

Minutes of the October 1, 2020 Special Meeting of the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners
Location: via Zoom, Morgantown, WV

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Hathaway at 11:08am.

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

New Business: Morgantown Ice Arena 20.21 Season – Director Wiles thanked everyone for participation and stated that no decision had yet been made about the ice season. She stated her meeting objectives to be 1) providing the board and community with information about work towards this season, 2) providing information about the status and current challenges, and 3) allowing the board to weigh and determine policy about this ice season. Director Wiles reminded the board of BOPARC's operational and budgetary challenges brought on by COVID.

Director Wiles described the current challenges at the ice arena to be a broken chiller switch/ valve which would cost \$2,100-3,000 to repair and a broken desiccant wheel in the dehumidification unit that would cost roughly \$10,000 and take seven weeks to repair.

Due to the board previously determining this ice season to be a policy issue, she explained that the board is needed in order to approve a large budgetary expenditure for such a condensed season. Director Wiles gave three options for funding for the repairs and interim solutions: 1) ask the city to reestablish BOPARC's full funding, 2) use monies from the BOPARC playground fund, or 3) use monies in the levy fund.

Members of the board stated that they were still committed to opening the ice rink for the 2020-2021 season. Along with several members of the public in attendance, the board discussed current COVID restrictions, funding options, the timeline for repair, and possible interim measures such as fans, open windows, rental units, etc.

Rachel Fetty motioned, and Jenny Selin seconded to allow administration to spend up to \$15,000 of levy monies to perform the needed repairs to the ice rink and up to \$10,000 to mitigate the issues in the interim. During discussion, Danielle Trumble proposed an amendment stating that any monies used for interim solutions should come from monies granted by the city and not from the playground fund. Jenny Selin seconded the motion for the amendment. Amendment passed 5-0. Original motion, as amended, passed 5-0.

Adjournment: Rachel Fetty motioned to adjourn at 12:26pm and Jenny Selin seconded.

Respectfully Submitted, Danielle Trumble

Date 10/8/2020

by Consensus
Approval Acknowledged, Patrick Hathaway, Board President

10/14/20
Date