

Regular Board Meeting – September 25, 2019

Resolution Summary

Resolution	Description	Byers	Dalton	Doneghy	Luetke	Savage	
Resolution No. 69-19	Ratification of Schedule of Payables		2 nd	Motioned			Approved
Resolution No. 70-19	Approval of Amendment and Supplement of the 2019 Certificate of Estimated Resources and Appropriations Measure	Motioned		2 nd			Approved
Resolution No. 71-19	Ratify Amendment to Board Resolution No. 122-18, "Authorization of Purchase Order for Purpose of General Liability, Etc. Insurance Coverage from Hylant Administrative Services"		Motioned		2 nd		Approved
Resolution No. 72-19	Revisions to Board Governance Policies	2 nd		Motioned			Approved
Resolution No. 73-19	Authorization to Request Funding through the Papoose Conservation Wildlife Foundation	2 nd			Motioned		Approved
Resolution No. 74-19	Authorization to Request Funding through People for Bikes	Motioned			2 nd		Approved
Resolution No. 75-19	Rejection of Bids: Glass City Metropark Bid Package No. 1, 1001 Front St., Toledo, OH 43608	Motioned	2 nd				Approved
Resolution No. 76-19	Contract Approval, Glass City Metropark Construction Manager At-Risk Services	Motioned		2 nd			Approved

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Board Minutes

METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF THE TOLEDO AREA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019, 8:30 A.M.

BROOKWOOD AREA

Commissioners Present:

Scott Savage, President
Lera Doneghy, Vice President
Fritz Byers, Vice President
Molly Luetke, Officer
Kevin Dalton, Officer

Executive Director, Dave Zenk

Dave Smigelski, Legal Counsel

Staff present: Jill Molnar, Matt Killam, Scott Carpenter, Emily Ziegler, Carrie Alexander, Allen Gallant, Ally Effler, Joe Fausnaugh, Tim Schetter, Nate Ramsey, Heather Mosqueda, Amy Mousing, Trish Hausknecht, Lori Miller, Bethany Sattler, Wendy Garczynski, Jon Zvanovec, and Brandon Townsend.

1. NON-RESOLUTION BOARD ITEMS

President Scott Savage called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Mr. Savage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Fritz Byers made a motion to approve the consent agenda and for the disposition of the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on August 21, 2019. This motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Dalton and approved.

3. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR AND EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT FOR BOARD REVIEW

A. Emily Ziegler (Chief of Planning) and Cheryl Zuellig (SmithGroup - Vice President, Director of Sites) – Glass City Metropark Update

Ms. Emily Ziegler and Ms. Cheryl Zuellig provided an overview of what the Glass City Metropark project will provide to the community and how the project will be constructed.

As Metroparks Toledo moves forward with Phase I construction beginning in September 2019, it is notable that Metroparks Toledo has already received over \$50 Million in private support, in large part because of the excitement already generated about the project within the community.

The team held community public open houses to further discuss the needs for this park. Some of the common themes included: making it a destination for the Northwest Ohio area; water quality; discovery play and winter play; the importance of connectivity; overall economic development; and maintaining the historical East Side of Toledo.

Ms. Zuellig reviewed various benchmark cities that illustrate many areas of growth, such as economic development, the number of new jobs in the area, and the destination component. These benchmark cities include: Louisville, KY; Chattanooga, TN; Grand Rapids, MI; Columbus, OH; and Detroit, MI.

Ms. Zuellig also reviewed the amenities which are part of Phase I construction, including a glass pavilion with a green roof, event lawn, sled hill, concessions, re-imagined marina, looped board walk system with play-type nodes for all ages, and a pedestrian bridge.

Ms. Zuellig discussed collaboration with the adjacent developer for the residential areas. This includes a trail system along the residential area and a shared wetlands area between both areas.

