

Minutes of the 894th meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District, held on August 18, 2020, 3:00 p.m. at Blacklick Woods Metro Park, Beech Maple Lodge, 6975 E. Livingston Ave, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

Present

Commissioners: Mr. McGregor, Mr. McCue

Staff: Mr. Moloney, Mr. McGivern, Mr. Peck, Mrs. Telfer, Mr. Studenmund, Mr. Kasnyik, Mr. Laughbaum

Legal Counsel: Mr. Franzmann

Guests: none

Mr. McGregor asked if all of the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and the rules of the Board regarding open meetings had been met. Mr. Moloney confirmed that all of those requirements and rules had been met.

Minutes of the July 21, 2020 Board Meeting

Mr. McCue made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2020 Board Meeting. Mr. McGregor seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion.

Public Comment: None

Disbursement Resolution July 2020

Mr. McCue moved for the approval of the Disbursement Resolution for the July 2020 invoices. Mr. McGregor seconded the motion and the Board approved the resolution. A copy of Resolution No. 5856 is attached to these minutes as part hereof.

Staff Reports

Administration

Mr. Moloney stated that operations section has been outstanding in managing and operating the parks during the pandemic. He also mentioned that he met with Columbia Gas to discuss partnering during their regional expansion with the possibility of improving the districts regional trail system.

Mr. Moloney mentioned that Hamilton County Park District is seeking an additional tax levy in November. The local news community in Cincinnati has taken issue with the districts proposed levy including the park district's board of commissioner's function and authority. Hopefully this doesn't have state wide ramifications.

Operations

Mr. Peck introduced park manager Josh Laughbaum. He mentioned that Josh started with the park district as an intern and now successfully manages the oldest

park with an annual attendance of over 900,000 visitors. He also introduced Resource Manager, Kevin Kasnyik.

Mr. Peck provided an update on several operational projects; the district is in Incident Command structure while working through the pandemic and limiting groups to 10 or less, attendance up 30% and the day camp programs were completed while serving over 1000 children successfully.

Finance

Mr. McGivern stated that the 2018-2019 Audit has been completed with no audit adjustments and no findings to report. He stated that 2021 budget training was completed in July with departmental budget due in September.

Human Resources

Mrs. Telfer stated that staff is working to extend several seasonal positions through the fall. She also referenced the appointment of two Park Rangers that have successfully completed the academy.

Other Business.

Mr. Moloney asked the Board to amend Board Resolution No. 5855 from August 2020. He stated that a scrivener's error occurred in the resolution. The correct acreage for the temporary easement is 0.026.

Mr. McCue moved to amend Board Resolution No. 5855. Mr. McGregor seconded the motion and the Board approved the amendment.

Resolutions:

#5857 APPOINTMENT OF PARK RANGERS
The Board designated Nicholas M. Brewer and Timothy L. Bugh as Park Rangers

#5858 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR FIBER OPTIC CABLE INSTALLATION AND INTERNET CONNECTIVITY SERVICES AT MULTIPLE PARKS
The Board approved a contract with AT&T for fiber optic installation and internet services for 60 months at Battelle Darby Creek, Highbanks, Blacklick Woods and Blacklick Golf Course for an amount not to exceed \$731,037

Executive Session

Mr. McCue moved to enter into executive session at 3:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing land acquisition. Mr. McGregor seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

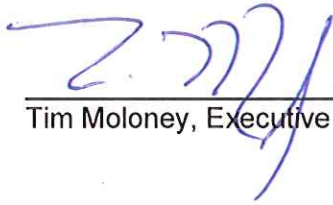
Mr. McGregor	Yes
Mr. McCue	Yes

The Board returned from executive session at 4:02 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by the Board of Park
Commissioners:

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Tim Moloney, Executive Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim McGregor', written over a horizontal line.

Jim McGregor, Chair