

REGULAR MEETING

August 19, 2021

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

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

Staff: Palmeter, Henninger, Collins, Culman, deJesus, Messerschmitt, Rahe, Snow, Zelek, Mlynarek, Grimm, Coogan, Bell, Schirmer, Ferrell, Murray, Osinski, Bruce, Creighton, Spencer, Ference

Guests: None

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:

- Ranger Chief Snow introduced new employee Doug Mlynarek, Ranger – Sharon Woods.
- Chief of Conservation & Parks Jason Rahe introduced newly promoted employee Steve Grimm, Urban Forester.
- Chief of Conservation & Parks Jason Rahe introduced employee Frank Coogan, Arborist.
- Chief of Planning Tim Zelek introduced new employee Janet Broughton Murray, Director of Design & Construction.
- Commissioner Stacey DeGraffenreid and Chief Executive Officer Todd Palmeter delivered "Parky's Great Adventure," and Parky stuffed animals to the Ronald McDonald House on August 10. Ranger Joel Altman wrote the book.
- The staff invited the Board of Park Commissioners to attend the upcoming Volunteer Celebrations.

3. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATES:

Thursday	September 16, 2021	1:00 p.m.	Winton Centre
Thursday	October 21, 2021	3:00 p.m.	Winton Centre*

* Board tour will precede the October 21 regular meeting, tentatively scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Please plan to arrive at 8:00 a.m.

ACTION

4. RESOLUTION #3678 – BILLS & PAYROLL RESOLUTION: Upon motion duly made by Seta, seconded by Lavery, the Board approved the Bills & Payroll Resolution. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Seta – Aye, Ms. Lavery – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. DeGraffenreid – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye.
5. RESOLUTION #3679 – BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Chief Financial Officer Andrew Collins presented the Budget Adjustment Resolution. The staff led a thorough discussion, providing clarifying information on the strategy for reducing the 2022 capital equipment need by purchasing some capital equipment in 2021. Upon motion duly made by DeGraffenreid, seconded by Lavery, the Board approved the budget adjustment as presented in the resolution. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Ms. Lavery – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. DeGraffenreid – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye.
6. RESOLUTION #3680 – LITTLE MIAMI RIVER ACCESS AT BASS ISLAND – RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY AND EXECUTE AN APPLICATION UNDER ODNR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM: Chief Executive Officer Todd Palmeter presented the resolution to the Board. The staff led a thorough discussion, providing clarifying information on the timeline of receiving the grant and integrating this project into Great Parks' blueway initiative. Upon motion duly made by Lavery, seconded by DeGraffenreid, the Board approved Resolution #3680, authorizing the CEO and his designees to apply for and execute an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources under the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. DeGraffenreid – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye, Ms. Lavery – Aye.
7. DONATIONS: Upon motion duly made by Burwinkel, seconded by Seta, and unanimously carried, the Board approved accepting the donations received during July 2021. 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 Lavery, seconded by Seta, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Final Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 15, 2021.

Upon motion duly made by Burwinkel, seconded by DeGraffenreid, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Final Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of July 22, 2021.
9. INSURANCE PROPOSAL: Risk Manager Dave Bruce presented the insurance proposal to the Board. The staff led a thorough discussion, providing clarifying information on cyber liability coverage and overall coverage limits. Upon motion duly made by Seta, seconded by Lavery, and unanimously carried, the Board approved awarding a

three-year term contract with The Ohio Plan commencing August 31, 2021, with Stolly Insurance Group as our broker.

10. GREAT PARKS FOREVER BOARD APPOINTMENT: Upon motion duly made by Burwinkel, seconded by Lavery, and unanimously carried, the Board, who serve as Members of Great Parks Forever, approved the Great Parks Forever Board of Director's recommendation to appoint Eric Mueller to the Board of Directors of Great Parks Forever for a three-year term ending December 31, 2024.

The Board commented on their excitement about Mr. Mueller's appointment.

GENERAL REPORTS

11. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & DATA MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW: Director of IT & Data Management Laurie Bell presented the Information Technology & Data Management Overview. 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 thanked the staff for the informative nature of the report.

12. FUTURE FUNDING PROJECT PRIORITIES: Chief Executive Officer Todd Palmeter presented the draft of the Park & Facility Master Plans and Critical Infrastructure priorities for the next ten years. 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 thanked the Executive Team and staff for generating the list of priorities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by DeGraffenreid and seconded by Thompson to go into Executive Session at 2:25 p.m. to consider the employment and compensation of public employees. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Ms. DeGraffenreid – Aye, Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye, Ms. Lavery – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye.

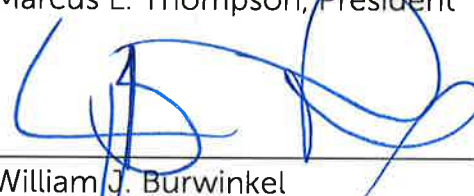
Following the Executive Session, a motion was made by Lavery and seconded by DeGraffenreid to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 3:03 p.m. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Mr. Burwinkel – Aye, Mr. Seta – Aye, Ms. Lavery – Aye, Mr. Thompson – Aye, Ms. DeGraffenreid – Aye.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Board, a motion was made by Burwinkel, seconded by Thompson, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Board of Park Commissioners
Great Parks of Hamilton County



Marcus L. Thompson, President

William J. Burwinkel

Stacey DeGraffenreid

Caren Laverty

Joseph C. Seta

ATTEST:



Todd Palmeter, Chief Executive Officer