

Regular Board Meeting – December 16, 2020

Resolution Summary

Resolution	Description	Byers	Dalton	Doneghy	Luetke	Savage	
Resolution No. 73-20	Amendment to Resolution No. 99-19, "Authorization of Issuance of Super Blanket Purchase Order for Real Estate Taxes"			Motioned	2 nd		Approved
Resolution No. 74-20	Amendment to Resolution No. 96-19, "Authorization of Issuance of Super Blanket Purchase Order for 2020 Bank Fees"			2 nd	Motioned		Approved
Resolution No. 75-20	Amendment to Waste Disposal Board Resolution No. 61-20	Motioned			2 nd		Approved
Resolution No. 76-20	Amendment to Resolution No. 98-19, "Issuance of Purchase Order for 2020 Annual Workers' Compensation Premium"			2 nd	Motioned		Approved
Resolution No. 77-20	Amendment to Resolution No. 105-19 "Authorization to Engage North Design for Provision of Marketing Services"	Motioned			2 nd		Approved
Resolution No. 78-20	Approval of Return of Advances from Funds 235, 236, 254, 256, and 257 to the General Fund			Motioned	2 nd		Approved
Resolution No. 79-20	Approval of General Fund Advance	2 nd			Motioned		Approved
Resolution No. 80-20	Approval of Partner Agreement with Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	Motioned		2 nd			Approved
Resolution No. 81-20	Approval of Supplement and Amendment of the 2020 Certificate of Estimated Resources and Appropriations Measure			2 nd	Motioned		Approved
Resolution No. 82-20	Approval of Final Amendment and Supplement of the 2020 Certificate of Estimated Resources and Appropriations Measure	2 nd		Motioned			Approved
Resolution No. 83-20	Establish Use and Amount of Blanket Purchase Orders for 2021	Motioned			2 nd		Approved
Resolution No. 84-20	Authorization of Issuance of Super Blanket Purchase Order for 2021 Bank Fees			2 nd	Motioned		Approved
Resolution No. 85-20	Issuance of Super Blanket Purchase Orders for 2021 Recycling and Waste Disposal Services			Motioned	2 nd		Approved
Resolution No. 86-20	Issuance of Purchase Order for 2021 Annual Workers' Compensation Premium			2 nd	Motioned		Approved
Resolution No. 87-20	Issuance of Super Blanket and Blanket Purchase Orders for 2021 Health Insurance	Motioned			2 nd		Approved
Resolution No. 88-20	Authorization of Purchase Order for Purchase of General Liability, Etc. Insurance Coverage from Hylant Administrative Services			Motioned	2 nd		Approved
Resolution No. 89-20	Authorization to Engage the Law Firm Spengler Nathanson P.L.L. for Legal Services	2 nd		Motioned			Approved
Resolution No. 90-20	Authorization of Issuance of Super Blanket Purchase Order for Real Estate Taxes	Motioned			2 nd		Approved

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Resolution No. 91-20	Authorization of Issuance of Super Blanket Purchase Order for 2021 Unemployment Fees			2 nd	Motioned		Approved
Resolution No. 92-20	Issuance of Super Blanket Purchase Orders for Utilities	Motioned		2 nd			Approved
Resolution No. 93-20	Authorization of Issuance of Super Blanket Purchase Order to Wright Express Fleet Services (WEX Bank)			2 nd	Motioned		Approved
Resolution No. 94-20	Ratification of Schedule of Payables	Motioned			2 nd		Approved
Resolution No. 95-20	Rejection of Bids, Metroparks Toledo – Riverside Trail East, 1001 Front Street, Toledo, Ohio 43608	2 nd		Motioned			Approved
Resolution No. 96-20	Contract Approval, Glass City Phase 2 Final Engineering, City Entitlements & Permitting Professional Services, SmithGroup	Motioned		2 nd			Approved
Resolution No. 97-20	Approval of Grant Subaward Agreement with The Nature Conservancy			2 nd	Motioned		Approved
Resolution No. 98-20	Contract Approval, Metroparks Toledo, Howard Marsh Phase 2, 611 Howard Road, Curtice, OH 43412	2 nd		Motioned			Approved

The mission of Metroparks of the Toledo Area is to conserve the region's natural resources by creating, developing, improving, protecting, and promoting clean, safe, and natural parks and open spaces for the benefit, enjoyment, education, and general welfare of the public.



