

REGULAR MEETING

October 15, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Great Parks of Hamilton County held on this day, 3:00 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, Seta
 Staff: Palmeto, Henninger, Collins, Culman, Messerschmitt, Zelek, Calvert, Sonnenberg, Ference
 Guests: Jim Wilz

GENERAL

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

2. AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

The Board acknowledged the loss of a dear friend to Great Parks, John Ruthven, with a moment of silence.

3. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATES:

Thursday	November 19, 2020	1:00 p.m.	Winton Centre
Thursday	December 17, 2020	1:00 p.m.	Winton Centre

ACTION

4. RESOLUTION #3627 – 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. Thompson – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye.
5. RESOLUTION #3628 – BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Upon motion duly made by Burwinkel, seconded by Seta, the Board approved the Budget Adjustment Resolution. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye.

6. RESOLUTION #3629 – RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY AND EXECUTE AN APPLICATION UNDER ODNR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM: Upon motion duly made by Seta, seconded by Burwinkel, the Board approved Resolution #3629 authorizing staff to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye.
7. DONATIONS: Upon motion duly made by Burwinkel, seconded by Seta, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the donations received during September 2020. 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, seconded by Burwinkel, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Final Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 17, 2020.

Upon motion duly made by Seta, seconded by Burwinkel, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Final Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 30, 2020.
9. CAPITAL PURCHASE – SERVER HARDWARE REPLACEMENT: Upon motion duly made by Burwinkel, seconded by Seta, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of five replacement servers with storage in the amount of \$79,535 from Summit Digital Networks.

MONITORING REPORTS

10. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS & ACTIVITIES: Mr. Thompson asked questions regarding the process of selling stock. CFO Andy Collins explained how he works with Great Parks' broker including long term strategies.. The Board ordered the report filed for the record.
11. COMPENSATION & BENEFITS: The Board ordered the report filed for the record.

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12. PURCHASING CARD COMPLIANCE OFFICER: The Board thanked the staff for the report and ordered the report filed for the record.

13. BOARD TOUR DISCUSSION:

Board President Marcus Thompson thanked the staff for the experience and enjoyed interacting with the Great Parks' team. He also thanked the other guests for attending the 2020 Board Tour.

Mr. Burwinkel discussed the mowing routine at the former golf course site at Shawnee Lookout and appreciated the staff's dialogue about the reduced mowing schedule. Mr. Burwinkel further complimented staff on their ingenuity in the harvesting and reuse of golf course greens at other park district courses during the golf course decommissioning.

Mr. Burwinkel discussed his thoughts on Legacy benches offered through Great Parks Forever and methods to memorialize donors.

CEO Todd Palmeter thanked the Board for the opportunity to showcase our West Region parks and Adventure Outpost, the staff for preparing the interactive stops, presentations, and lunch.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Seta and seconded by Burwinkel to go into Executive Session at 3:35 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, Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye.

Following the Executive Session, a motion was made by Burwinkel and seconded by Seta to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 4:10 p.m. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Seta – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye.

ACTION

14. LAND ITEM: Upon a motion duly made by Seta, seconded by Burwinkel, the Board authorized the staff to negotiate a land acquisition proposal and authorized the CEO and CFO to execute the necessary documents for a 14.8-acre parcel in the eastern 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 4:15 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 11/19/20
Marcus L. Thompson, President Date

Approved at a public meeting 11/19/20
William J. Burwinkel Date

Approved at a public meeting 11/19/20
HC Buck Niehoff Date

Approved at a public meeting 11/19/20
Joseph C. Seta Date

Absent

Geraldine Warner Date

ATTEST:

Approved at a public meeting 11/19/20
Todd Palmeter, Chief Executive Officer Date