

Minutes of the 857th meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District held on January 21st, 2020, 3:00p.m. at Scioto Audubon Metro Park, 400 W. Whittier Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Present

Commissioners: Mr. Hadden, Mr. McCue

Staff: Mr. Moloney, Mrs. Telfer, Mr. McGivern, Mr. Peck, Mr. Studenmund, Mrs. Ramey, Mr. Yablonski, Mr. Domiano, Ms. Turpening, Scioto Audubon & Greenways staff

Legal Counsel: Mr. Franzmann

Guests: Ms. Studabaker, Mr. McNeely

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.

Election of Officers for 2020

Mr. McCue made a motion to table the Election of Officers for 2020 to the next board meeting. Mr. Hadden seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion.

Minutes of the December 6th Budget Board Meeting

Mr. McCue made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6th 2019 Board Meeting. Mr. Hadden seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion.

Minutes of the December 10th Board Meeting

Mr. McCue made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10th 2019 Board Meeting. Mr. Hadden seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Disbursement Resolution

Mr. McCue made a motion to approve the Disbursement Resolution authorizing payment of the December 2019 invoices. Mr. Hadden seconded the motion and the Board approved the resolutions. A copy of Resolution No. 5827 are attached hereof.

Staff Reports

Administration:

Mr. Moloney informed the Board that he met with representatives from Columbia Gas, Government Affairs, on a variety of projects, possible partnerships, and future opportunities.

Mr. Moloney stated that work had continued on several different land acquisition projects with the hope of identifying sites for future parks to fulfill our levy commitments to the voters of Franklin County.

Mr. Moloney attended the Urban Land Institute rollout of the RAPID 5 Project, a long-term vision connecting all of Central Ohio through the 5 major river corridors. He also stated that grant requests were submitted through the Clean Ohio Program for capital and land acquisition projects in 2020 and two projects were submitted for potential funding through the State Capital Budget.

Operations:

Mr. Peck introduced the Scioto Audubon and Greenways staff in attendance. D.J. White, Scioto Audubon & Greenways Manager stated that the staff biked over 6,789 miles in 2019. Mr. Peck also introduced Ms. Turpening, Outdoor Adventure Coordinator, and invited the board to view her wrapped vehicle after the meeting.

Mr. Peck spoke about the success of the ongoing 2020 Winter Hike series. He also mentioned the continued planning of the new Blacklick Woods Nature Center and the new Inniswood irrigation system. He stated a grant that was recently received to improve the waterway at Clear Creek Metro Park.

Mr. Peck mentioned that the Banquet Room at Blacklick Woods Golf Course was under renovations and will be completed at the end of February.

Finance:

Mr. McGivern provided the following. Upon approval of the 2020 budget, imports of budget data to new accounting software were completed. Several other verification tasks related to proper import of data into new system were performed.

Mr. McGivern stated requests were made to the County Auditor for tax advances and to the Columbus Foundation for funds to purchase a new irrigation system. Finance also participated in and assisted with project management training. New computers were imaged and deployed around the district, and IT completed year-end tasks.

Human Resources:

Mrs. Telfer stated that Breakfast with Santa, held, December 7, 2019, was a huge success for employees and their families and that over 175 people enjoyed this special morning. Mrs. Telfer informed the board that there have been six new Park Manager positions that had been filled or are soon to be filled.

Mrs. Telfer will be working on a minority recruitment strategy with Mr. Peck for our spring hiring. She also mentioned that at the next meeting there will be ranger staff present to be sworn in by the Board.

Other Business

Mr. McNeely inquired about the status of our deer management program and our current coyote population within the parks. Mr. Peck stated that the program was successful this year, and that we are seeing a rise in our coyote population both in and out of our parks in Central Ohio.

Resolutions

The board approved the following resolutions:

- #5828 AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF SQUIRE PATTON BOGGS (US) LLP AS METRO PARKS' ATTORNEYS
The Board designated Christopher Franzmann and the firm of Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP as Metro Parks' attorneys and authorized Mr. Franzmann and Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP to manage the legal affairs of the Park District at a rate of \$325.00 per hour.
- #5829 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT
The Board authorized the Executive Director to purchase vehicles and equipment items listed through the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program, the General Services Administration Purchasing Program, the National Purchasing Partners Government Division Cooperative and/or through the solicitation of competitive bids or quotes.
- #5830 AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A DESIGN/BUILD CONTRACT FOR A SINGLE-TRACK BIKE AREA AT QUARRY TRAILS METRO PARK
The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into a design/build contract with Kleingers Group, for \$400,000 for single-track bike area at Quarry Trails Metro Park and any additional services deemed necessary for completion of the project.
- #5831 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FROM VENDORS IN AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING \$50,000 FOR 2019
The Board authorized expenditure of funds necessary to purchase services up to the amounts indicated from the vendors listed in the resolution.
- #5832 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF OVER \$50,000 IN GOODS AND SERVICES FROM SPECIFIC VENDORS DURING 2020
The Board authorized the Executive Director to purchase goods and services up to the amounts indicated from the vendors listed in the resolution.

Executive Session

Mr. McCue moved to enter into executive session at 3:21 p.m. for the purpose of discussing land acquisition. Mr. Hadden seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. McCue	Yes
Mr. Hadden	Yes

The Board returned from executive session at 3:57 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by the Board of Park Commissioners:

Tim Moloney, Executive Director

JB Hadden, Chair