

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Great Parks of Hamilton County was held on this day, 1:00 p.m., at 10245 Winton Road, Cincinnati, OH 45231.

Board President William J. Burwinkel opened the meeting and led the Board, staff and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners - Burwinkel, Thompson, Seta, Niehoff
Staff: Sutton, McDonough, Palmeter, Mowery, Henninger, Frazer, R Spreckelmeier, Weber, Rogers, Stultz, Collins, Sonnenberg, Strader, Stern, Helms, Ference, Bruce, Sergent, J Spreckelmeier, Cribbet, Thomason, Schirmer, Walton, Babak, Dearing, Ferrell, Liedhegner, Hartman, Sivak, Combs, Whitton, Roselle, Wiita, Steele, Brewer, Coler, Banks, Abell, Swigart, Creighton, Nurre, Kerr, Jenkins, Brode, Flynn, Zelek
Guests: Bobbi Strangfeld, Alicia Culman and Rhea Floyd with Great Parks Forever

Board President Burwinkel recognized the Marketing Team for receiving the 2019 National Association of County Parks and Recreation Officials (NACPRO) Award for Marketing for Great Parks' "Closer than You Think" campaign. Mr. Burwinkel also announced that Chief Executive Officer Jack Sutton has been selected as the recipient of the 2019 NACPRO Award in the Professional – Lifetime category.

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1. RESOLUTION NO. 3554 - BILLS & PAYROLL RESOLUTION: The Board reviewed the Bills and Payroll Resolution asking staff to provide clarifying information on the content and scope of several payment items. Following a thorough discussion, the Board found the staff explanations acceptable and satisfactory. Upon motion duly made by Thompson and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Bills & Payroll Resolution.
2. RESOLUTION NO. 3555 – APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER: Upon motion duly made by Niehoff and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Appointment of Treasurer Resolution, appointing Rebecca McDonough as Treasurer.
3. RESOLUTION NO. 3556 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHECK SIGNERS: Upon motion duly made by Thompson and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Resolution Authorizing Check Signers.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 3557 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INVESTMENTS: Upon motion duly made by Niehoff and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Resolution Authorizing Investments.
5. RESOLUTION NO. 3558 – REQUEST OF FUNDS FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) AND DESIGNATION OF PROJECTS FOR OHIO PARK DISTRICTS ROADWORK FUND FY 2020-2021 THROUGH THE OHIO PARKS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION (OPRA): Upon motion duly made by Seta and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the resolution authorizing Great Parks of Hamilton County to participate in the Request of Funds from the Ohio Department of Transportation for Ohio Park Districts Roadwork Fund FY 2020-2021.
6. RESOLUTION NO. 3559 - BUDGET ADJUSTMENT - APRIL 2019: Upon motion duly made by Seta and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Budget Adjustment - April 2019 Resolution.
7. DONATIONS: Upon motion duly made by Niehoff and unanimously carried, the Board approved accepting the donations received during March 2019. The letter from the Judge of Probate Court approving acceptance of the terms of the gifts will be attached to the Final Minutes.
8. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATES:

Monday	May 13, 2019	9:00 a.m.	Winton Centre Board Governance Workshop
Thursday	May 16, 2019	1:00 p.m.	Winton Centre
Thursday	June 20, 2019	1:00 p.m.	Winton Centre

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9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion duly made by Thompson and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Final Minutes of the Board meeting of March 21, 2019.
10. WOODLAND MOUND FITNESS EQUIPMENT COURSE: Upon motion duly made by Seta and unanimously carried, the Board authorized an award of contract through the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance (an OMNIA Partner) in the amount of \$110,262.00 to GameTime c/o DWA Recreation, Inc.
11. PURCHASING CARD POLICY: Upon motion duly made by Niehoff and unanimously carried, the Board approved the revised Purchasing Card Policy as presented.

II - MONITORING REPORTS

12. MONITORING REPORT – TREATMENT OF STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS. The Board reviewed the Monitoring Report for Treatment of Staff and Volunteers. After a thorough discussion, the Board found the report to be reasonable and acceptable. The Board then ordered the report filed for the record.
13. MONITORING REPORT – FINANCIAL CONDITIONS AND ACTIVITIES. The Board reviewed the Monitoring Report for Financial Conditions and Activities. After a thorough discussion, the Board found the report to be reasonable and acceptable. The Board then ordered the report filed for the record.

III – GENERAL REPORTS

14. 2019 GRANT AWARDS: Ordered filed for the record.
15. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chief Executive Officer Jack Sutton addressed the Board, staff and volunteers with the following remarks:

"With this being my last Regular Board meeting, I wanted to take the opportunity to express my sincere appreciation. I feel so very fortunate to have spent 30 years with Great Parks of Hamilton County. Throughout its 89 year history, Great Parks has had only 23 individual Park Commissioners and I have had the honor to serve under the leadership of 14 of these Board members. Thank you to the Board for all of the support you have provided the staff and me over the years.

Thank you to all of our staff and volunteers for the things you do every day. You are an incredible team that produces phenomenal outcomes. For example, you take care of more than 4 million visitors per year. They come to walk our trails, play golf and go camping; you create and manage habitat for both common and uncommon plants and animals; you are the deliverers of our guest experiences; you are the stewards of our natural resources; you are the reason Great Parks is held in such high esteem throughout the region. Once again, thank you for all you've done. You guys rock! Keep it up!"

Board President Bill Burwinkel thanked Jack for his comments and shared that he'd served on many boards and has been involved with many organizations over the years. And this organization is truly the most extraordinary organization he's ever been associated with. Mr. Burwinkel further stated this is because of the team, and the leadership.

IV – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Seta to go into Executive Session at 1:46 p.m. to discuss a land acquisition matter and a personnel matter. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Seta - Aye, Mr. Niehoff - Aye, Mr. Burwinkel - Aye, Mr. Thompson - Aye

Following the Executive Session, a motion was made by Seta and seconded by Thompson to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 2:06 p.m. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Niehoff - Aye, Mr. Burwinkel - Aye, Mr. Thompson - Aye, Mr. Seta - Aye

- 16. PERSONNEL MATTER: Upon motion duly made by Seta and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Todd Palmeter as Chief Executive Officer effective May 16, 2019 and authorized the Board President to sign the personnel status form.

There being no further matters to come before the Board, a motion was made by Seta, seconded by Thompson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
 Chief Executive Officer