

Minutes of the March 20th, 2024, 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, Jenny Selin (via phone), and Danielle Trumble

Members absent were Amel Morris and Jenny Thoma.

Approval of Minutes: Cal Carlson moved to amend the minutes of the February 14th minutes to correct the spelling of Jenny Thoma's name in the Establish Quorum section of the minutes from Thomas to Thoma, and Susan Klingensmith seconded the motion. The minutes of the February 14th, 2024 regular meeting were approved by consensus.

Correspondence: None.

Presentation: Urban Deer Hunt Presentation-Rick Beabout

Rick Beabout presented on the 2023 urban deer hunt season, which was a huge success. A total of 142 deer were harvested in the city, with 49 donated for a total of 1,478 lbs of ground venison to local pantries. 28 deer were harvested in the parks, making up 20% of the total of the hunt. Mr. Beabout reported there were limited but positive interactions with park goers regarding the hunt.

Public Comment: None

Financial Report: Director Wiles reviewed the contents of the financial report. Susan Klingensmith moved to accept the financial report, seconded by Meridith Balas. The financial report was approved 5-0.

Action Items: Public Meeting Policy: No action was taken, and the item was moved to the April meeting agenda.

Phase II Omni Contract – Ice Arena Modified Improvements: Director Wiles shared that she had been working with Omni in the phased planning process for the modified ice arena improvements. The chiller and dehumidifier are on order, and BOPARC is ready to move on with the phasing and design/development in what will be in each phase. Jenny Selin moved to execute the agreement with Omni for the ice arena modified improvements in the amount of \$355,400, seconded by Susan Klingensmith. The floor opened for discussion. Director Wiles stated that they will have more information as to what phase will come first, second, and third, and that they are trying to do things outside of the ice season. The first phase will be the replacement of the two major components as well as the replacement of the roof with the land and water grant. Danielle Trumble reminded those in attendance that she had been participating in ice meetings at Mylan Park and had been up front with Mylan Park and the ice user groups that after the improvements are made, we will be moving to a more community-based ice area. She wanted to make it clear to everyone that when the ice arena closes after the 2024-25 season, it will not reopen until October 2025, with a 5-month ice season moving forward. Director Wiles added that the modified improvements and equipment are specifically for winter month use. The motion passed 5-0.

Executive Director's Report: Director Wiles shared the contents of the Executive Director's report. She also shared that they are accepting applications for summer help, and that staff would be undergoing trainings for First Aid and other specialized areas. She also reported that there was a gas leak in Marilla Park the previous week but commended the expeditious work of the gas company in addressing the issue. Danielle Trumble asked if there had been any recent levy meetings and Director Wiles said that the language had been shored up and there had been no additional meetings. BOPARC requested the same amount, and the money would go towards court improvements in various locations. Danielle Trumble also asked about the status of Public Works at Woodburn Park, and Director Wiles said they are currently working on a job in Weston but would be back in early April to address the issue with the equipment holding the sunshade.

General Board Comments: Meridith Balas reported that the Health and Wellness Commission is still meeting regularly, and they are working on a survey and a small volunteering opportunity on April 20th. She was also excited for kickball season in White Park. Cal Carlson complimented the work on the Paul Preserve walking track and the usage of the Woodburn School playground. Jenny Selin appreciated the huge number of renovations and plans occurring across the parks, and all the plans to move forward. Danielle Trumble reported that the Assistant City Manager informed her that staff is moving back into City Hall, and if BOPARC would like to have meetings there to let the city know so they can get parking passes for the city lot. She also spoke to most of the board members and as Chair of BOPARC it is within her authority to form committees and would proceed in doing so. The Executive Board of Danielle Trumble, Susan Klingensmith, and Cal Carlson would be the policy committee, and Trumble, Meridith Balas, and Amel Morris would form the personnel committee. She would report back on the workings of those committees.

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 1st & 6th Wards, and Meridith Balas seconded. Executive session was entered at 3:37 pm. Jenny Selin moved to exit executive session, and Cal Carlson seconded the motion. Executive session was exited at 4:29 pm.

Adjournment: Susan Klingensmith moved to adjourn, and Meridith Balas seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cal Carlson

April 4, 2024

Entered Into Record:



Melissa Wiles, Executive Director

April 10, 2024