

Minutes of December 14, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Location: BOPARC Marilla Center, Morgantown, WV

**Call to Order:** President Trumble called the meeting to order at 3:04PM.

**Establish Quorum:** Members present included Danielle Trumble, Susan Klingensmith, Cal Shamberger, Jenny Thoma, Amel Morris, and Jenny Selin.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the November meeting were approved by consensus.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Presentations:**

**BOPARC Foundation.** Lance Rollo and Denver Allen presented an overview of the BOPARC Foundation, which is the 501(c)(3) designed to support and fundraise for BOPARC. Foundation treasurer Dean Marshall was also present. Mr. Rollo and Mr. Allen shared about their outreach and fundraising priorities, including Lower Marilla Park, tennis facilities, naming opportunities for facilities and courts, and the alumni fund. Mr. Allen shared that fundraising is being done through different venues, such as word of mouth, direct mailings, and targeted solicitations. Both Mr. Rollo and Mr. Allen reiterated that the Foundation is there to support the BOPARC board. The BOPARC Foundation's website is <https://theboparcfoundation.org/>, which has information about the foundation as well as a place to donate. Jenny Selin suggested that a couple times a year the BOPARC board could get together with the Foundation, such as having a walking tour through Lower Marilla, as well as other opportunities for mixing. Mr. Rollo was receptive to the idea. Jenny Selin also wanted to convey how much the BOPARC board appreciates the Foundation's efforts and long-term goals. Danielle Trumble inquired about the naming opportunities, such as the current Beverly Shumaker naming at the tennis court. Mr. Rollo, Mr. Allen, and Director Wiles ensured that Ms. Shumaker would continue to be honored and made more permanent, and that future naming opportunities could be made possible through donations for projects. President Trumble also appreciates the Foundation and extended an invitation for her or another board member to attend a Foundation meeting.

**Urban Deer Hunt.** This presentation is postponed for a future meeting.

**Financial Report:** Director Wiles reviewed the current financial data through the end of November. Susan Klingensmith moved to accept the financial report, seconded by Jenny Thoma. Motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Director's Report:** Director Wiles reviewed the details within the Director's report. Director Wiles also reported that Studio 287 pop up classes have been going very well, and that the reception on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, went well. Assistant Director Travinski also shared that there has been lots of positive communication regarding people wanting to use the Wiles Hill facility and BOPARC in general.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Board Comments:** Jenny Thoma appreciates Director Wiles and Assistant Director Travinski plugging away, as it has been a busy year. She hopes everyone gets rest and has a good holiday. Susan Klingensmith says to keep it up, as it has been a busy year with lots of visible progress with more to come. She also thanks the BOPARC Foundation for their presentation. Jenny Selin attended the gallery opening at Wiles Hill and is very appreciative and ready for the holiday season. She is interested in having a meeting at Dorsey's Knob when renovations are finished. Cal Shamberger thanked everyone and said there is lots of positive progress that he is looking forward to with the upcoming projects. He took a hike through White Park prior to the meeting to see where the MUB work will be completed. Amel Morris said that everything is good and wished a happy holidays to everyone. Danielle Trumble reported that City Council and the Building Commission have approved bonding for the pool and ice rink. The city administration is hoping to start working in the next month or two on the sewage in White Park. She also said the crews have done a great job for getting the parks cleaned up for winter.

**Adjournment:** Jenny Thoma moved to adjourn, and Susan seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 3:48PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cal Shamberger

January 6, 2023

Entered Into Record:



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Melissa Wiles, Executive Director

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