

**Minutes of the August 26, 2019 Meeting of the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners**  
**Location: Marilla Recreation Center, Morgantown, WV**

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 11:06am.

**Establish Quorum:** Board Members Present – President Patrick Hathaway, Danielle Trumble, Rachel Fetty, Rick Landenberger, Jenny Selin, Edward Cordwell and William Hutchens. Director Melissa Wiles, Assistant Director Marissa Travinski, Brooke McKinney, and City Attorney Ryan Simonton were also present. Ex-Officio Treasurer Jim Goff was not present.

**Unfinished Business:**

- **MUB Raw Water Line** - President Hathaway gave a brief history of the MUB Raw Water Line. The board had a discussion regarding the water line at the last meeting but nothing was voted on. The MUB board voted at their meeting on 8/19/19 to recommend to City Council the adoption of route 3. President Hathaway stated that the BOPARC Board must make a decision on what they want to recommend to MUB and City Council. Rick Landenberger expressed concern that the subcommittee has not yet met to discuss the routes and discussed the issues. William Hutchens stated that he believed the subcommittee was formed to meet with City Attorney Simonton to discuss what should be included in the licensing agreement. President Hathaway agreed with William Hutchens that the subcommittee was to work on the licensing agreement. Danielle Trumble stated that the issue is that MUB moved forward without the input from BOPARC. Jenny Selin noted that MUB has had some input from BOPARC but nothing official. Rachel Fetty stated she will be abstaining from the vote due to being torn between her responsibilities as a member of the BOPARC Board and her responsibilities as a member of City Council. The board discussed whether or not Ms. Fetty could abstain. City Attorney Simonton said that she is not required to vote. President Hathaway asked Director Wiles what she would prefer. Director Wiles responded that BOPARC manages the property the way that it is. If the property changes, BOPARC will continue to manage the property. Director Wiles also said that in a perfect world she would pick route 5A, however, there are many factors to consider, it was a complicated decision and we do not live in a perfect world. Based on the discussion at the MUB meeting and comments made, Danielle Trumble stated she is now on the fence for which route she prefers. President Hathaway believes that the because the City of Morgantown owns the property in turn the citizens of Morgantown own the property. He said the majority of opinions he has heard from the citizens of Morgantown is that they do not want the water line to go through White Park. William Hutchens disagreed and said the majority of citizens he has spoken to say go through the park. Jenny Selin has spoken with people on both sides. Ms. Selin is reluctantly in support of Route 3. Rick Landenberger pointed out that you can monetize the loss of trees, you can monetize the loss of native vegetation, and you can monetize the experience people have in a park. Danielle Trumble stated that BOPARC only needs to advocate for White Park but that other issues regarding rate increases and public opinion are not BOPARC's concern. William Hutchens provided the board with a recap of the last BOPARC Board meeting where the water line was discussed. Mr. Hutchens reviewed each member's comments from the meeting regarding the routes. Mr. Hutchens stated that he prefers not to run the water line through the park but he believes the project of route 3 can be accomplished in such a way that minimizes disruption and damage to the park. Mr. Hutchens said that it is not appropriate to vote for routes 5 or 5a which will raise the water fees for city residents and non city residents. He believes supporting 5 or 5a would impact BOPARC in the inclusion of the next levy call. Mr. Hutchens moved and Jenny Selin seconded that the BOPARC Board recommend to the City Council of Morgantown that route 3 be utilized for the raw water line being considered with such recommendation being wholly contingent upon a comprehensive license agreement being executed between the City of Morgantown, the Morgantown Board of Parks and Recreation, and the Morgantown Utility Board. The board continued to discuss the impacts of route 3. Rick Landenberger stated that White Park is worth protecting and the water line will have a negative impact that can be offset by routing the line around the park. Ed Cordwell mentioned that he didn't believe BOPARC had to vote for a route. Mr. Hutchens stated that it is an advisory vote. President Hathaway believes there are many route options that would not go through White Park. He would like to see what other options may be. Mr. Hutchens read his motion again. Danielle Trumble asked Rachel Fetty to review her meeting with MUB the previous day. Ms. Fetty recounted the meeting and the discussion on the route through the park. The board suspended the

rules and allowed Mr. Smith with MUB to speak about the status of moving part of the line onto private property. Mr. Smith stated that the private land owner has agreed to allow part of the water line on her property. He provided the board with updated maps of route 3 through the White Park with the proposed part moved onto private property. Official drawings will be sent to City Attorney Simonton tomorrow. Rick Landenberger moved to table the existing motion. The board discussed. Rick Landenberger withdrew his motion. Rick Landenberger then moved and Jenny Selin seconded to amend Mr. Hutchens' motion to make the approval of route 3 contingent upon license agreement and that the new route follow the newly proposed route 3 as shown on the map. Motion passed unanimously. The board then voted on the amended motion. The BOPARC Board recommend to the City Council of Morgantown that route 3 be utilized for the raw water line being considered with such recommendation being wholly contingent upon a comprehensive license agreement being executed between the City of Morgantown, the Morgantown Board of Parks and Recreation, and the Morgantown Utility Board and the new route follows the newly proposed route 3 as shown on the map. The amended motion passed with William Hutchens, Jenny Selin, Rick Landenberger, Edward Cordwell, and Danielle Trumble in favor, President Hathaway against, and Rachel Fetty abstaining for reasons of conflict of interest.

**New Business:**

- **Local Collaboration Updates** – William Hutchens discussed the strategic planning session and one of the topics was collaboration, cooperation and relationship building. He has started having discussions with various groups in the community. He feels that groups in this community tend to battle each other. Mr. Hutchens would like to work on improving in the area of local collaboration with other groups. Mr. Hutchens discussed the Monongalia County Commission and BOPARC's relationship with them. He has been having discussions with the County Commission. Mr. Hutchens stated that BOPARC should be giving the County Commission periodic updates on the progress of Ice Arena and the project at Hazel Ruby McQuain Park. He would like to discuss involvement with the County Commission regarding programming ideas and collaboration. Mr. Hutchens also thinks there is a great potential to do something collaborative with Mylan Park. Jenny Selin stated she appreciated Mr. Hutchens' comments and believes there is always room for collaboration. Ms. Selin said our staff is working hard to develop relationships. No action was taken.

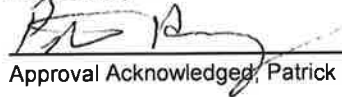
**Adjournment:** William Hutchens motioned for adjournment, Edward Cordwell seconded and the meeting adjourned at 12:57pm.

Brooke McKinney

9/11/19

Respectfully Submitted, Brooke McKinney, Secretary to the Board

Date



10/9/19

Approval Acknowledged, Patrick Hathaway, Board President

Date