhart, requested approval of a then and now certification for \$5,071.50 to Royce Protection for security services at Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience. On a motion by Commissioner Salem, the BOPC approved the request as presented.

Law Enforcement Activity: Chief of Public Safety, Mark Hess, presented the Law Enforcement Activity Report for October 2022.

Budget Adjustment Resolution(s): Chief of Administration, Bill Tschirhart, requested approval and adoption of Resolution No. 22-027, authorizing budget adjustments. On a motion by Commissioner Salem, the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 22-027.

Capital Improvement Request(s): CEO, Rebecca Benná, requested approval of Contract Modification No. 02, in the amount of \$116,500 with Crawford Murphy & Tilley, Inc. for continuing design work on the Wolf Creek Trail Bikeway Connection Project, Phase 1. On a motion by Commissioner Salem, the BOPC approved the request as presented.

Other Resolution(s) and Request(s):

- CEO, Rebecca Benná, requested approval and adoption of Resolution No. 22-028, to authorize MetroParks to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Municipal Bridge Inspection Program to inspect all vehicular bridges, at no cost to MetroParks, and agrees to perform timely implementation of the inspection recommendations related to public safety. On a motion by Commissioner Salem, the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 22-028.
- CEO, Rebecca Benná, requested approval to grant Temporary Easements for 12-T (0.106 acres) and 14-T (0.039 acres) to the Montgomery County Engineer for the N. Gettysburg Bridge Rehab Project and to authorize the CEO to execute all documents to grant the temporary easements. On a motion by Commissioner Salem, the BOPC approved the request as presented.

Other Business:

- 2022 Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Awards (OPRA) Notification to be presented at the Awards Banquet at the 2023 OPRA Conference & Trade Show in Sandusky, Ohio, on January 31, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
 - First Place in the Law Enforcement Programs & Events Category: Explorer to Ranger Progression
 - Harvey Woods Lifetime Achievement Award: Rebecca Benná, CEO
- RiverScape Ice Rink Opens November 25, 2022

Visitor Comments: Mr. Vogel shared his concern that groups of youth are congregating on the bike path, near the Ridge Avenue Bridge. interfering with individuals trying to ride through. He requested that the Rangers increase patrols along the bike paths, particularly in the area near the Ridge Avenue Bridge. Ms. Benná offered for someone on our staff to come and speak to Mr. Vogel's neighborhood group.

Next Board Meeting: The BOPC agreed to hold the next regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m. at Cox Arboretum MetroPark, 6733 Springboro Pike, Fifth Third Room, Dayton, OH 45449

Adjourn to Executive Session: In accordance with the open meeting law Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, by a roll call vote, following a motion by Commissioner Salem, the BOPC elected to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss one personnel employment/hiring item, commencing at 2:45 p.m.

Reconvene Open Session: By a roll call vote, following a motion by Commissioner Salem, the BOPC elected to reconvene at 3:20 p.m.

Adjournment: On a motion by Commissioner Salem, the BOPC adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.