

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

Location: BOPARC Marilla Center, Morgantown, WV

Call to Order: President Trumble called the meeting to order at 3:08PM.

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

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

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Staff Engineer Drew Gatlin spoke about MUB's presentation and maps of the trails in White Park. He informed the board of a technical meeting on November 9th from 6 to 8 pm at Hazel Ruby McQuain Depot/Amphitheater regarding the analysis of brownfield cleanup alternative, as this is a requirement for the cleanup grant from the EPA. Anticipated costs for the South Side have ballooned with the bridge construction. There will be discussion about cleanup grant requirements and alternatives. Since this is a technical meeting, topics will include discussions about things such as planting cattails and how construction of a trail might be specifically designed to avert users from certain areas. There will be maps of trail lines available. Downstream Strategies has been consulted for White Park and negotiating scope and fees with HRG.

Assistant City Manager Emily Muzzarelli also discussed some of the specifics and projected timeline of the bridge project in White Park.

Presentations: MUB-Cobun Creek Interceptor Replacement. Mike McNulty and Rich Rogers from MUB presented a map of the sewer line replacement project on the southern tip of White Park. Phase 1 is 1000 feet and 9 manholes to top of hill by University Motors. Phase 2 will be from the top around University Motors and down Don Knotts to the water plant. The biggest concern is the Don Knotts portion as there has been deterioration of the pipes and potential blockages. The project is expected to begin in January and take an estimated 30 days. The manholes will be sealed but there will be a couple spots for hydrogen sulfide gas release. There is a plan to take out the munitions box and relocate. There would have to be an encroachment agreement with BOPARC, MUB, and the City regarding this project.

Drew Gatlin also spoke regarding the stormwater gully and future cleanup grants with Downstream Strategies.

Financial Report: Director Wiles reviewed the current financial data through the end of October. Motion to accept the financial report was made by Rachel Fetty, seconded by Susan Klingensmith. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report: Director Wiles reviewed the details within the Director's report.

Old Business: None

New Business: Lowest Qualified Bid – Dorsey's Knob Lodge Deck Replacement Project

The bid process has concluded, which included the demolition and replacement of deck and adjacent amenities. Accelerated Construction was selected, and the total cost is \$174,500, with an estimated

date of March 31, 2023 for completion. The project is funded. Rachel Fetty moved to approve the lowest qualified bid for the Dorsey's Knob Lodge and Jenny Selin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Comments: Jenny Selin relays how refreshing it is to have the means and the will to make improvements to the neighborhood playgrounds. She appreciates all the work done and watching the improvements. People appreciate the play for all concept and accessible playgrounds. Susan Klingensmith thanked Mel and Marissa for their work. Cal Shamberger thanked the board members and Mel and Marissa for everything they have been doing with all of the ongoing projects. Rachel Fetty said that it is great to be part of the board and seeing the organization doing so many great things. Danielle Trumble said that it's great to be in a place where the city, community, and foundation are supportive of the park system. She is glad to see projects and improvements done and is excited about accessibility and the neighborhood pocket parks being upgraded. We're showing the community what we can do and we are responsible stewards of public money. It is a great time to be a member of BOPARC. She also reported a great turnout at the Whitmore Park cleanup on Saturday, November 5th.

Adjournment: Susan Klingensmith moved to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 4:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cal Shamberger

December 9, 2022

Entered Into Record:



Melissa Wiles, Executive Director

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