Mr. Savage stated that it is amazing to see that Metroparks has reached this point in the process. He commented that, having participated in a several stakeholder/community sessions, he is very excited to see the progress and what Metroparks is capable of accomplishing. He thanked all who have participated and driven this project.

Mr. Kevin Dalton inquired whether Metroparks Toledo will reach out to the community for additional input. Ms. Zuellig responded that, yes, Metroparks has started developing the Phase II schematic design, and will reach out to the public for further input.

Mr. Byers introduced special guest Councilman Peter Ujvagi and thanked Mr. Ujvagi for his hard work and dedication for the East Side Toledo community. Additionally, Mr. Byers thanked Ms. Ziegler for her dedication and hard work on this project, and thanked Ms. Zuellig for her passion and work on this project.

Ms. Molly Luetke inquired as to how Metroparks will communicate an update to the community. Mr. Scott Carpenter reported that there will be a news release at the conclusion of this Board meeting as well as an eNewsletter sent to all Metroparks Toledo Members.

Mr. Savage discussed the grant money identified for Phase I and how it ties into the larger vision for Metroparks and the greater Toledo area, including the East Side and the downtown community.

Mr. Peter Ujvagi stated that, with this project, it is important to connect Toledo to the Maumee River. He noted that currently there are only 3 access points over the Maumee River into the East Side of Toledo. He discussed future ways to connect International Park with Metroparks Toledo and the community. Mr. Ujvagi stated that as Metroparks Toledo further explores the development of the Nautical Mile, its efforts will provide an opportunity to unite Toledo and its communities through not only a welcoming riverfront, but a welcoming connection among the communities. He stated that the connection from International Park to Glass City Metropark is vitally important. Mr. Ujvagi thanked those who have worked on this project, and suggested it would be useful to hold another public meeting to update/offer input preferably in November or December.

B. Wendy Garczynski, Comptroller – Treasurer’s Report

Mrs. Wendy Garczynski stated that the report is trending as expected. Mr. Savage noted that within the tax revenue line, the variance is \$0, and he has never seen that in all his years on the Board. He stated that the strong fiscal responsibility that Metroparks continues to steward is so important.

4. BOARD APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS, DEEDS, AGREEMENTS, ETC.

- A. Mrs. Doneghy offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mr. Dalton:

Resolution No. 69-19 - Ratification of Schedule of Payables

After discussion and upon unanimous vote the resolution was declared duly adopted and recorded in the appendix to these minutes.

- B. Mr. Byers offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mrs. Doneghy:

Resolution No. 70-19 – Approval of Amendment and Supplement of the 2019 Certificate of Estimated Resources and Appropriations Measure

After discussion and upon unanimous vote the resolution was declared duly adopted and recorded in the appendix to these minutes.

- C. Mr. Dalton offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Ms. Luetke:

Resolution No. 71-19 – Ratify Amendment to Board Resolution No. 122-18, “Authorization of Purchase Order for Purpose of General Liability, Etc. Insurance Coverage from Hylant Administrative Services”

Mr. Dave Smigelski reported that this is primarily related to the deductible of this policy.

After discussion and upon unanimous vote the resolution was declared duly adopted and recorded in the appendix to these minutes.

- D. Mrs. Doneghy offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mr. Byers:

Resolution No. 72-19 – Revisions to Board Governance Policies

Ms. Carrie Alexander reported that Metroparks is updating its current policies. The updates adhere to Metroparks’ current practices, and incorporate a formal reflection of what Metroparks is already doing. Mr. Dalton inquired whether this change arose from any particular issue. Ms. Alexander reported that the updates are a result of Metroparks Toledo being proactive and making its policies match its practices.

After discussion and upon unanimous vote the resolution was declared duly adopted and recorded in the appendix to these minutes.

- E. Ms. Luetke offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mr. Byers:

Resolution No. 73-19 – Authorization to Request Funding through the Papoose Conservation Wildlife Foundation

Mr. Allen Gallant reported that this grant will provide assistance to Metroparks Toledo Connections Camps.

