

Minutes of the May 8th, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Location: Morgantown City Hall-Council Chambers

Call to Order: President Trumble called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

Establish Quorum: Members present were Cal Carlson, Susan Klingensmith, Amel Morris, Jenny Selin, Jenny Thoma, and Danielle Trumble.

Members absent were Meredith Balas.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the April 10th, 2024 regular meeting were approved by consensus.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: None.

Presentation: Sydney Stansberry from WV Caring presented. She highlighted that they are a locally owned hospice nonprofit. The only hospice center in North Central West Virginia is in Elkins, and will be opening one in Morgantown at Friendship Manor. Ms. Stansberry highlighted the services offered by the organization. The website for the organization is WestVirginiaCaring.org.

Financial Report: Director Wiles reviewed the contents of the financial report. Susan Klingensmith moved to accept the financial report, seconded by Jenny Thoma. The financial report was approved 7-0.

Executive Director's Report: Director Wiles shared the contents of the Executive Director's report. Susan Klingensmith wanted Director Wiles to pass along compliments to Bree Starsick for her excellent work on the BOPARC social media. Danielle Trumble said that someone approached her about holding an event with the Sounds of Summer at the skate park. Director Wiles stated that next summer Marilla Pool will be part of the Sounds of Summer to celebrate the opening.

Old Business: None

New Business: BOPARC 2024/2025 Budget

Director Wiles provided information about the 2024/2025 budget. Jenny Selin moved to approve the draft 2024/2025 budget in the amount of \$12,477,765.00, seconded by Jenny Thoma. Discussion was opened, and Danielle Trumble thanked Mel for the opportunity to have the smaller budget meetings. Jenny Selin appreciates the amount of projects the budget represents. Jenny Thoma said it's good to have things labelled in the budget for easy understanding. The motion passed 6-0.

General Board Comments:

Amel Morris received a question about the potential for an open gym session at Wiles Hill. Director Wiles explained that the facility is available to rent but is inexpensive. Cal Carlson thanked Director Wiles and her team for promptly addressing the removal of campaign signs on BOPARC property. Jenny Selin was looking forward to all the upcoming projects, saying it was refreshing to be part of a park district that is renovating. She also thanked BOPARC staff for the camp prep. Jenny Thoma was looking forward to the pool season and inquired about the age limits. Director Wiles said that children 3 and under get in for free, but there is a height limit for the water slides. Susan Klingensmith was thrilled for the summer and attending the music concerts in the parks. Danielle Trumble has been active on trails and parks. She

thanked the staff, as she worked on some cleanups and got fences painted. She reported that the Woodburn Association has a cleanup on May 18th at 10 am, and Greenmont held a cleanup at 11 the same day under Walnut Street bridge. She said it is a busy time of year for BOPARC, and asked for patrons to be kind when seeing staff doing work in the parks.

Executive Session: Cal Carlson moved to enter executive session pursuant to West Virginia Code Section 6-9A-4 as it pertains to acquisition and/or development of real estate in 1st Ward, seconded by Jenny Thoma. Executive Session entered at 3:41 pm. Cal Carlson moved to exit, seconded by Jenny Thoma. Executive session was exited at 4:15 pm.

Adjournment: Amel Morris moved to adjourn, and Jenny Thoma seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cal Carlson

July 3, 2024

Entered Into Record:

Melissa Wiles

Melissa Wiles, Executive Director

July 10, 2024