

The regular scheduled 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 HC Buck Niehoff opened the meeting and led the Board and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners - Seta, Niehoff, Burt, Burwinkel, Warner; Staff - Sutton, McDonough, Lowe, Palmeter, Roell, Henninger, Frazer, Sivak, Doyle, Miracle-Gray, Mowrey, O'Connell, Sergent, Zelek

Guests: Bob Taft, Governor of Ohio 1999-2007; Cliff Roe, Jan Portman, Bruce Petrie and Mike Miller with Great Parks Task Force; Chip Gerhardt and Ann Sesler, Government Strategies Group; Carrie Blackmore-Smith, Cincinnati Enquirer; Bill Rinehart, WVXU; Alex Curnett, property owner; Alicia Culman, Great Parks Foundation; Amanda Seitz, WCPO.com; Megan Folkerth, Interact for Health

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1. CONSERVATION AWARD – BOB TAFT: The Board presented Bob Taft, Governor of Ohio 1999-2007, with its Conservation Award in recognition for his leadership in establishing the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund.
2. RESOLUTION NO. 3419 - BILLS & PAYROLL RESOLUTION: The Board reviewed the Bills and Payroll Resolution asking staff to provide clarifying information on the content and scope of several payment items. Following a thorough discussion, the Board found the staff explanations acceptable and satisfactory. Upon motion duly made by Warner and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Bills & Payroll Resolution.
3. DONATIONS: Upon motion duly made by Warner and unanimously carried, the Board approved accepting the donations received during March 2016. The letter from the Judge of Probate Court approving acceptance of the gifts and terms thereof, will be attached to the Final Minutes.
4. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATES:

Thursday	May 19, 2016	1:00 p.m.	Winton Centre
Thursday	June 16, 2016	1:00 p.m.	Winton Centre

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5. GREAT PARKS TASK FORCE: Great Parks Task Force members Cliff Roe, Jan Portman, Bruce Petrie and Mike Miller attended the Board meeting to present the Task Force findings. Mr. Roe provided an overview of the twelve member Task Force and its activities including holding monthly meetings since June, 2015, participating in a staff led park bus tour and meeting with representatives of the Auditor of State's Ohio Performance Team. Mr. Roe further explained that the overarching charge of the Task Force was to review Great Park's mission; review the Auditor of State's Performance Audit; review Great Parks' current services and activities as well as existing and future infrastructure needs and costs, and; to review alternatives for future funding. Mr. Petrie provided an a detailed review of the Task Force's due diligence process and emphasized that their report should be taken as a whole and that the members of the Task Force held robust discussions as it drafted and refined the final report. Mr. Petrie further explained that the Task Force report includes eight Findings and eleven Recommendations. In closing, Mr. Petrie noted the Task Force's fundamental conclusions were that Great Parks is: well managed; provides an affordable value for Hamilton County citizens, especially families, and; contributes to enhancing the quality of life in Hamilton County by making the air and water cleaner and the citizen's collective lives healthier. Following the presentation, Board President Niehoff thanked the Task Force for its comprehensive report and for volunteering their time in order to assist the Board in its planning for the future.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion duly made by Seta and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Final Minutes of the Board meeting of March 17, 2016.

7. FINANCIAL SOFTWARE UPGRADE – SUNGARD ONESOLUTION: Upon motion duly made by Seta and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the purchase of SunGard ONESolution financial software in the amount of \$116,380 from FIS, formerly SunGard Public Sector.

8. BIDS: Legal ads soliciting bids for the following were published in the *Cincinnati Court Index* and will be attached to the Final Minutes.

TURF FUNGICIDES: Upon motion duly made by Warner and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the lowest and best bid from Helena Chemical and awarded the contract in the total amount of \$120,583.98 for the purchase and delivery of turf fungicides for the 2016 season.

RESOLUTION NO. 3420 - RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF TURF FUNGICIDES FOR THE 2016 SEASON TO HELENA CHEMICAL: Upon motion duly made by Warner and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Resolution Awarding Contract for the Purchase and Delivery of Turf Fungicides for the 2016 season to Helena Chemical.

PURCHASE, TRADE-IN AND DELIVERY OF GOLF CARS: Upon motion duly made by Burwinkel and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the lowest and best bid and for the purchase, trade-in and delivery of new Yamaha EFI golf cars and authorized award of contract to Mid Ohio Golf Car for the price of \$136,405.

RESOLUTION NO. 3421 - RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE, TRADE-IN AND DELIVERY OF GOLF CARS: Upon motion duly made by Burwinkel and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Resolution Awarding Contract for Purchase, Trade-In and Delivery of Golf Cars to Mid-Ohio Golf Car.

PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FUEL MONITORING SYSTEM: Upon motion duly made by Warner and unanimously carried, the Board authorized award of contract for the Purchase and Installation of Fuel Monitoring System to W.C. Storey & Son, Inc. in the amount of \$90,028.50.

RESOLUTION NO. 3422 - RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FUEL MONITORING SYSTEM: Upon motion duly made by Warner and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Resolution Awarding Contract for Purchase and Installation of Fuel Monitoring System to W.C. Storey & Son, Inc.

9. CURNETT PARCEL: Mr. Alex Curnett, who owns property along the Whitewater River, attended the Board meeting to address the Board regarding the potential sale of his property.

II – GENERAL INFORMATION REPORTS

10. MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT PRICING STUDY: Ordered filed for the record.
11. OAK GLEN NATURE PRESERVE: Ordered filed for the record.

III – MONITORING REPORTS

12. MONITORING REPORT - TREATMENT OF STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS: The Board reviewed the Monitoring Report for Treatment of Staff and Volunteers. After a thorough discussion, the Board found the report to be reasonable and acceptable. The Board then ordered the report filed for the record.
13. MONITORING REPORT - FINANCIAL CONDITION AND ACTIVITIES: The Board reviewed the Monitoring Report for Financial Condition and Activities. After a thorough discussion, the Board found the report to be reasonable and acceptable. The Board then ordered the report filed for the record.

IV – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Burwinkel to go into Executive Session to discuss the potential acquisition of several properties. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Seta - Aye, Burwinkel - Aye, Warner – Aye, Burt – Aye, Niehoff - Aye.

Following the Executive Session, the Regular meeting was reconvened.

- 14. LAND ACQUISITION – CURNETT PARCEL: Upon motion duly made by Burt and unanimously carried, the Board expressed sincere interest in preserving the Curnett property located along the Whitewater River as parkland. The Board further authorized the staff to continue discussions with Mr. Curnett and to report back to the Board at the May 19 meeting.

- 15. LAND ACQUISITION – WHITEWATER RIVER CORRIDOR: Upon motion duly made by Warner and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the staff to continue discussions with other property owners along the Whitewater River corridor to explore the potential to preserve land either through fee simple purchases or the purchase of conservation easements. The Board further instructed the staff to report back to the Board at a future meeting.

- 16. LAND ACQUISITION – SHARON WOODS: Upon motion duly made by Burwinkel and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the staff to explore property that may be for sale near Sharon Woods and to report back to the Board at a future meeting.

There being no further matters to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Executive Director