After discussion and upon unanimous vote the resolution was declared duly adopted and recorded in the appendix to these minutes.

- F. Ms. Byers offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Ms. Luetke:

Resolution No. 74-19 – Authorization to Request Funding through People for Bikes

Mr. Gallant reported that this would provide additional rocks in Metroparks’ skills course, FitPark Ride. Mr.

Byers inquired as to what the organization “PeopleForBikes” does. Mr. Gallant reported that it is primarily directed to advocacy for bike initiatives. Mr. Byers asked if Metroparks has applied for this grant on a previous occasion. Mr. Gallant stated that it has, but was not awarded any funding; however, this organization put Metroparks Toledo on a list to be invited for future opportunities, and this is one such opportunity.

After discussion and upon unanimous vote the resolution was declared duly adopted and recorded in the appendix to these minutes.

- G. Mr. Byers offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mr. Dalton:

Resolution No. 75-19 – Rejection of Bids: Glass City Metropark Bid Package No. 1, 1001 Front St., Toledo, OH 43608

After discussion and upon unanimous vote the resolution was declared duly adopted and recorded in the appendix to these minutes.

- H. Mr. Byers offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mrs. Doneghy:

Resolution No. 76-19 – Contract Approval, Glass City Metropark Construction Manager At-Risk Services

Mr. Zvanovec reported that this is a new approach for Metroparks Toledo. Metroparks’ typical processes of competitive bidding have proven less suitable for larger projects. After consulting with counsel, the construction manager at-risk model was suggested as an effective way to proceed. The winning bidder was Lathrop, which was also the lowest bidder the first go-around. Mr. David Zenk asked about the criteria involved in the construction manager at-risk process. Mr. Zvanovec responded that the criteria included overall approach, key experience, and key personnel.

After discussion and upon unanimous vote the resolution was declared duly adopted and recorded in the appendix to these minutes.

Mr. Byers stated that he knows the amount of work that went into bidding this project, and Mr. Zvanovec’s ability to be flexible in the ever-changing process is exemplary. Mr. Byers thanked Mr. Zvanovec and the team, and Spengler Nathanson for all of their hard work.

5. UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
Sept. 28 – Saturday 9:00am-3:00pm	Outdoor Challenge	Oak Openings
Oct. 4 – Friday 7:30pm @ United Way	Read for Literacy Glow Roll	Rolling through Middlegrounds for a rest break
Oct. 4 – Friday 8:00pm	Movie Night – Casper	Swan Creek
Oct. 11 & 12 6:00pm-10:00pm	Spooktacular Shoot	Westwinds
Oct. 19 11:00am-3:00pm	Maumee Valley Adventures Tombstone Tour	Oak Openings - Buehner Center

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Doneghy thanked the staff for all of their hard work at the Toledo Botanical Garden Secret Forest event as well as the Volunteer Recognition program.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:38 a.m., President Scott Savage made a motion to recess into executive session to consider the items that qualify for consideration in executive session. Mr. Savage stated that the purpose of the executive session was to confer with Metroparks' attorney to discuss pending or imminent court action pursuant to Ohio R.C. §121.22(G)(3). Mr. Savage asked if there was any discussion and reported, under Ohio R.C. §121.22, that a roll call vote on this motion is necessary. Ms. Jill Molnar conducted a roll call vote of the commissioners.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Doneghy – Yes

Ms. Leutke – Yes

Mr. Dalton – Yes

Mr. Byers - Yes

Mr. Savage – Yes

Mr. Savage reported, upon roll call vote, that the motion passed, and the Board recessed into executive session.

The Board adjourned executive session at 10:06 a.m. and resumed its regular session.

With no further business or action to be taken, Ms. Luetke made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 10:07 a.m., which was seconded by Mr. Dalton and approved.

Scott Savage, President

Attest: _____
Dave Zenk, Executive Director

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9/25/2019