Board Minutes

METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF THE TOLEDO AREA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020, 8:30 A.M.
WARD PAVILION – LIVESTREAM

<https://metroparkstoledo.com/discover/blog/posts/next-board-meeting-livestream-december-16/>

Commissioners Present:

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

Attending via phone - Kevin Dalton, Officer

Dave Zenk, Executive Director

Staff Present: Matt Cleland, Jill Molnar, Emily Ziegler, Joe Fausnaugh, Matt Killam, Scott Carpenter, Jon Zvanovec, Tim Schetter, Steve Oneail

1. NON-RESOLUTION BOARD ITEMS

President Scott Savage called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Mr. Savage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Savage proposed a revision to the consent agenda to note that Mr. Kevin Dalton was in attendance at the November 18, 2020 board meeting. Mr. Fritz Byers made a motion to approve the revised consent agenda and for the disposition of the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on November 18, 2020. This motion was seconded by Ms. Molly Luetke and approved.

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

Mr. Savage discussed Metroparks Toledo's Vision Statement that was defined a few years ago, including that Metroparks Toledo will be known nationally as one of the country's premiere park systems, and recognized as a centerpiece of the region's appeal as a place to live, work, and visit.

A. Proclamation Presentation – Councilman Sam Melden

Mr. Sam Melden presented Metroparks Toledo with a proclamation for being awarded the NRPA Gold Medal Award.

B. Retirement Recognition – Steve Oneail

Mr. Savage recognized Mr. Steve Oneail for his 25 years of service with Metroparks Toledo. Mr. Oneail served as a Metroparks Toledo Detective and Ranger as well as the Safety Manager. During his tenure, he was responsible for solving over fifty percent (50%) of the theft crimes that occurred throughout the district. The Board of Park Commissioners thanked Mr. Oneail for his outstanding work ethic and commitment, as well as his time and dedication. Mr. Oneail thanked the Board of Park Commissioners and recognized what an honor it was to be a part of what he views as the #1 Park District in America. He also thanked Chief of Operations/Rangers Joe Fausnaugh and Mr. Dave Zenk for their leadership.

C. Howard Marsh Phase 2 – Tim Schetter, Director of Natural Resources

Dr. Tim Schetter reviewed the original Howard Marsh project when it first began in 2008 with the land acquisition. Phase 1 was completed in 2018 and included just over 750 acres. The common theme and purpose for the overall project is to improve water quality. Another common theme is the strong partnerships developed to complete not only Phase 1 of this project, but also now Phase 2.

With the completion of Phase 1 construction, 235 bird species have been documented since the park opened in 2018. Mr. Matt Killam stated that from a visitor engagement standpoint, overall visits and programming have increased at this location due to the 6.6 miles of new multi-use trails and accessible boardwalks, blue ways, kayak launch, and waterfowl hunting and fishing opportunities. Overall park visitation was at its highest in 2020, with nearly 80,000 visits.

Dr. Schetter reported that Phase 2 park development will continue with partnerships with Ducks Unlimited and NOAA (NOAA wetland restoration & permitting -\$3,911,487), as well as Clean Ohio funds, which will be determined. The Clean Ohio funds will aid in access, *i.e.*, board walks, viewing decks, etc. The current condition is 243 acres that are currently in agriculture. This area also includes the former Cedar Creek channel.

The project will include:

- 203 acres of coastal wetland & aquatic habitat to be restored
- 25 acres of upland prairie to be planted around perimeter
- Over 4 miles of navigable deep water channels
- Water control & fish passage structure connected to Lake Erie
- 2.3 mile multiuse perimeter trail
- Additional recreational improvements planned

The perimeter dike will tie in to the existing levy systems, which will reduce the risk of flooding for the Jerusalem Township neighbors.

Mr. Killam stated that from a visitor engagement perspective, since Howard Marsh is a prime example of coastal wetland restoration, programs that take place at Howard Marsh feature educational messaging on wetland restoration, wetland management, habitat restoration, and their importance to migratory pathways and safe recreation.

