

Minutes of the 856th meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District held on December 10, 2019, 3:00p.m. at Inniswood Metro Gardens, Innis House, 940 S. Hempstead Road, Westerville, Ohio 43081.

Present

Commissioners: Mr. McGregor, Mr. Hadden, Mr. McCue

Staff: Mr. Moloney, Ms. Telfer, Mr. McGivern, Mr. Peck, Ms. Hanely, Ms. Fronk, Ms. Snyder, Ms. Ramey, Ms. Boniface, Mr. Dudley, Mr. Yablonski, Mr. Buescher, Mr. Studenmund, Inniswood Metro Gardens staff members, Sharon Woods staff members.

Legal Counsel: Mr. Franzmann

Guests: Mr. and Ms. Litt, Ms. Studabaker, Mr. Roseman

Mr. Hadden asked if all of the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and the rules of this Board regarding open meetings have been complied with for this meeting. Mr. Moloney responded that yes, all of those requirements and rules have been met.

Minutes of the October 8, 2018 Board Meeting

Mr. McGregor made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8th 2019 Board Meeting. Mr. McCue seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion. The scheduled Board Meeting for November was canceled.

Public Comment

Ms. Litt addressed the Board concerning the redesign of the Parkscope. She felt the park district should continue printing the Parkscope which provided a listing of scheduled programs to those that didn't have access to a computer. Mr. Moloney stated that the program listing while available on our website is also available in every park.

Mr. Roseman addressed the Board asking for support to continue planning and developing trail connections to existing greenway trails and to local parks. Mr. Moloney stated that several trail planning projects are accruing with different agencies that would provide better connections. Mr. Roseman also asked for better wayfinding and signage of critical locations along the trails like bridge and roadway intersections. Mr. Roseman mentioned that he felt the park districts rules and regulations were confusing in addressing ebikes. Mr. Peck stated that our rules follow the state's rules in addressing all three classes of ebikes. Class 1 and 2's ebikes are allowed on multi use trails while Class 3 ebikes are prohibited on multi use trails.

Mr. Hadden thanked both Ms. Litt and Mr. Roseman for their comments and attendance at the meeting.

Disbursement Resolution

Mr. McGregor made a motion to approve the Disbursement Resolution authorizing payment of the October and November 2019 invoices. Mr. McCue seconded the motion and the Board approved the resolutions. A copy of Resolution No. 5814 and No. 5815 are attached to these minutes as part hereof.

Staff Reports

Administration:

Mr. Moloney mentioned that he received notice of the resignation of the Director of the Grange Insurance Audubon Center. He will be part of the team from the National Audubon Society to find a replacement Director.

Mr. Moloney stated that the environmental remediation is entering the final stages and staff is working with our design team and the design team from Wagenbrenner to complete construction drawings and prepare for construction of Quarry Trails in 2020.

Mr. Moloney informed the Board that the park district closed on 50 acres of land just west of Great Southern Shopping Center which is a critical piece for developing a north/south trail connecting downtown to Scioto Grove. Staff is also working with the City of Columbus on a potential trailhead and park at the northern terminus of this property.

Operations:

Mr. Peck introduced Inniswood staff in attendance. Mr. Peck mentioned Inniswood is the smallest park with the most volunteers and is very successful as a public garden. He also stated that Inniswood is supported by the Ranger staff at Sharon Woods.

Mr. Peck stated that the parks are ready for the winter season. Facilities have been winterized, and winter mowing completed. He mentioned that deer gun lottery hunts were successfully held without incidents. He also mentioned that maintenance training is ongoing for park employees.

Finance:

Mr. McGivern provided the following. Finance completed the 2020 budget and finalized several details for implementation of new accounting software, to be launched in January, 2020. All technology staff are undergoing Google administrator training. Old accounts were removed and district-wide notice was given on I.T. security procedures for Google accounts. Metro Data Center final internet connectivity budget estimates were received and preparation steps are underway for 2020.

Human Resources:

Ms. Telfer stated that Breakfast with Santa was a huge success for employees and their families. She thanked staff from Headquarters and Highbanks for their support. Breakfast and crafts were enjoyed by all. Ms. Telfer also mentioned that employee training is scheduled as is 2020 summer seasonal training.

Other Business

Mr. Moloney and Ms. Shaw presented Ms. Ann Litt with her 20-year anniversary plaque as a Metro Park volunteer. Several in attendance publicly thanked Ann for your dedicated service to Metro Parks. Ann thanked everyone as well.

Resolutions

The board moved to approve the following resolutions:

- #5816 HONORING STEVE BROWN
The Board recognized the work and contributions of Steve Brown and paid tribute to his distinguished service to the Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks and to the citizens of central Ohio.
- #5817 AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE INNISWOOD FOUNDATION FUND AT THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION TO PROVIDE FOR AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM AT INNISWOOD METRO GARDENS
The Board requests the Governing Committee of the Columbus Foundation to transfer \$250,000 from Inniswood Foundation Fund to the Metro Parks General Fund.
- #5818 AUTHORIZING TAX ADVANCES FOR 2020
The Board authorized the Executive Director to request tax advances from the Franklin County Auditor and County Treasurer for 2020.
- #5819 AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (FUND 27) TO THE BLACKLICK WOODS GOLF COURSE FUND (FUND 30)
The Board authorized a transfer of \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Golf Course Fund.
- #5820 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF DIGITAL MARKETING SERVICES FROM MARKETING BARN, LLC
The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into contract with Marketing Barn, LLC for digital marketing services in the amount of \$186,800.
- #5821 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO CHANGE ORDERS WITH WATSON GENERAL CONTRACTING LLC FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CAMP CHASE TRAIL AT BATTELLE DARBY CREEK METRO PARK
The Board authorized the Executive Director to execute change orders with Watson General Contracting LLC in the amount of \$103,035.41.
- #5822 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR SALVAGE AND DEMOLITION SERVICES FOR PARK PROPERTY AT CLEAR CREEK METRO PARK
The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into contract with Baumann Enterprises, Inc. for salvage and demolition services in the amount of \$99,480.

- #5823 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT BURNING LAKE AREA, PICKERINGTON PONDS METRO PARK
The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into contract with Facemyer Company for site improvements in the amount of \$366,329.
- #5824 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT GENDER ROAD AT BURNING LAKE, PICKERINGTON PONDS METRO PARK
The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into contract with Columbus Asphalt Paving, Inc. for intersection improvements in the amount of \$314,550.
- #5825 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR A NEW NATURE CENTER AT BLACKLICK WOODS METRO PARKS
The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into contract with Van Auken Akins Architects, LLC for professional design services in the amount of \$350,000.
- #5826 AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF PROPERTY FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES TO THE CITY OF GROVE CITY ASSOCIATED WITH SCIOTO GROVE METRO PARK
The Board authorized the Executive Director to transfer property to the City of Grove City for roadway improvements at Scioto Grove Metro Park and to execute necessary documents.

Executive Session

Mr. McGregor moved to enter into executive session at 4:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations. Mr. McCue seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. McGregor	Yes
Mr. McCue	Yes
Mr. Hadden	Yes

The Board returned from executive session at 4:35 p.m.

Mr. Hadden made a motion to authorize Director Moloney to enter into contract with the Fraternal Order of Police, Ranger Union for the February 1, 2020 to January 31, 2023 contract period. Mr. McGregor seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by the Board of Park Commissioners:

Tim Moloney, Executive Director

JB Hadden, Chair