

Minutes of the October 23, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners
Location: Marilla Recreation Center, Morgantown, WV

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:02pm

Establish Quorum: Board Members Present – Bob Clonch, Marti Shamberger, Sera Zegre, Nancy Ganz, Ed Cordwell, and Ron Justice. Staff Present – Melissa Burch, Brooke McKinney, Joe Kaehler.

Minutes: Marti Shamberger motioned and Nancy Ganz seconded to approve the September minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.

Oral Communications: Al O'Connor gave a presentation on the community hockey and ice sports movement and how they are a unique value to the community.

Daniel McMullen, a resident of First Ward, expressed his concerns about trail building in White Park. He believes the White Park Trail Advisory Committee is focused more on mountain bike trails.

Kathryn Madison, a resident of First Ward, lives next to White Park and wanted to make the board aware of her concerns of trail use in White Park. She believes that as the population continues to grow, some areas will not be able to handle mixed use (walking, mountain biking, and running).

Joan Behr, a member of the group who was involved in preserving White Park years ago, was on hand to express her interest in preserving the wet lands behind the Morgantown Ice Arena.

Ivy McMullen, a resident of First Ward, also expressed her concerns over trail building in White Park.

Dave Light, a resident of First Ward, has been a supporter of trail growth in White Park. He let the board and guests know that no new trails have been built in the last two years.

Director Burch clarified to the board that there are no plans to build a new trail over by the reservoir behind the Ice Arena where the refuge/wet lands area is located. The work that is currently being done is repair work.

Correspondence: Director Burch reviewed correspondence.

Financial Report: Ed Cordwell motioned and Ron Justice seconded for approval of the Financial Report. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report: Director Burch presented her report.

New Business:

- **White Park Trail Advisory Committee Recommendations** - Director Burch reviewed the recommendation for the White Park Trails as presented in the board packet. Ron Justice motioned to approve the trail recommendations presented by Director Burch and Nancy Ganz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Tree Board Request** – After working with the Tree Board, Director Burch made a recommendation for pruning and maintenance on trees in Jack Roberts Park. Marti Shamberger motioned to approve the recommendation for tree maintenance as presented in the board packet and Nancy Ganz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Job Description Update – Dorsey's Knob** – Director Burch reviewed the updated job description for the current Dorsey's Knob Caretaker position. She recommends that the board accept the updated job description to move the park forward. Marti Shamberger motioned to approve the updated job description and Nancy Ganz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **WVPT Holiday Contract** – Director Burch asked for approval to utilize the amusement tax to offset the rental cost of the Met Theatre for the winter of 2014 for WVPT. Ed Cordwell motioned to approve the use of the amusement tax and Ron Justice seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **County Fair Request** – The Mon County Fair Board is requesting that the charge for the rental of two BOPARC canopies for 2014 fair be waived. President Clonch recommended that the charge remain as an outstanding balance and will have to be paid in advance before BOPARC will allow them to use the tents again next year. Also, any additional use of the canopies would need to be

paid for in advance. Marti Shamberger motion to approve President Clonch's recommendation to not waive the fee and Ron Justice seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session: President Clonch, pursuant to West Virginia Code Section 6-9 A-4 as it pertains to an official legal investigation, called for the Board to enter into Executive Session. Ed Cordwell motioned and Ron Justice seconded for the Board to enter the Executive Session at 6:16pm. Motion passed unanimously.

The regular session resumed at 6:30pm.

Board Comments: Nancy Ganz would like to revisit the idea of giving discounts to city residents for use of the Krepps and Marilla Pools. Director Burch will do research on how other park and recreation agencies handle discounts.


Adjournment: Sera Zegre motioned for adjournment at 6:45pm and Nancy Ganz seconded. Meeting adjourned by unanimous agreement.

Brooke McKinney

12/11/14

Respectfully Submitted, Brooke McKinney, Secretary to the Board

Date


Approval Acknowledged, Robert Clonch, Board President

12/11/14
Date