Examples of proposed programs include:

- Boat and Bird (Kayaking and Birding)
- Marsh Madness
- Howard Marsh Eco-Tour
- Fitness Night Hike
- Stargazing

- 3 Mile sunset and Night Hike
- Sunrise Over the Marsh

Mr. Byers shared the following regarding this project:

The excitement and detail of Tim's presentation should not obscure the point that what we have done, and what we are planning to do at Howard Marsh, falls squarely at the core of our mission: to preserve open space, and provide clean, safe, and natural places for the benefit, enjoyment, education, and general welfare of the public. We have done this at Howard Marsh to a remarkable degree, and the plans Tim describes for Phase 2 make clear that we will continue to enhance our preservation goals as well as the experiences we provide those who visit the Marsh. The preservation and conservation aspects of the project are particularly significant. We have transformed an area that had for many years been dedicated to farming into an environmentally healthy place. The return of threatened species, including the terns and turtles Tim mentioned, is empirical evidence of that. And those who visit the Marsh can readily see, in a more impressionistic way, how much the place has been transformed into vibrant, environmentally healthy parkland for the use, enjoyment and education of the public – not only the residents of Lucas County but all of those who visit the Marsh, as, increasingly, they do from all over the world. This is the essence of what we do as an agency, and, although we have celebrated this accomplishment before, it is worth our time to take note of this again.

Hearing of these successes, as we so often do, it is easy to become inured to them, and miss the tremendous efficiency with which our agency accomplishes these things. So I want to emphasize, as Tim noted, that we will move forward with Phase 2, hand in hand with our partners, in effect without significant expenditure of Lucas County taxpayer funds. As Tim made clear, the design, engineering, and permitting of Phase will be accomplished without the expenditure of a single dollar of Metroparks funds. And although future construction expenditure cannot now be entirely projected, it appears that the overwhelming share of those funds, if not all of them, will come from outside sources. To the extent we expend Metroparks funds as part of the construction, it will be specifically targeted to visitor engagement that we determine will serve to enhance the experiences for those who visit the Marsh.

We are grateful to our partners for their steadfast support and engagement with us in pursuing the transformation of Howard Marsh into the world-class park that it is, and for continuing to work with us as we make the park and the experiences it provides even richer. As I said at the beginning of my comment, our work at Howard Marsh exemplifies the efficient and effective ways in which the Metroparks pursues its mission, keeps its promises, serves Lucas County and its residents, and enhances the appeal of our region as a place to live, work, and visit.

Tim, I know you stand on the shoulders of many people – within our agency and among our many partners – in presenting today what we have accomplished and what we plan to accomplish. Congratulations to you and all of the people you have worked with to make Howard Marsh a reality and to chart the future for this priceless natural resource.

Mr. Savage responded as to what an incredible project this is and congratulated Metroparks' team.

Mrs. Doneghy also congratulated Dr. Schetter with the partnership efforts as well as what Metroparks is able to do for the surrounding neighbors.

D. Treasurer's Report – Matt Cleland, Deputy Director & Treasurer

Mr. Matt Cleland reported that in the other revenue fund, Metroparks Toledo is significantly ahead of its projections, which is a function of Worker's Compensation refunds. The next round of refunds will be the full value of the 2020 expense. Additionally, on the treasurer's report, Metroparks is advancing funds to support reimbursement grant funds for the year end. Metroparks has to advance those funds and will recoup once

the grant revenue is received.

Mr. Savage said that Metroparks' budgeting will be spot-on and congratulated the continuation of the trend of solid fiscal management, especially in 2020.

Mr. Byers shared the following:

I'd like to take a moment to reflect publicly on what the agency has accomplished in 2020 and what we can look forward to in 2021.

As we all know, 2020 was a remarkable year for Toledo Metroparks. As Councilperson Melden observed in presenting the proclamation from City Council, two separate events stand paired pillars that mark the year: our receipt of the AAPRA's 2020 National Gold Medal Award for excellence in parks, reflecting our status as the premiere park system in the nation; and our resounding success in obtaining overwhelming community support for a levy to fund our expansive vision for the revitalization of the Toledo riverfront, while at the same time maintaining our portfolio of clean, safe, and natural parks throughout the county, and enhancing those parks to make them all the more accessible and engaging for all of our visitors.

