

Minutes of the November 11, 2020 Meeting of the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners
Location: via Zoom, Morgantown, WV

Call to Order: President Hathaway called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.

Establish Quorum: Members present included Patrick Hathaway, Danielle Trumble, Jenny Selin, Susan Klingensmith, Rick Landenberger, and Rachel Fetty.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from October meeting were approved by consensus.

Correspondence: Commissioner Klingensmith noted that people have asked about bench replacement at Jack Roberts Park. AD Marissa Travinski stated replacement is pending.

Oral Communication: None.

Financial Report: Interim Finance Director Lori Livengood stated that some BOPARC funding had been reinstated from the city general fund and that the city collected \$1.2M in sales tax in the first quarter (BOPARC allocation is 25%). Otherwise, things were trending as expected. Financial Report approved by consensus.

Executive Director's Report: The board asked for clarification on some issues concerning open positions in the organization, tree removal in Krepp's Park, and restroom facilities in the parks.

- Mountaineer Heritage Park- The board was presented with a plan for the park that includes biking skills areas, new greenspace, and artwork. The board was conflicted about future use of the area for biking skills vs passive greenspace and was concerned about crowding of the space. Options for alternate locations of a biking skills area was discussed.
- Morgantown Trail Zones- The board was presented with and discussed the preliminary plan for future development of Morgantown area biking trails. The board asked Director Wiles to make a statement to the groups involved thanking them for their work on the plan while stating that BOPARC feels connectivity is important, that there is a critical need of a balance of use, and that better comprehensive planning of diverse spaces is necessary.

Executive Session: Commissioner Landenberger made a motion to move into executive session at 5:03pm. The public meeting was called to order again at 5:35pm.

New Business:

- Scope of Work for Pre-Project Mechanical Options- No action was necessary.

Board Comments: Danielle Trumble stated that Woodburn Assn of Neighbors would be performing another cleanup in Whitmoore Park, encouraged BOPARC to consider placement of Recycle Right Morgantown yard signs, and informed the board/ administration that the Morgantown Health & Wellness Commission was looking into grant funding to make wifi available in parks. Susan Klingensmith stated that she was encouraged with the amount of planning the board is doing and requested the swing at JRP to be raised. Rick Landenberger thanked WVU for drafting the trail plan and gave an update on the Marilla Park trail development. Jenny Selin stated her appreciation for everyone's willingness to work on improvements to the park. Rachel Fetty expressed her joy with seeing the ice rink being used by groups and her excitement about BOPARC investing in the children of the community. She also thanked board members for their work. Patrick Hathaway gave information about the dedication of Eaton Park and stated his excitement about the impending ice rink project.

Adjournment: Commissioner Fetty motioned, and Commissioner Trumble seconded for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Danielle Trumble

Date 12/09/2020

By Commissioner 
Approval Acknowledged, Patrick Hathaway, Board President

12-9-20
Date