

Minutes of the October 22, 2015 Meeting of the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners
Location: Marilla Recreation Center, Morgantown, WV

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:10pm

Establish Quorum: Board Members Present – Bob Clonch, Ron Justice, Nancy Ganz, Ed Cordwell (arrived at 5:19pm and departed at 6:22pm), Jenny Selin (arrived at 5:14pm and departed at 6:15pm), Denver Allen (arrived at 5:15pm via phone), Sera Zegre (departed at 6:25pm). Staff Present – Melissa Burch, Marissa Travinski, and Brooke McKinney. Ex-Officio Treasurer not present.

Minutes: Nancy Ganz moved to approve the August Meeting minutes and Ron Justice seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Oral Communications: Ella Belling, Executive Director of MRTC, presented information on the directional signage and user counter installation along the Caperton Trail. Jenny Boulware, WVU Professor of the Introduction to Cultural Resource Management Class, attended along with her students to provide an overview of their research project "Between a Rock and a Hard Place" on the Jack Roberts Park Wall. Members of the First Ward Community also attended to discuss the Jack Roberts Park Wall. Deputy Mayor Bill Kawecky observed.

Unfinished Business:

- **Jack Roberts Wall** – Director Burch reviewed the situation with the wall in Jack Roberts Park again, reiterating the estimates previously received and her discussions with interested members in the First Ward Community. The Director's recommendation at this juncture was to meet with the City Engineer regarding the wall and request his opinion on the sloping estimate, present the information and progress on the wall to the City Manager and make a request for assistance with possible grant funding or city funding to restore the wall at a future time. In the interim, BOPARC will make the area safe and work toward an aesthetically pleasing compromise, such as a seating wall, while other options are explored. The stones will be removed and stored with the consideration that when or if funding becomes available to restore the entire wall the stones will be on hand to do so. Ron Justice moved for approval of Director Burch's recommendations and Denver Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Nancy Ganz moved to accept the financial report and Sera Zegre seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- **Capital Priority List**– Director Burch reviewed the capital priority list as presented in the board packet. The list was created in response to a request from the board last meeting. The board requested an updated list with amounts attached. No action needed.
- **WVPT Request**– WVPT requested forbearance through December 31, 2015 for the amount due of \$10,067.68. The board recommended that Director Burch reach out to WVPT and confirm the cancellation of the December 2015 dates. Director Burch recommended to allow WVPT to defer all payments until January 31, 2016. Jenny Selin motioned to grant forbearance to WVPT in the amount of \$10,067.68 until January 31, 2016. Ron Justice seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report: Director Burch advised the board that the Hazel Ruby McQuain Restrooms will be winterized and closed on December 1st, one month later than the other park system restrooms. The restrooms will remain closed until Spring.

Board Comments: Sera Zegre discussed the state of the roof of the building that houses Positive Spin. Director Burch mentioned she would have more information to bring to the board at the December meeting on the status of the building.

Nancy Ganz reminded the board of the crisis of the Jack Roberts Park Wall and Hazel Ruby McQuain Park.

Director Burch informed the board that she met with Tim Ball regarding the plans for the new reservoir in the County area of Cobun Creek Road. Mr. Ball was reaching out to community members and organizations that will either be impacted by the construction of the reservoir or that were mentioned to him as possible interested parties. BOPARC was mentioned via City Council inquiry. Director Burch reported that the community around the location is not interested in additional recreational use and that they have made several appeals to MUB, including their hopes for minimal lighting and that MUB honor the traditional use of the area, which includes a riparian buffer for wildlife, neighborhood foot traffic and horseback riding. Ron Justice indicated that in addition to the concerns presented to MUB, there are several traditional farms in that County neighborhood that would possibly be negatively impacted by designation as a park or recreational area.

Adjournment: Bob Clonch motioned for adjournment at 6:48pm and Ron Justice seconded. Meeting adjourned by unanimous agreement.

Brooke McKinney

12/10/15

Respectfully Submitted, Brooke McKinney, Secretary to the Board

Date


Approval Acknowledged, Robert Clonch, Board President

12/10/15
Date