We have celebrated these accomplishments already, so I will refrain from saying anything more. I want simply to note them as high-water marks in an exceptional year. And it should be noted that, indeed, it has been an exceptional year – marked by an unprecedented public-health challenge, vast political upheaval, pervasive economic uncertainty, and the many challenges that these forces have presented. The agency should be proud to have performed all of its essential functions against daunting odds. So we want to acknowledge the dozens of hard-working people who have made our successes this year possible.

In a paradoxical way, we were a beneficiary of the onset of the coronavirus – at times of stress and social uncertainty and challenge, it is customary for people to turn to the reliable and enduring features of life, the things they can count on for comfort. So we have seen our agency all the more elevated in our community, and we have seen our open spaces recognized, more than ever, as places for individual and congregating visiting, clean, safe, and natural places to take care of ourselves and our loved ones amid so much difficulty. I believe that our primacy in the community is shown in the dramatic increase in visits to our parks, and also in the remarkable public support we received as we presented the voters with our ambitious vision for the future of our community, and the Metroparks' role in it.

It is worth taking a moment to observe that, in these respects, we have been faithful to our mission: we continue to preserve open spaces, and make them available to all for the benefit, enjoyment, education, and general welfare of the public. It is not easy simultaneously to stay faithful to one's mission, and also achieve ambitious visions for the future, so the agency should be proud of having done so successfully in 2020.

In that regard, as Scott mentioned last month, one can plausibly conclude that, in this year, we realized the vision we set for ourselves several years ago: Metroparks Toledo will be known nationally as one of the premiere park systems in the country, and it will be recognized as a centerpiece of our region's appeal as a place to live, work, and visit.

The Gold Medal award seems to reflect that we have been recognized as the premiere park system in the country. And our success in passing the levy seems to reflect a recognition in our community that the Metroparks is the right organization to step forward, to shape our community's future, to lead the many entities that will be our partners, and to execute on the ambitious vision we have for our future.

So, to you, Dave, and to the scores of people, inside our agency and out, who stand with you, congratulations on a fine year.

This all seems to me to be a springboard for the year to come. We will, I know, continue to perform, day in and

day out and throughout our parks, the essential functions of our mission, preserving open space for the enjoyment all our visitors – those lucky enough to live here, and those lucky enough to visit.

At the same time, we face a challenge of delivering on the many grand promises we have made – the maintenance and improvement of our parks throughout the county, and the continuing creation of our transformational downtown park, the Glass City Metropark and, in time, the Glass City Riverwalk. Making clear promises and keeping them is a hallmark of the Metroparks way, and I am confident we will keep and exceed our promises. But we should not mistake this for an easy accomplishment. It will take our focus, our dedication, and our hard work.

At the same time, because of the profile the agency has achieved, it is certain that we will continue to be presented with ideas, opportunities, and invitations from organizations throughout our community. We have demonstrated that we embrace these conversations with open arms, and I know we will continue to do so, as we deepen our role as a centerpiece in our community's renaissance.

In line with that, having achieved our ambitious vision, it is time to articulate a new vision for the future, for the ideal future state we will strive to achieve. In this, our reach should exceed our grasp. We will be working on this in the early months of 2021, and I am excited for the agency to have the opportunity to articulate the next grand vision for what will strive to achieve in the years to come. And I look forward even more to actually achieving those things.

So now, it's time to get to work.

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

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

Resolution No. 73-20 – Amendment to Resolution No. 99-19, “Authorization of Issuance of Super Blanket Purchase Order for Real Estate Taxes”

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

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

Resolution No. 74-20 – Amendment to Resolution No. 96-19, “Authorization of Issuance of Super Blanket Purchase Order for 2020 Bank Fees”

Mr. Cleland stated that due to the number of processing fees related to facility reservation and program cancellations Metroparks Toledo exceeded its estimated bank fees.

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

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

Resolution No. 75-20 – Amendment to Waste Disposal Board Resolution No. 61-20

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

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

Resolution No. 76-20 – Amendment to Resolution No. 98-19, “Issuance of Purchase Order for 2020 Annual Workers’ Compensation Premium”

Mr. Cleland stated that the previous refund received in October 2020 was for last year. The refund to be received in December 2020 will be equal to the amount of the 2020 expenses.

