

Minutes of February 9, 2022 Meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: President Selin called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

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

Approval of Minutes: Jenny Thoma motioned to approve minutes from November 2021 regular meeting, Danielle Trumble seconded the motion. Cal Shamberger motioned to approve minutes from the January 2022 special meeting, Danielle Trumble seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by consensus.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Financial Report: Director Wiles asked the Board to wait to discuss the financial report until after budget adjustments were discussed. Board honored that request. Per Director Wiles, everything looks really good for the year, especially after budget adjustments. The first day of registration for summer camps went well. Ice rentals have been doing well and so far no equipment failures have kept the budget on track. Susan Klingensmith made motion to approve financial report as presented. Jenny Thoma seconded the motion. Report approved by consensus.

Executive Director's Report: Danielle Trumble asked Director Wiles if there was anything further to add about the Whitmoore Park trail work. Director Wiles had no further updates until Ascent Consulting comes back with some options and estimates for rerouting the trail. In addition to her regular report, Director Wiles wanted the Board to know that yesterday (2/7/22) was the first day for summer camp sign-ups and it went very well. Some camps filled up and have waiting lists.

Old Business: None

New Business: New business included two items. The first pertained to the annual county grant resolution. The Board is required to approve the Director to ask for the funds from the county. Director Wiles is planning on asking for a contribution to the BOPARC summer series of up to \$20,000 as has been done in the past. Jenny Thoma wanted to know if the summer series Director Wiles was referring to were the concerts in the park. It was confirmed that the summer series includes concerts and movies in various parks. Danielle Trumble raised the concern about overlap/competition with the upcoming city concert series. Director Wiles has already reached out to the city about the schedule to ensure there is little to no conflicts with other programming. Danielle Trumble made the motion to approve a request to County Commission for financial assistance of up to \$20,000 for the summer concert series. Susan Klingensmith seconded the motion. It was approved by consensus. The second item under new business concerned a budget adjustment. Director Wiles explained that they had received some unexpected funds from the city to help bridge a gap for MRTC's trail resurfacing grant from the DOH (DOH is slow in distributing grant funds.) The city gave \$100,000 to equalize the payout to the contractor. The funds gave them the opportunity to offset some other expense lines that needed adjustment such as equipment rental for the ice arena, general equipment repairs, refunds and reimbursements which are slightly higher than normal due to COVID-related cancellations, and finally some computer software and

hardware replacement/upgrades. Danielle Trumble motioned to approve budget adjustments as presented. Jenny Thoma seconded the motion. Motion approved by consensus.

Board Comments: Susan Klingensmith said it was good to see everyone and was pleased that summer program registration has gone well so far. She's looking forward to seeing pool designs. Jenny Thoma was pleased to see everyone's faces again. She sat in on a Health & Wellness Commission meeting last week and reported that they are working on vaccination outreach for underserved populations. They were happy to have a BOPARC member back at their meeting. Cal Shamberger was happy to see everyone again and glad to hear how busy BOPARC has been through the winter and gearing up for a busy spring/summer. He had a suggestion to organize a trash pick-up along Richwood Ave./Whitmoore Park area. Director Wiles said she would address it. Susan Klingensmith asked if invasive species removal could intersect with trash pick-ups. Director Wiles informed the board that various groups including Urban Landscape, the city and private organizations have been monitoring and making plans to address invasive species removal. Danielle Trumble announced that a cleanup is scheduled for March 19 for Richwood/Charles Ave. and Whitmoore Park at 10am. She also sits on the Urban Landscape Commission and reported that they are addressing invasive species projects. She attended the Jerome Park Neighborhood Association meeting and reported that they voiced concerns about work done by MUB at a private residence across from the Paul Preserve parking lot. The parking lot is full of mud and silt from MUB work. Director Wiles said she will have it checked out. Finally, Ms. Trumble announced that the city is holding a public symposium regarding the comprehensive plan update on Thursday, March 3 at 6pm at the Marriott. Jenny Selin was also glad to see everyone and looks forward to seeing the pool and ice rink projects move forward to show the community what we can do!

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Klingensmith

February 10, 2022

Entered Into Record:





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