REGULAR MEETING September 19, 2019

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, Seta, Niehoff, Thompson, Warner
Guests: William Garnett, Laura Abrams

GENERAL

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS: No one requested to address the Board.

2. AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

Mr. William Garnett addressed the Board expressing his appreciation for everything Great Parks does to connect people to nature and the opportunity to donate funds to create the William and Gina Gerwin Garnett Wildflower Overlook. As an expression of their gratitude, the Board presented Mr. Garnett with a gift of framed artwork replicas of the two interpretive signs located at the Wildflower Overlook.

Chief Executive Officer Todd Palmeter notified the Board of the following:

Volunteer Recognition Event on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at the Cincinnati Museum Center.

Andrew Collins, Chief Financial Officer, introduced new employee Brian Davis, Network Specialist.

Brett Henninger, Chief of Conservation & Parks, introduced new employees Jeremy Barkley, C&P Technician at Sharon Woods; Tom Barth, Certified Mechanic at Winton Woods; John Walker, C&P Manager at Little Miami; Moran Slakmon, Sustainability Coordinator.

Chief Spreckelmeier introduced new employees Andrew Nealan, Ranger in the West Region; Keely Grogan, Ranger in the Central Region.
3. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATES:

    Thursday  October 17, 2019  *  9:00 a.m.  Winton Centre
    Thursday  November 21, 2019  1:00 p.m.  Winton Centre

    * Board tour will follow the regular meeting

**ACTION**

4. RESOLUTION #3575 – 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 Niehoff and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Bills & Payroll Resolution.

5. RESOLUTION #3576 – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2020-2021 BIENNIAL ALLOCATION & REDISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS: Upon motion duly made by Niehoff and unanimously carried, the Board approved the resolution authorizing Great Parks of Hamilton County to pay any costs greater than $373,994.80 for the 2020-2021 Biennium Allocation & Redistribution of Funds, plus any carryover funds from previous biennia, in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation for Ohio Park Districts Roadwork Fund FY 2020-2021.

6. RESOLUTION #3577 – ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR: Upon motion duly made by Thompson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

7. DONATIONS: Upon motion duly made by Niehoff and unanimously carried, the Board approved accepting the donations received during August 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion duly made by Seta and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Final Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 15, 2019.

9. CAPITAL PURCHASE - COUNTERPOINT HARDWARE PURCHASE: Upon motion duly made by Warner and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of 62 HP EliteOne All-in-One machines in the amount of $78,505.02.
10. CAPITAL PURCHASE - LAW ENFORCEMENT IN-CAR AND BODY WORN CAMERAS:
Upon motion duly made by Seta and unanimously carried, the Board approved the
purchase of 21 WatchGuard 4RE In-Car cameras and 45 VISTA HD Extended
Wearable Body Worn cameras in the amount of $260,719.00.

11. BID TAB - LITTLE MIAMI SCENIC TRAIL – NEWTOWN ROAD TO WALTON CREEK:
Upon motion duly made by Niehoff and unanimously carried, the Board rejected the
Base Bid and Bid Alternates No. 1 & 2 submitted by Prus Construction since they
exceed the published estimate for the combined work by more than 10%.

MONITORING REPORTS

GENERAL REPORTS

12. NONE

13. NATURE CENTER AT THE SUMMIT: Ordered filed for the record

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Seta and seconded by Thompson to go into Executive Session at
1:45 p.m. to review pending or imminent court action and to consider the employment and
compensation of public employees. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Seta - Aye, Mr.
Burwinkel - Aye, Mr. Niehoff - Aye, Ms. Warner - Aye, Mr. Thompson - Aye

Following the Executive Session, a motion was made by Seta and seconded by Thompson
to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 2:52 p.m. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr.
Burwinkel - Aye, Mr. Niehoff - Aye, Ms. Warner - Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Mr. Seta - Aye
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Board, a motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Warner and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

Board of Park Commissioners
Great Parks of Hamilton County

William J. Burwinkel, President

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Marcus L. Thompson

Geraldine Warner

ATTEST:

Todd Palmetto, Chief Executive Officer