

REGULAR MEETING

August 20, 2020

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

Board President Marcus Thompson opened the meeting and led the Board, staff, and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners: Thompson, Burwinkel, Niehoff, Seta, Warner
Staff: Palmeter, Henninger, Collins, Culman, Frazer, Messerschmitt, Rahe, Snow, Zelek, Calvert, Roselle, Ference
Guests: Ryan Howell, Rick Spreckelmeier

GENERAL

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS: No one requested to address the Board.
2. AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

Board President Marcus Thompson presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Terry Howell. Terry retired on January 31, 2020, with fifteen years of service as a Mechanic. Ryan Howell accepted the award on behalf of his father.

Board President Marcus Thompson presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Richard Spreckelmeier. Rick retired on February 29, 2020, with thirty-one years of service as Ranger Chief.

CEO Todd Palmeter notified the Board of the following:

Great Parks won second place in the Map Series or Atlas category at the virtual ESRI User Conference held in July 2020. Authors of the maps were Shannon Stern, GIS Coordinator, and Lindsey Combs, Graphic Designer.

Great Parks was awarded the 2020 National Association of County Park and Recreation Association (NACPRO) – Environmental/Conservation Award for the Holiday Lights Recycling Program.

3. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATES:

Thursday	September 17, 2020	1:00 p.m.	Winton Centre
Thursday	October 15, 2020*	9:00 a.m.	Winton Centre

* Board tour will follow the regular meeting

ACTION

4. RESOLUTION #3623 – BILLS & PAYROLL RESOLUTION: Mr. Seta submitted two payment items for review. The first item was to MKSK for master planning consulting services. The second item was to Government Strategies Group for government relations and public policy services. The staff led a thorough discussion, providing clarifying information on the content and scope of the payment items. The Board found the staff explanations acceptable and satisfactory. Upon motion duly made by Burwinkel, seconded by Niehoff, 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 #3624 – BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: The staff presented the budget adjustment and responded to questions from the Board pertaining to investment performance and reallocation of funds. Upon motion duly made by Niehoff, seconded by Burwinkel, the Board approved the Budget Adjustment Resolution. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Niehoff – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. Warner – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye.
6. DONATIONS: Upon motion duly made by Seta, seconded by Warner, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the donations received during July 2020. The letter from the Judge of Probate Court approving acceptance of the terms of the gifts will be attached to the Final Minutes.
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion duly made by Niehoff, seconded by Seta, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Final Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 16, 2020.

Upon motion duly made by Seta, seconded by Niehoff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Final Minutes of the Special Board meeting of August 5, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Burwinkel to go into Executive Session at 1:23 p.m. to consider the sale or other disposition of property and to consider the employment and compensation of public employees. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. Warner – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Niehoff – Aye.

Following the Executive Session, a motion was made by Seta and seconded by Niehoff to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 2:34 p.m. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Ms. Warner – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Niehoff – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye.

ACTION

8. LAND ITEM: Upon a motion duly made by Burwinkel, seconded by Niehoff, the Board authorized the staff to negotiate a land acquisition proposal for a 22 acre parcel in the western region of the city of Cincinnati. Voting on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Seta, Mr. Niehoff, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Burwinkel

Nays: None

Abstain: Ms. Warner

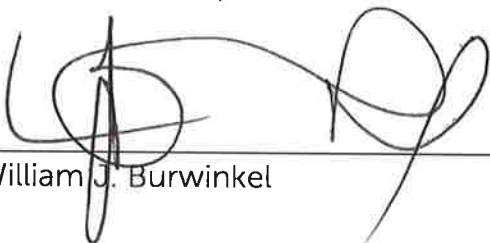
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Board, a motion was made by Seta, seconded by Niehoff, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Board of Park Commissioners
Great Parks of Hamilton County



Marcus L. Thompson, President

William J. Burwinkel

HC Buck Niehoff

Joseph C. Seta

Absent

Geraldine Warner

ATTEST:



Todd Palmeter, Chief Executive Officer