

Minutes of the August 27, 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 5:02pm

Establish Quorum: Board Members Present – Bob Clonch, Ron Justice, Nancy Ganz, Ed Cordwell, Jenny Selin, Denver Allen (arrived at 5:38pm and departed at 6:40pm). Board Not Present –Sera Zegre. Staff Present – Melissa Burch, Joe Kaehler, and Brooke McKinney. Ex-Officio Treasurer not present.

Minutes: Ron Justice moved to approve the July Meeting minutes and Ed Cordwell seconded. The motion passed with four (4) votes. (Jenny Selin abstained because she was not present at the previous meeting).

Oral Communications: Nicholas Austin, president of Your Community Foundation, was present to discuss the YCF agreements. Bill Kawecki observed.

Correspondence: Director Burch provided the board with a copy of a letter from Margaret Roberts regarding the Jack Roberts Park wall. Director Burch will respond. She has been in contact with members of the neighborhood group and will reach out to Mrs. Roberts as well.

Financial Report: Ed Cordwell moved to accept the financial report and Ron Justice seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report: Nancy Ganz mentioned that the Tree Board will be developing tree succession plans for Paul Preserve and the Caperton Trail Entrance due to the ash tree problem.

New Business:

- **YCF Agreements** – Nicholas Austin presented an overview of the proposed agreement with Your Community Foundation for a Pass-Through Fund and an Endowment Fund. Ed Cordwell motioned to accept the proposed agreements as presented for a Pass-Through Fund of \$5,000 and an Endowment Fund of \$25,000 to be setup at Your Community Foundation. Ron Justice seconded. Discussion was held surrounding the need for separate funding of this nature and the overall structure of BOPARC. The discussion ended with Denver Allen clarifying that this motion was simply to set up an interest bearing Pass-Through Account to address more immediate needs and an Endowment Account for more long-term goals and larger needs. The formation of a specific fund-raising body and BOPARC's future make-up were clarified as separate issues and not part of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- **MRTC Request** – MRTC has requested using Marilla Park for an event. Director Burch recommended that the Board provide Marilla Park to them for the day. Nancy Ganz moved to allow MRTC to use Marilla Park for their event on Sunday, October 25th. Ron Justice seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **September Meeting** – Director Burch will be out of Morgantown for the September Board Meeting date. She presented two possible solutions to the board. The meeting could be rescheduled for September 17, 21, 22, 23, or postponed until October. Denver Allen motioned to postpone until October for the regularly scheduled meeting. Ron Justice seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Comments: Ed Cordwell requested that the board stay on agenda and limit comments to the end of the meeting.

Denver Allen suggested that we prioritize BOPARC's needs. He would like to see two or three board members be designated to work with Director Burch on determining the needs of the organization.

Nancy Ganz noted that when voting for the Urban Deer Hunt last meeting, she believed she was voting to keep things the same until after the survey in January but in fact she was voting for the hunt to be changed.

Jenny Selin asked the board questions on how it operates. She also asked if a levy to support BOPARC is considered in the future.

Ron Justice stated that BOPARC should refocus efforts on recreation and that the community's need for larger arts and culture based pursuits may warrant a separate department or organization.

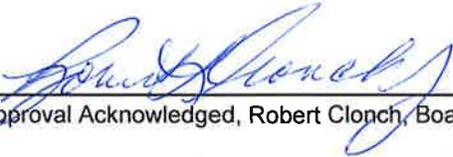
Adjournment: Ed Cordwell motioned for adjournment at 6:43pm and Bob Clonch seconded. Meeting adjourned by unanimous agreement.

Brooke McKinney

10/22/15

Respectfully Submitted, Brooke McKinney, Secretary to the Board

Date



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Approval Acknowledged, Robert Clonch, Board President

Date