

Minutes of the October 9th 2024 Regular Meeting of the Board of Parks and
Recreation Commissioners

Location: Morgantown City Hall-Council Chambers

Call to Order: Chair Danielle Trumble called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

Establish Quorum: Members present in person were Cal Carlson, Susan Klingensmith, Danielle Trumble, and Amel Morris. Meredith Balas, Jenny Thoma, and Jenny Selin appeared remotely.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 11, 2024 regular meeting were approved by consensus.

Correspondence: Danielle Trumble highlighted a very positive letter to the editor of the Dominion Post about Wiles Hill elementary school and how it is serving the community and still so vibrant.

Public Comment:

Presentations: Matthew Cross with Mon Valley Green Space coalition advocated for BOPARC's support of the proposed Greenbelt. He thanked BOPARC for upgrades to park facilities, and believed the green space would be a great complementary addition.

Director Wiles also introduced BOPARC employees Bree Starsick and Richia Austin. Both are making very valuable contributions to BOPARC, and demonstrate their commitment to enhance communications and community well-being.

Financial Report: Director Wiles reviewed the contents of the Financial Report. Susan Klingensmith moved to approve, Cal Carlson seconded. The financial report was approved 7-0.

Executive Director's Report: Director Wiles reviewed the contents of the Executive Director's report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Request for BOPARC to support the Greenbelt concept. Board questions were fielded by Rick Landenberger. Jenny Selin moved to support the concept of a Greenbelt; Susan Klingensmith seconded. Following discussion, the motion was supported 7-0.

Playground bids came in over budget, so those will be re-bid. Accordingly, Director Wiles recommended that over-budget bids be declined.

General Board Comments: A board planning session is scheduled for October 18th. Jenny Selin inquired about process for adding items to agenda and expressed her appreciation. Meredith Balas did not have any updates as of today, but Health and Wellness is meeting next week so she should have something to report next time. Amel Morris was glad Rick was present to answer board questions about the Greenbelt concept which was helpful in moving forward. Cal Carlson inquired if, when the new ice arena upgraded, there will be an opportunity for season passes. Director Wiles advised there would be. Susan Klingensmith thanked Director Wiles for bringing in employees to recognize them for doing wonderful things. She noted that the haunted house at Wiles Hill in years past was really great and wondered if there was any possibility of bringing it back. Chair Trumble seconded the preceding board comments.

Cal Carlson moved to enter executive session at 3:52, seconded by Jenny Selin.
Cal Carlson moved to exit executive session at 4:06 pm, seconded by Susan Klingensmith.

Adjournment: Cal Carlson moved to adjourn at 4:07 p.m., seconded by Amel Morris.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Thoma

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Entered Into Record:



Melissa Wiles, Executive Director

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