

Minutes of the September 11th, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Location: Morgantown City Hall-Council Chambers

Call to Order: Chair Danielle Trumble called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August 14, 2024 regular meeting were approved by consensus with the correction of two typographical errors.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations: Mark Brazaitis presented on behalf of Mon Valley Greenspace Coalition regarding a conceptual greenbelt for the Morgantown area. Lance Rollo, President of the BOPARC Foundation, presented an update on the foundation and its membership.

Financial Report: Director Wiles reviewed the financial report with context from city Director of Finance John Furgison. Susan Klingensmith moved to approve the financial report, Jenny Thoma seconded. The motion to approve the financial report passed unanimously at 7-0.

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

Old Business: None.

New Business: Bids for playground equipment were postponed to a future meeting. Director Wiles followed up on the designation for Marilla Park Forest as a Community Forest.

General Board Comments: Jenny Selin appreciates the careful work on the tennis and pickleball courts at Krepps. Amel Morris inquired whether there were projects in mind for funds; Director Wiles advised there are. Jenny Thoma inquired whether BOPARC could consider a footpath connecting King Street Park and Lebanon Street to aid walkability and access for families on the west side of the park. She has enjoyed visiting both Jack Roberts and King Street in this cooler weather and appreciates all the effort that goes into maintaining parks for community use. Meredith Balas reported the bylaw transition is in process, and the Health and Wellness Commission is planning to meet tomorrow. She loved the pool tour today and is thrilled to have this kind of facility for the kids in our community.

She is also looking to get students involved in messaging and recreation/hospitality. Susan Klingensmith also loved the pool tour and appreciates the consistent progress that BOPARC is always making on projects and the parks. Cal Carlson also thought the pool tour was incredible and was impressed with how much space it will have. Danielle Trumble agreed the pool area was huge. Jerome Park has requests that she will forward. Chair Trumble reported that Woodburn was very excited to have both the picnic and Celebrate Woodburn, both of which went very well, and the response was very positive. She noted that Woodburn also has a park cleanup on Saturday the 21st at 10 am.

Cal Carlson moved to enter executive session pursuant to WV Code § 6-9a-4 as it pertains to acquisition and/or development of real estate in 4th and 6th Wards. Susan Klingensmith and Meredith Balas seconded, all members present were in favor. Executive Session entered into at 4:35 pm. Amel Morris moved to exit executive session, and Jenny Thoma seconded the motion.

Adjournment: Carl Carlson moved to adjourn, and Susan Klingensmith seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Thoma

September 11, 2024

Entered Into Record:

Melissa Wiles

Melissa Wiles, Executive Director

October 9, 2024