

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

August 11, 2023

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 11, 2023, 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, Commissioner Jessica Salem, Commissioner Bear Monita, CEO Karen L. Hesser, Chief of Public Safety Mark Hess, Acting Chief of Operations Chris Pion, Chief of Planning & Projects Carrie Scarff, Chief of Administration Bill Tschirhart, Director of Information Technology Todd Lampley, Philanthropy Manager Brenda Cox, Executive Assistant Christianna Romer and Legal Counsel Bob Curry.

Visitors Present: Paul Lamberger

Minutes: The BOPC was presented with the minutes of the regular meeting on July 12, 2023. On a motion by Commissioner Salem, the minutes were approved.

Financial Reports: The BOPC was presented with the July 2023 financial information and list of bills for July 1 – July 31, 2023. On a motion by Commissioner Salem, the financials were accepted as presented.

Law Enforcement Activity: Chief of Public Safety, Mark Hess, presented the Law Enforcement Activity Report for July 2023.

Budget Adjustment Resolution(s): Chief of Administration, Bill Tschirhart, requested approval and adoption of Resolution No. 23-022, authorizing budget adjustments. On a motion by Commissioner Salem, the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 23-022.

Grant(s): Chief of Planning and Projects, Carrie Scarff, requested approval and adoption of Resolution No. 23-023, authorizing MetroParks to apply for a second round of H2Ohio funding from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, in the amount of \$555,857.50 for work at Carriage Hill MetroPark and authorizing the CEO to enter into any agreement, encumber and

spend funds, and award contracts necessary and appropriate to complete the project. On a motion by Commissioner Salem the BOPC adopted Resolution No. 23-023.

Capital Improvement Request(S): Chief of Planning and Projects, Carrie Scarff, requested approval to award a contract in the amount of \$65,799 to BoardSafe Docks to supply and install a fully accessible adaptive kayak launch dock system at the Argonne Lake at Possum Creek MetroPark. On a motion by Commissioner Salem, the BOPC approved the request as presented.

Other Resolutions and Request(s): Chief of Planning and Projects, Carrie Scarff, requested approval to the revisions of the Code of Ordinances presented at the July 12, 2023, Board of Park Commissioners Meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Salem, the BOPC approved the request as presented.

Other Business:

- Upcoming Events
 - August
 - RiverScape MetroPark
 - August 12, 5 – 7pm: Cornhole Tournament
 - Thursdays, 7 – 9pm: Summer Music Series
 - August 17: Live Your Dream
 - August 24: The Tim Kelly Orchestra
 - August 23, 5:30 – 8:15pm: Kayak Under the Fountains
 - Island MetroPark
 - August 19, noon – 8pm: Dayton African American Cultural Festival
 - August 20, noon – 6pm: Dayton African American Cultural Festival Gospel Explosion
 - September
 - Carriage Hill MetroPark
 - September 3, 2 – 5pm: Paint a Park
 - 2nd Street Market
 - September 14, 5:30 – 8pm: Hispanic Heritage Month – Culture Kitchen - Mexico
 - RiverScape MetroPark
 - September 16, 11am – 11pm: Hispanic Heritage Festival
 - October
 - Eastwood MetroPark
 - October 7, 11am – 10pm and October 8, 11am – 4pm: Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience
- Chief of Administration, Bill Tschirhart, introduced the new Director of IT, Todd Lampley.

- Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation Garden Party will take place on September 14, 2023. Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Monita plan to attend. Commissioner Salem is unavailable.
- The October 23, 2023 Board of Park Commissioners meeting will include a Budget Work Session.
- Acting Chief of Operations, Chris Pion, informed the BOPC that RiverScape MetroParks' Fountain of Lights Tower 5 has worked flawlessly since the restart.

Visitor Comments: None

Next Board Meeting: The BOPC agreed to hold the next regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, September 15, 2023, 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 pursuant to the rule adopted by the BOPC.

Adjournment: On a motion by Commissioner Salem, the BOPC adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.