REGULAR MEETING

May 21, 2020

Board President Marcus Thompson called the video conference meeting to order at 1 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners: Thompson, Burwinkel, Niehoff, Seta, Warner
Staff: Palmeter, McDonough, Henninger, Collins, Culman, Frazer, Messerschmitt, Rahe, Zelek, Sonnenberg, Ference
Guests: None

GENERAL

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

2. AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

   Board members expressed their gratitude to Chief Operating Officer Rebecca McDonough for her dedicated service.

   Rebecca McDonough, Chief Operating Officer, introduced new employee Rachel Messerschmitt, Chief of Guest Experiences.

   Rebecca McDonough, Chief Operating Officer, introduced newly promoted employee Jason Rahe, Chief of Conservation and Parks.

3. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATES:

   Thursday June 18, 2020 1:00 p.m.

   Thursday July 16, 2020 1:00 p.m.

ACTION

4. RESOLUTION #3602 − 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 Burwinkel, seconded by Seta, the Board approved the Bills & Payroll Resolution. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Niehoff – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. Warner – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye.
5. RESOLUTION #3603 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHECK SIGNERS: Upon motion duly made by Warner, seconded by Niehoff, the Board approved the Resolution Authorizing Check Signers. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Niehoff – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. Warner – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye.

6. RESOLUTION #3604 – BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Upon motion duly made by Seta, seconded by Warner, the Board approved the Budget Adjustment Resolution. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. Warner – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Niehoff – Aye.

7. RESOLUTION #3605 – THEN & NOW RESOLUTION: Upon motion duly made by Burwinkel, seconded by Niehoff, the Board approved the Then and Now Resolution. Roll Call vote was as follows: Ms. Warner – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Niehoff – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye.

8. RESOLUTION #3606 – RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO MAKE ADVANCE PAYMENTS OF TAXES: Upon motion duly made by Seta, seconded by Warner, the Board approved the Resolution Requesting the County Auditor to make Advance Payments of Taxes. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Niehoff – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. Warner – Aye.

9. RESOLUTION #3607 – RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – TERRY HOWELL: Upon motion duly made by Niehoff, seconded by Burwinkel, the Board approved the Resolution of Appreciation for Terry Howell, Mechanic, who is retiring with fifteen years of service with Great Parks of Hamilton County. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Niehoff – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. Warner – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye.

10. RESOLUTION #3608 – RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – RANDI GREATHOUSE: Upon motion duly made by Warner, seconded by Burwinkel, the Board approved the Resolution of Appreciation for Randi Greathouse, Interpreter, who is retiring with twenty-seven years of service with Great Parks of Hamilton County. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Niehoff – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. Warner – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye.

11. RESOLUTION #3609 – RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – WAYNE HAWKINS: Upon motion duly made by Seta, seconded by Warner, the Board approved the Resolution of Appreciation for Wayne Hawkins, Conservation and Parks Technician, who is retiring with thirty years of service with Great Parks of Hamilton County. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. Warner – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Niehoff – Aye.
12. **RESOLUTION #3610 – RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – BILL MOWERY**: Upon motion duly made by Seta, seconded by Burwinkel, the Board approved the Resolution of Appreciation for Bill Mowery, Chief of Guest Experiences, who is retiring with thirty-five years of service with Great Parks of Hamilton County. Roll Call vote was as follows: Ms. Warner – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Niehoff – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye.

13. **RESOLUTION #3611 – RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – JOSEPH MOONEY**: Upon motion duly made by Burwinkel, seconded by Niehoff, the Board approved the Resolution of Appreciation for Joseph Mooney, Conservation and Parks Technician, who is retiring with thirty-two years of service with Great Parks of Hamilton County. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Niehoff – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. Warner – Aye.

14. **RESOLUTION #3612 – RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – CAROLYN POTTSCHMIDT**: Upon motion duly made by Warner, seconded by Burwinkel, the Board approved the Resolution of Appreciation for Carolyn Pottschmidt, Director of Conservation and Parks West Region, who is retiring with thirty-two years of service with Great Parks of Hamilton County. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Niehoff – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. Warner – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye.

15. **DONATIONS**: Upon motion duly made by Niehoff, seconded by Warner, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the donations received during April 2020. The letter from the Judge of Probate Court approving acceptance of the terms of the gifts will be attached to the Final Minutes.

16. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: Upon motion duly made by Warner, seconded by Burwinkel, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Final Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 16, 2020.

17. **BID TAB – VENDOR FOR CARBONATED AND NON-CARBONATED BEVERAGES**: Upon motion duly made by Seta, seconded by Niehoff, and unanimously carried, the Board awarded a contract to Pepsi Beverages Company for a four year period based on product pricing submitted in their bid.

**MONITORING REPORTS**

18. **ENDS POLICY PRIORITY 2**: The Board ordered the report filed for the record.

**GENERAL REPORTS**

19. **PURCHASING CARD COMPLIANCE OFFICER**: The Board ordered the report filed for the record.
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Board, a motion was made by Seta, seconded by Burwinkel, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, the preceding minutes were approved at a virtual public meeting of the Board authorized by Section 12 of Am. Sub. H.B. No. 197 and have the same effect and effective dates as if the minutes were approved in a public meeting. As none of the Commissioners or the Chief Executive Officer were physically present for the meeting, the signatures were provided on the dates indicated by each signature.

Board of Park Commissioners
Great Parks of Hamilton County

Approved at a public meeting 06/18/2020
Marcus L. Thompson, President Date

Approved at a public meeting 06/18/2020
William J. Burwinkel Date

Approved at a public meeting 06/18/2020
HC Buck Niehoff Date

Approved at a public meeting 06/18/2020
Joseph C. Seta Date

Absent                   Absent
Geraldine Warner Date

ATTEST:

Approved at a public meeting 06/18/2020
Todd Palmeter, Chief Executive Officer Date