

Minutes of March 9, 2022 Meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Location: The Marilla Center, Morgantown, WV

Call to Order: President Selin called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

Establish Quorum: Members present included Jenny Selin, Danielle Trumble, Susan Klingensmith, Jenny Thoma, Cal Shamberger, and Rachel Fetty.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from February regular meeting were approved by consensus.

Correspondence: Danielle Trumble reported that she received an email from Mon Valley Green Space Coalition president Jonelle Strough thanking BOPARC and city council for continuing to hold MUB accountable for the agreement regarding trail construction in White Park.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Presentation: Sam Rich and Jeff Gola from the Thrasher Group (TG) presented the board with concepts for the Marilla Pool project. Based on facility audits, public input sessions/surveys, and programmatic needs TG presented two concepts. Both concepts showed the pool being relocated to the site of the upper ballfields. The site has all utilities available and has a larger footprint than existing pool site. Both concepts included multiple pool amenities such as slides, a lazy river, lap lanes, zero-entry, diving board, a large open swim area with depth of 3-5 ft., water-play features (climbing wall, water crossing effect, and play structure) and a splash pad accessible by both pool users and park users. Two buildings would be constructed, one to house changing areas & restrooms, pool equipment and maintenance materials, and lifeguard station. The second structure would house additional bathrooms that would be accessible by pool and park users, administrative offices, and act as the entrance point to the pool. TG proposed swapping the location of the city street and existing parking lot across from ballfields to make entry & exit safer and more accessible for users and still allow for regular traffic to bypass pool area. A paved path would surround the perimeter of the pool, allowing access for maintenance vehicles and potentially food trucks, providing an additional vending option. TG addressed the need to protect existing mature trees surrounding the site as well as noting that the existing playground adjacent to the ballfields would remain intact. Regarding the ballfields, assistant director Travinski has already been in contact with user groups about relocating fields and meeting their needs. An additional public input session has been scheduled for 3/16/22 at 5:30 at the Marilla Center.

Financial Report: Director Wiles reported that everything pretty normal. They are already at 98% on admission fees and 75% on registration fees. The budget is on track, but Director Wiles wanted to note that they have not yet started to get pools ready. The city is completing an audit this week so additional BOPARC related financial information will be available at the end of this week. Susan Klingensmith made the motion to approve the Financial Report, Rachel Fetty seconded. Report approved by consensus.

Executive Director's Report: Director Wiles updated the board on the status of the Whitmoore Trail—it is expected to be open the first week of April. Work will continue in phases on improving the trail. The improvements will maintain a similar route to the original trail, but reduce the possibility of land slippage and be more user-appealing as well as allow for future shared use opportunities. Director Wiles also reported that she has an updated Skate/Bicycle Park design that has incorporated input from the public comments. She is pleased with the design. Regarding the budgeting process, everything as

has been completed in terms of requests. BOPARC is receiving the ¼ hotel/motel allocation, minus the portion allotted to the Met Theatre. Bonding discussions with Crews & Associates will continue on April 9. Very few bids for the Dorsey's Knob work came in and what came in was over-budget. The most immediate need to the lodge is to replace the deck, so bids are out to complete that project first. Finally, ice rink season is winding down. Director Wiles will have final numbers at the next board meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: The first item of new business was the Approval of Lowest Qualified Bid for ball field improvements. Improvements include grading, infield mix, level, re-grade and installation of new base sets, etc. at 6 fields in White Park and 2 fields in Krepps Park. Director Wiles asked for approval on a bid from OnPar at a cost of \$61,439. Danielle Trumble asked if that bid was within what the budget allotted for and what was to be expected for that type of work. Director Wiles said that this bid was lower than quotes given prior to the bid process and was within the expected cost of the project. Danielle Trumble motioned to approve the bid, Rachel Fetty seconded. Motion approved by consensus.

The second item of new business was approval of lowest qualified bid for Krepps Tennis/Pickleball court improvements. This includes resurfacing (not re-coating) which involves pressure cleaning, removal of loose material, repair to cracked areas and two applications of asphalt/acrylic to playing surface, playing lines re-done, new nets/posts/ and standards installed. There have been no bids for this project, again. Director Wiles and her team are going to work out a plan to do as much work as they can in-house and possibly contract out what they cannot complete. This is the second time the project has been up for bid with no bids coming in. Assistant Director Travinski noted that she had been in contact with WVU—they are preparing to do similar work and contacted multiple companies and only received one bid, which is unusual. Jenny Selin asked if it would be possible to reach out to the companies and see why they aren't bidding—Ms. Travinski said she already has and has not received any return communications.

The third item of new business regards updates to BOPARC Personnel Policies. These updates are minor changes that will offer additional congruency with the updates submitted last year. Danielle Trumble motioned to approve updates, Cal Shamberger seconded. Approved by consensus.

The final item of new business was in regards to the Addendum to White Park Pipeline Licensing Agreement. This item was on the MUB agenda at their meeting on 3/8/22. It was not approved at that time. Drew Gatlin, a city engineer briefed the board on the MUB meeting. An agreement needs to be reached ASAP in order for trail construction to begin this season. Danielle Trumble proposed a special meeting be schedule for 3/21/22 at 5:00 pm via ZOOM with the expectation that the MUB board would themselves have a special meeting to approve the Addendum. No further action could be taken today regarding this issue.

Executive Session: Pursuant to West Virginia Code Section 6-9A-4(b) to discuss legal contract addendum for Design, Construction & Bid Documents for the Morgantown Ice Arena. Entered 4:40pm. Susan Klingensmith motioned to end executive session, Jenny Thoma seconded the motion. Session ended at 6:03pm.

Board Comments: Jenny Thoma had no updates to report concerning the Health and Wellness Commission. She appreciates everyone's hard work and the updates and background info on projects

