

REGULAR MEETING

September 17, 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
Staff: Palmeter, Henninger, Collins, Culman, Messerschmitt, Calvert, Roell, Spencer, Ference
Guests: Randi Greathouse, Joseph Mooney, Laura Abrams

GENERAL

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

Board President Marcus Thompson presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Randi Greathouse. Randi retired as an Interpreter on March 31, 2020, with twenty-seven years of service.

Board President Marcus Thompson presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Joseph Mooney. Joe retired as a Conservation and Parks Technician on April 30, 2020, with thirty-two years of service.

CEO Todd Palmeter notified the Board of the following:

Great Parks has fulfilled the requirements needed to achieve certification set forth by the Queen City Certified employer rating system. As a 2020 Queen City Certified Leader in Gender Equity, Great Parks of Hamilton County has demonstrated a commitment to fostering a more inclusive and equitable workplace.

Jessica Spencer, Director of Natural Resources, was selected for the Forty Under 40 award. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Cincinnati Business Courier's program that honors the next generation of leaders and innovators in greater Cincinnati.

Amy Roell, Director of Education & Events, was selected as one of the two winners of the National Association of Interpreters (NAI) 2020 Master Interpretive Manager Award. The recipient must demonstrate a mastery of interpretive technique, site or program and staff management, and a respected ability to pass these skills on to others.

Daniel Calvert, Director of Design and Land Acquisition, received the Park Pride 2020 Inspiration Award. Park Pride is an Atlanta-based nonprofit organization, and the award honors leaders who inspire others to expand and improve public parks and green spaces, and demonstrate a profound commitment to strengthening the connection between parks and their surrounding community.

Great Parks has officially joined the Cincinnati 2030 District. The Cincinnati 2030 District is a membership organization facilitated by Green Umbrella. Participating members make a collective commitment to reduce their buildings' energy use, water consumption, and transportation emissions by 50% by the year 2030.

Mr. Burwinkel requested a document outlining Great Parks' recent Awards and Recognitions.

3. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATES:

Thursday	October 15, 2020*	3:00 p.m.	Winton Centre
Thursday	November 19, 2020	1:00 p.m.	Winton Centre

* A regular meeting will follow the Board tour.

ACTION

4. RESOLUTION #3625 – BILLS & PAYROLL RESOLUTION: The Board submitted five payment items for review: Lexipol, LLC for law enforcement policy manuals and training bulletins; Sunesis Construction for the Little Miami Scenic Trail Newtown Road to Walton Creek project; CBTS for VOIP system consulting fees; Rhonda Walter (Walter Hardwood Flooring) for the restoration of the Hayloft Barn floor at Parky's Farm. 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 Niehoff, seconded by Burwinkel, the Board approved the Bills & Payroll Resolution. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Niehoff – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye.
5. RESOLUTION #3626 – ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY AUDITOR: The staff presented amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Hamilton County Auditor. Upon motion duly made by Burwinkel, seconded by Seta, the Board approved Resolution #3626 as presented. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Niehoff – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye.

6. DONATIONS: Upon motion duly made by Seta, seconded by Niehoff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the donations received during August 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 Burwinkel, seconded by Niehoff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Final Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 20, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Niehoff and seconded by Burwinkel to go into Executive Session at 1:25 p.m. to consider the sale or other disposition of property, and to consider the employment and compensation of public employees. The Board will also go into a training session to obtain information from legal counsel on the Board's general legal responsibilities regarding open meetings and public records. This training session will be for information gathering only and will not include any deliberations or actions of the Board. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Thompson – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Niehoff – Aye.

Following the Executive Session, a motion was made by Niehoff and seconded by Seta to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 2:55 p.m. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Niehoff – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye.

ACTION

8. LAND ITEM: Upon a motion duly made by Niehoff, seconded by Seta, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the staff to complete final negotiations and to execute the Grant of Easement with Duke Energy for Francis RecreAcres and Francis Property.
9. LAND ITEM: Upon a motion duly made by Seta, seconded by Burwinkel, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the staff to negotiate land acquisition proposals for a 1-acre parcel and a 5-acre parcel in the western region of Hamilton County.

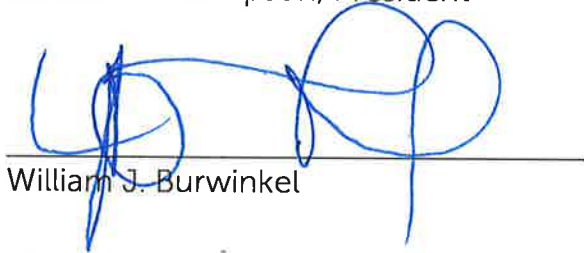
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Board, a motion was made by Burwinkel, seconded by Seta, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Board of Park Commissioners
Great Parks of Hamilton County



Marcus L. Thompson, President



William J. Burwinkel

Absent

HC Buck Niehoff



Joseph C. Seta

Absent

Geraldine Warner

ATTEST:



Todd Palmetter, Chief Executive Officer