

Minutes of the June 10, 2020 Meeting of the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners
Location: Marilla Recreation Center, Morgantown, WV

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 3:05pm.

Establish Quorum: Board Members Present – President Patrick Hathaway, Danielle Trumble, Rachel Fetty, Vice President Jenny Selin, Rick Landenberger,, Director Melissa Wiles, City Attorney Ryan Simonton also present.

Minutes: May, 2020 minutes were approved by consensus at the request of President Hathaway.

Correspondence: No correspondence was reviewed.

Oral Communication: JoNell Strough, representing Mon Valley Greenspace Coalition, gave a presentation on parks and trails, specifically focusing on White Park. A discussion was had regarding "unsanctioned" trails and how to address trail issues. Rick Landenberger requested information on the process for trail work and what other groups or individuals have approached BOPARC regarding the approval of trail work. Director Wiles will forward that information. Mr. Landenberger stated that it is important for BOPARC enter into the record a ban on trail building outside of the approval process. An item for a trail policy will be added to the next BOPARC agenda.

Financial Report: Director Wiles answered questions about the Financial Reports on behalf of Jim Goff and gave a brief update on COVID-19 impact as it related to pool operations. Rick Landenberger asked if a monthly update of work related to the MUB project in White Park could be provided at each meeting. President Hathaway asked for approval of the Financial Report and it was approved by consensus.

Executive Director's Report: Rachel Fetty mentioned the White Park MUB project and the possibility of pulling together the individuals that volunteered to build various structures. She asked if any of the lumber was saved. Jenny Selin said there is a giant pile of lumber. Rachel suggested that it might also be sold. She also thinks that there are creative things that could be built from the lumber. Rick Landenberger asked for a description of a meeting with the City regarding an IMBA grant. Director Wiles stated that the meeting included City representatives, WVU, IMBA representatives regarding possible areas to be included in the grant. It was her understanding that City areas did not end up being included as part of the grant. Jenny Selin provided additional information, including a background of how the presenters outlined economic impact of trail systems and the conceptual nature of the presentation in terms of looking at where Morgantown is located in this section of the country and how many larger cities are located within driving distance. This makes Morgantown a viable location for residence due to the inclusion of things like climbing, paddling, hiking and mountain biking. Rachel Fetty asked for any updates on Rink project and Krepps Playground in relation to COVID-19. Director Wiles reported that the current architectural planning is not impacted, although sales tax revenue likely is. Therefore we are likely looking for a 2022 construction start. The playground is on hold, but BOPARC is planning on installing the piece of equipment that was purchased via community fundraising. Jim Goff indicated it would be fall before we might know how soon monies that may be on hold can be released. Director Wiles will provide the playground amount per Vice President Selin's request. Director Wiles will also check on the Splash programs per Danielle's request. Report was approved by consensus.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Board Comments: Danielle Trumble stated that she was thrilled to see patrons at BOPARC swimming pools. Rick Landenberger reported that he planted 100 oak seedlings along Deckers Creek and that the previous year's plantings look good. Mr. Landenberger also added wood chips to Marilla trails. He reported that he rode the Blue Loop in White Park and was also shocked and dismayed that there is a new downhill on the other side of the park. Rachel Fetty thanked the staff for the pool operations and for being diligent. She thanked the Board as well. Jenny Selin stated that she is also happy that pools are in operation.

Adjournment: Rachel Fetty moved for adjournment and the meeting adjourned at 4:48pm.

Melissa Wiles

July 8, 2020

Respectfully Submitted, Melissa Wiles, Executive Director

Date

ACKNOWLEDGED VIA ZOOM – Patrick Hathaway

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Approval Acknowledged, Patrick Hathaway, Board President

Date