

Minutes of the June 11, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation
Commissioners

Location: Morgantown City Hall-Council Chambers

Call to Order: Chair Trumble called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Establish Quorum: Members present in person were Danielle Trumble, Cal Carlson, Susan Klingensmith, Meridith Balas, and Jenny Thoma, Amel Morris. Jenny Selin appeared by Zoom.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the May 14, 2025 regular meeting were approved by consensus.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: None.

Financial Report: Director Wiles reviewed the financial report. Pool Passes have increased from previous years; Summer Camp enrollment was reviewed. Susan Klingensmith moved to approve; Amel Morris seconded. Approved 7-0.

Executive Director's Report: Director Wiles reviewed the contents of the Executive Director's report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Lower Marilla Park bids are in; BOPARC has a recommendation from Thrasher for the lowest qualified bid (of four bids) from High Point Construction Group for \$8,500,085.20. This is under budget. Amel Morris moved to approve; Meridith Balas seconded.

General Board Comments: Cal Carlson voiced his appreciation for Director Wiles and her service. He inquired if BOPARC had considered a traffic study of people coming in and out of lower Marilla. Meridith Balas inquired about the possibility of a crosswalk between the old playground and the new complex, given traffic concerns. Jenny Selin applauded the foresight involved in creating a proactive fund for maintenance of all of the new facilities BOPARC has now. She suggested we should give some thought to what the fund is designated as, and be strategic in same. Susan Klingensmith thanked Director Wiles for her years of amazing service. The pool is wonderful, the BOPARC team is doing a great job maintaining everything. Meredith Balas echoed all of those things and noted Director Wiles leaves very big shoes to fill. The Marilla pool is amazing as well, and has had a lot of positive feedback. And she added that it's so great to be able to get Eureka pepperoni rolls at the pool. Amel Morris inquired if there were plans for seating for new Marilla playground. There will be picnic tables; but the installation had to be delayed until the concrete pads were poured. And benches at Jack Roberts would also be appreciated if possible. He congratulated Director Wiles on her retirement. Jenny Thoma thanked Director Wiles for her service and noted that she will be sorely missed. The Marilla pool facility itself is so impressive, but so was the attention to detail at the First Splash. She also inquired if there were any pool hours for lane swimming, which has been brought up. Danielle Trumble reviewed recent cleanup efforts, including a new mulch trail with a toadstool installation, among

other things. Painting will continue on Decker's Creek trail in the coming weeks as well.

Jenny Thoma moved to enter executive session at 3:38 p.m., pursuant to West Virginia Code Section 6-9A-4, as it pertains to matters arising from the appointment, employment, retirement, promotion, transfer, demotion, discipline, resignation, discharge, dismissal, or compensation of employees. Cal Carlson seconded. Executive session entered at 3:38 p.m. Carl Carlson moved to exit executive session at 4:29 p.m.; Amel Morris seconded. Executive session exited at 4:29 p.m.

Adjournment: Amel Morris moved to adjourn at 4:29 p.m., seconded by Meridith Balas. Adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Thoma

June 11, 2025

Entered Into Record

Melissa Wiles

Melissa Wiles, Executive Director

July 9, 2025