

Minutes of the May 12, 2021 Meeting of the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners
Location: via Zoom, Morgantown, WV

Call to Order: President Hathaway called the meeting to order at 3:04pm.

Establish Quorum: Members present included Danielle Trumble, Jennifer Selin, Patrick Hathaway, Susan Klingensmith, Rick Landenberger, Jim Heiko, and Rachel Fetty.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the April regular meeting were approved by consensus

Correspondence: Patrick Hathaway shared correspondence he received regarding possible geocaching in Marilla Park. Danielle Trumble informed the board about a possible meeting with the Jerome Park Neighborhood Association.

Public Comment: Jonell Strough congratulated some members of the board on their recent election/ reelection to city council. She also said that the Mon Valley Greenspace Coalition supports the recent request to stop mowing on sections of the Decker's Creek Trail to allow for a 'pollinator zone' to form and shared her concerns about wear and tear in White Park due to off trail mountain biking. Finally, she expressed disappointment with the lack of follow through on BOPARC's agreement with MUB for work in White Park.

Financial Report: Director Wiles went over the financial report. Nothing was out of the ordinary though administration is expecting a final loss of about \$29,000 on the 2020/21 ice season. She also told the board that the city would be considering a budget adjustment for BOPARC to make up for low coal severance tax. Report was approved by consensus.

Executive Director's Report: Director Wiles presented her report to the board. The board spoke about the pros and cons of allowing a 'pollinator zone' to form along sections of the Decker's Creek Trail. Director Wiles shared that staff had been taking actions to combat ecovandalism in White Park and that summer camp/ lesson registrations were filling quickly. The report was approved by consensus.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Executive Session: At 3:12pm Jenny Selin moved and Jim Heiko seconded to enter executive session to discuss the acquisition or development of real estate at public parks.

Call to Order: President Hathaway called the meeting to order at 3:57pm.

Board Comments: Rick Landenberger spoke about the 'Touch the Earth' festival that took place in Marilla Park and said he hoped to get more trees planted and the trails finished there as well. Jim Heiko expressed his desire to help with organizing BOPARC things and asked about the possibility of creating a diving program/ lessons. Susan Klingensmith welcomed Jim Heiko to the board, said she was happy about moving some projects forward, and congratulated board members on their recent election/ reelection to city council. Jenny Selin expressed her appreciation for the work being done in the parks and her desire to get things done quickly while doing them in the correct manner. Rachel Fetty also congratulated members of the board on their recent election/ reelection to city council, thanked the public for keeping us on task in the parks, and expressed her concern about post- COVID costs. Patrick Hathaway encouraged the public to sign up for camps/ classes and to keep getting out on the trails noting he has seen a lot of activity in the parks lately. Danielle Trumble shared her concerns about the tree replacements in White Park and spoke about a cleanup of Whitmoore Park recently held by the Woodburn Association of Neighbors.

Adjournment: Jenny Selin motioned and Jim Heiko seconded for adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 4:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Danielle Trumble

Date 6/7/2021

By Consensus 

Approval Acknowledged, Patrick Hathaway, Board President

Date