

Minutes of the November 8, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Location: Marilla Recreation Center, Morgantown, WV

**Call to Order:** President Trumble called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the regular meeting on October 11, 2023 and the special meeting on October 23, 2023 were approved by consensus.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Presentations:** BOPARC Foundation. Brian Dean from the BOPARC Foundation gifted BOPARC \$10,000 to expand programmatically for socially isolated senior citizens. The focus will be on visual art and will culminate with a display at the Debora D. Palmer Gallery at Wiles Hill.

**Public Comment:** None

**Financial Report:** Director Wiles reviewed the contents of the financial report. Jenny Selin moved to approve the Financial Report, and Susan Klingensmith seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

**Action Items:**

#### **Marilla Pool Bid**

Director Wiles provided information regarding the Marilla Pool bid. Jenny Selin moved to approve the Marilla Pool bid per Director Wiles verifying with the bond council the lowest qualified and responsible bid, and Jenny Thoma seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

#### **Krepps Dog Park**

Director Wiles provided information regarding Phase 2 of the Krepps Dog Park upgrades. The lowest bid came from Blue and Gold Contracting. Jenny Thoma moved to award the Krepps Dog Park bid to Blue and Gold Contracting in the amount of \$93,224.27, and Jenny Selin seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

**Executive Director's Report:** Director Wiles shared the content of the Executive Director's report. She highlighted some upcoming projects, including ADA upgrades to Jack Roberts Park; bidding out for the Paul Preserve walking track, Krepps Courts (tennis, pickleball, and basketball), and Krepps Pavilion. Jenny Selin asked for Director Wiles to provide more information on the Marilla Pool bid for the members of the public present. Director Wiles said that all bids received were within budget, falling in the \$12-13 million range. The scope of the project would include a new aquatics area and pool in Upper Marilla Park, water slides, lazy river, zero grade entry. There was lots of public input for this project, and several factors in the new facility will be attractive to the community. Director Wiles also shared that the BOPARC administrative offices will move up to the new pool to leave the Marilla Center as a recreational center. The expected completion is 2025, and the current Marilla Pool will be open for another summer.

#### **General Board Comments:**

Jenny Thoma walked through White Park and Jack Roberts Park and complimented the new landscaping. Susan Klingensmith is excited about the pool and other facility improvements. Meridith Balas has spent

time enjoying the parks and had a work team retreat at Eureka Café. Amel Morris appreciated the good news on the projects. Jenny Selin appreciated the actions taken on the Marilla Pool and Krepps Dog Park projects. Cal Carlson liked seeing all the forward progress coming up in the near future. Danielle Trumble shared about the upcoming gallery show opening "Faces of Morgantown" on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Debora D. Palmer Gallery. She attended a public input session for the White Park remediation. With the Woodburn playground now under the BOPARC system, President Trumble shared that the Woodburn Association of Neighbors completed maintenance on the staircase leading down to the playground by staining it.

**Executive Session:** Cal Carlson moved to enter executive session pursuant to West Virginia Code section 6-9 A-4 as it pertains to acquisition and/or development of real estate in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, and Susan Klingensmith seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Jenny Selion moved to exit executive session, and Susan seconded the motion. Executive session was exited at 4:09 pm.


**Adjournment:** Amel Morris moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cal Carlson

December 8, 2023

Entered Into Record:



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Melissa Wiles, Executive Director

12-13-2023