

REGULAR MEETING

May 19, 2022

The Regular 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 Caren Laverty opened the meeting and led the Board and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners: Laverty, Burwinkel, DeGraffenreid, Seta, Thompson

Staff: Palmeter, Henninger, Collins, Culman, deJesus, Messerschmitt, Rahe, Snow, Zelek, Schirmer, Fogle, Meehan, Brabender, Farmer, Miner, Gulley, Hill, Melvin, Bruce, Sonnenberg, Robertson, Wiita, Helmes, Ference

Guests: Kurt Irey, Katie Barbieri

GENERAL

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

2. AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

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

- Chief of Guest Experiences Rachel Messerschmitt introduced new employee Jack Fogle, Interpreter, Miami Whitewater Forest.
- Chief of Guest Experiences Rachel Messerschmitt introduced newly promoted employee Ellen Meehan, Interpreter, Glenwood Gardens.
- Chief of Conservation & Parks Jason Rahe introduced new employee David Brabender, Conservation & Parks Technician, Winton Woods.
- Chief of Conservation & Parks Jason Rahe introduced new employee Reagan Farmer, Conservation & Parks Technician, Winton Woods.
- Chief of Conservation & Parks Jason Rahe introduced newly promoted employee Hayley Miner, Conservation & Parks Technician, Winton Woods.
- Chief of Conservation & Parks Jason Rahe introduced new employee Todd Gulley, Certified Master Mechanic, Winton Woods.
- Ranger Chief Scott Snow introduced new employee Ian Hill, Park Ranger, Shawnee Lookout.
- Chief of Planning Tim Zelek introduced new employee Edward Melvin, Park Landscape Architect.
- On April 20, 2022, Chief Executive Officer Todd Palmeter signed the Hamilton County Pay Equity Commitment.
- On April 21, 2022, Vice President of Cohen Recycling Adam Dumas presented Chief Executive Officer Todd Palmeter with a \$3,372 check for the lights collected this year.

3. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATES:

Thursday	June 16, 2022	1:00 p.m.	Winton Centre
Thursday	July 21, 2022	1:00 p.m.	Winton Centre

ACTION

4. RESOLUTION #3713 – BILLS & PAYROLL RESOLUTION: Upon motion duly made by Seta, seconded by Burwinkel, the Board approved the Bills & Payroll Resolution. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Ms. DeGraffenreid – Aye, Ms. Laverty – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye.

The Board noted a payment to the Hamilton County Auditor.

5. RESOLUTION #3714 – THEN & NOW RESOLUTION: Upon motion duly made by DeGraffenreid, seconded by Thompson, the Board approved the Then and Now explanations presented in the resolution. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Ms. DeGraffenreid – Aye, Ms. Laverty – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye.
6. RESOLUTION #3715 – RESOLUTION RENEWING THE INVESTMENT POLICY: Chief Financial Officer Andrew Collins presented the Resolution Renewing the Investment Policy. The staff led a thorough discussion, providing clarifying information on the use of brokerage funds, the original source of the funds invested, and banking institutions. Upon motion duly made by Seta, seconded by Burwinkel, the Board approved the Investment Policy as presented in the resolution. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Ms. Laverty – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Ms. DeGraffenreid – Aye.
7. RESOLUTION #3716 – SHARON WOODS SHARON CENTRE PLAYGROUND – RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AND FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF OHIO NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM: Chief Executive Officer Todd Palmeter presented Resolution #3716 to the Board. The staff answered the Board's questions about the amount of the grant match and the maximum amount we could receive. Upon motion duly made by Thompson, seconded by DeGraffenreid, the Board approved Resolution #3716, authorizing the Chief Executive Officer and his designees to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources under the NatureWorks Grant Program. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Ms. DeGraffenreid – Aye, Ms. Laverty – Aye.

8. RESOLUTION #3717 – RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – THAN CRAMER: Upon motion duly made by Burwinkel, seconded by Seta, the Board approved the Resolution of Appreciation for Than Cramer, Golf Maintenance Technician, who has retired with 30 years of service with Great Parks of Hamilton County. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Thompson – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Ms. DeGraffenreid – Aye, Ms. Lavery – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye.
9. DONATIONS: Upon motion duly made by Seta, seconded by DeGraffenreid, and unanimously carried, the Board approved accepting the donations received during April 2022. The letter from the Judge of Probate Court approving acceptance of the terms of the gifts will be attached to the Final Minutes. Ms. DeGraffenreid noted a typographical error in the first donation listed, which should be the amount of \$10,000.
10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion duly made by DeGraffenreid, seconded by Burwinkel, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Final Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 21, 2022. Ms. Lavery and Mr. Thompson abstained from voting on this motion.

MONITORING REPORTS

11. ENDS PRIORITY 2: Chief of Guest Experiences Rachel Messerschmitt presented the Ends Priority 2 report to the Board. After a thorough discussion, the Board determined the report to be reasonable and acceptable. The Board then ordered the report filed for the record.

The Board complimented the staff on the informative nature of the report. The Board commented on public support for expanding mountain bike trails and blueways and on data collection practices using technology.

12. PURCHASING CARD COMPLIANCE OFFICER: HRIS & Payroll Administrator Rich Sonnenberg presented the Purchasing Card Compliance Officer report to the Board, reporting compliance. The Board ordered the report filed for the record.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Following the Executive Session, a motion was made by Seta and seconded by DeGraffenreid to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 3:10 p.m. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Ms. DeGraffenreid – Aye, Ms. Lavery – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye.

ACTION

13. LAND ITEM: Upon motion duly made by Thompson, seconded by Seta, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the CEO and his designees to negotiate with Water and Land Solutions and to execute the necessary documents for environmental covenants in the central region of Hamilton County.
14. LAND ITEM: Upon motion duly made by Burwinkel, seconded by Lavery, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the CEO and his designees to negotiate with Water and Land Solutions and to execute the necessary documents for environmental covenants in the west region of Hamilton County.
15. LAND ITEM: Upon motion duly made by Burwinkel, seconded by Thompson, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the CEO and his designees to negotiate with Anderson Township and to execute the necessary documents concerning an existing easement in the east region of Hamilton County.

Per the Board's request, Park Landscape Architect Ben Helmes updated the Board on the Beechmont Bridge Connector project. If construction continues on schedule, the project will be substantially complete by August 31, 2022. CEO Palmeter informed the Board that Great Parks would be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the event.

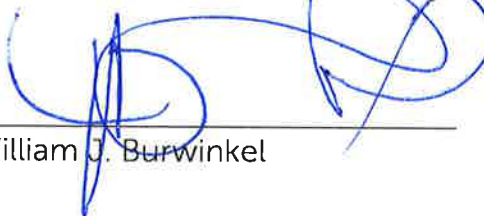
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Board, a motion was made by Seta, seconded by DeGraffenreid, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

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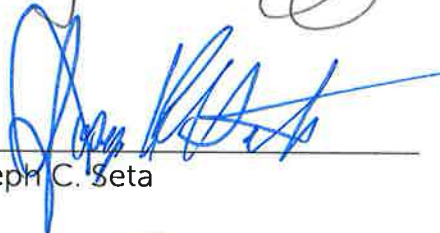
Caren Laverty, President



William J. Burwinkel



Stacey DeGraffenreid



Joseph C. Seta



Marcus Thompson

ATTEST:



Todd Palmeter, Chief Executive Officer