

Minutes of the July 28, 2016 Meeting of the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners  
Location: Marilla Recreation Center, Morgantown, WV

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 5:11pm

**Establish Quorum:** Board Members Present – Robert Clonch, Ron Justice, Nancy Ganz. Board Members Not Present – Jenny Seilin, Ed Cordwell, Sera Zegre, Denver Allen. Staff Present – Melissa Burch and Brooke McKinney. Ex-Officio Treasurer Jim Goff was not present.

Not enough board members were present to establish a quorum.

**Minutes:** Minutes were not approved due to no quorum present.

**Oral Communications:** President Clonch allowed presenters and the public to provide info as they desired.

**Larson Design Group – DK Slip Site Analysis and Study Results** – Jane Hicks from Larson Design Group and Damian Davis from the City of Morgantown reviewed the DK Slip analysis and study results. The report discusses different solutions to repair the slip. Ms. Hicks reviewed the analysis with the present board members and gave a brief description of the possible repair. She indicated that the project could take approximately 6-8 weeks.

Public included Judy Semlar, who was there to observe. Also, Donald Ornick spoke to the board about the firearms ordinance and requested some clarification. He wanted to know how BOPARC plans to enforce the ordinance and whether they have any intent to take any further action in the future. Mr. Ornick expressed his position that there should be as little restriction as possible and restrictions should only be in place when there is a clear public interest or danger. Director Burch informed Mr. Ornick that she will take his questions to Ryan Simonton, City of Morgantown Attorney, to get clarification.

Ella Belling spoke to the board about the WVU/Arboretum stretch of rail trail. She also explained that the Collins Ferry link trail has reached its fundraising goal.

**Correspondence:** Director Burch provided a very nice letter to the board from recent renters of the Dorsey's Knob Lodge.

**Financial Report:** Financial report was not approved due to no quorum present.

**Executive Director's Report:** Director Burch reviewed with the board the county residents vs city residents use at each pool. Nancy Ganz had several items she requested be included in the Director's Report including WVU Soccer Field & Daycare, WVU Women's Frisbee Club, and the WVU rail trail near the PRT. Director Burch included the letter that she sent to CM Mikorski regarding the details and additional information for our partnerships on the Soccer Field and the Daycare.

The Women's Frisbee Club does use the DK Disc Golf Course intermittently. Ron Justice stated that he does not believe that Dorsey's Knob Park is set up for Competitive Disc Golf. Nancy Ganz mentioned that she was under the impression that the Dorsey's Knob Park Disc Golf Course is the official site for WVU Disc Golf Club. Ron asked that a discussion about competitive sports at Dorsey's Knob Park be added to the next meeting agenda.

Nancy Ganz asked if Mountaineer United Soccer Club could use the WVU Women's Practice field in place of BOPARC. After review of the agreement, it was determined that only BOPARC sponsored activities can take place on the field.

Director Burch mentioned the paving of the road in Dorsey's Knob Park. She discussed the possibility of turning the road back into a gravel road if the park could not be included in the City's paving list (the request was made and denied this year). Director Burch will make another request to the City for the paving of the entrance road.

**Unfinished Business:** No unfinished business.

**New Business:** New Business was not discussed due to no quorum present.

**Board Comments:** President Clonch suggested moving the BOPARC Board Meeting start times to 4pm. The board agreed. President Clonch asked Director Burch to update the new start time for the August Meeting.

Ron Justice discussed the meeting with Director Burch and Brailsford & Dunlavy regarding the Ice Arena. He also mentioned that they did a site visit of the Hazel Ruby McQuain Park. Director Burch added that she is in the process of gathering information for them regarding the arena at their request.

Nancy Ganz discussed working with WVU about the vandalism of the PRT. Ella Belling mentioned the water drainage issue that is affecting the rail trail. There is significant water overflow, mud and subsequent erosion during heavy rainfall. Ron Justice indicated that WVU was aware of the issues that are occurring during heavy rainfall and that they were committed to address those issues.

**Adjournment:** No motion needed. No quorum present.

Brooke McKinney

8/25/16

Respectfully Submitted, Brooke McKinney, Secretary to the Board

Date

Robert Clonch  
Approval Acknowledged, Robert Clonch, Board President

Date

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