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

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

Resolution No. 77-20 – Amendment to Resolution No. 105-19 “Authorization to Engage NORTH Design for Provision of Marketing Services”

Mr. Killam reported that this was directly related to the Glass City Riverwalk branding because of a uniform look.

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

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

Resolution No. 78-20 – Approval of Return of Advances from Funds 235, 236, 254, 256 and 257 to General Fund

Mr. Cleland stated that these funds were previously advanced and are now returning to the general fund.

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

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

Resolution No. 79-20 – Approval of General Fund Advance

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. 80-20 – Approval of Partner Agreement with Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

Dr. Schetter stated that this will allow Metroparks Toledo to engage with NOAA. He reported that there is no match involved and there will be a reimbursement. Mr. Savage responded that it should be reiterated that this is \$3.9M where not a dime of taxpayer dollars will be used.

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

- I. Ms. Luetke offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mrs. Doneghy:

Resolution No. 81-20 – Approval of Supplement and Amendment of the 2020 Certificate of Estimated Resources and Appropriations Measure

Mr. Cleland stated that these are additional revenue and expenses that Metroparks Toledo desires to appropriate for 2020. For example, this includes some additional monies Metroparks received from the Foundation for the basketball court at Manhattan Marsh and from NOAA and Ducks Unlimited for Howard Marsh Phase 2.

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

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

Resolution No. 82-20 – Approval of Final Amendment and Supplement of the 2020 Certificate of Estimated Resources and Appropriations Measure

Mr. Cleland stated that the final measure is done annually so Metroparks' budget is in-place and everything is covered.

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

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

Resolution No. 83-20 – Establish Use and Amount of Blanket Purchase Orders for 2021

Mr. Cleland reported that Metroparks performs this annually for various services, *i.e.*, utilities.

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

- L. Ms. Luetke offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mrs. Doneghy:

Resolution No. 84-20 – Authorization of Issuance of Super Blanket Purchase Order for 2021 Bank Fees

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

- M. Mrs. Doneghy offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Ms. Luetke:

Resolution No. 85-20 – Issuance of Super Blanket Purchase Orders for 2021 Recycling and Waste Disposal Services

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

- N. Ms. Luetke offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mrs. Doneghy:

Resolution No. 86-20 – Issuance of Purchase Order for 2021 Annual Workers' Compensation Premium

Mr. Cleland reported that Metroparks budgets for this because it is never promised a refund.

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

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

Resolution No. 87-20 – Issuance of Super Blanket and Blanket Purchase Orders for 2021 Health Insurance

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

- P. Mrs. Doneghy offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Ms. Luetke:

Resolution No. 88-20 – Authorization of Purchase Order for Purchase of General Liability, Etc. Insurance Coverage from Hylant Administrative Services

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

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

Resolution No. 89-20 – Authorization to Engage the Law Firm Spengler Nathanson P.L.L. for Legal Services

Mr. Savage thanked Mr. Dave Smigelski and the team at Spengler Nathanson P.L.L. Mr. Smigelski thanked Metroparks Toledo and stated that it is a privilege to represent the agency.

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

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

Resolution No. 90-20 – Authorization of Issuance of Super Blanket Purchase Order for Real Estate Taxes

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

- S. Ms. Luetke offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mrs. Doneghy:

Resolution No. 91-20 – Authorization of Issuance of Super Blanket Purchase Order for 2021 Unemployment Fees

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

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

Resolution No. 92-20 – Issuance of Super Blanket Purchase Orders for Utilities

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

- U. Ms. Luetke offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mrs. Doneghy:

Resolution No. 93-20 – Authorization of Issuance of Super Blanket Purchase Order to Wright Express Fleet Services (WEX Bank)

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

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

Resolution No. 94-20 – 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.

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

Resolution No. 95-20 – Rejection of Bids, Metroparks Toledo – Riverside Trail East, 1001 Front Street, Toledo, Ohio 43608

Mr. Jon Zvanovec stated that this will be placed out to bid again and hopefully Metroparks Toledo will receive better pricing. Mr. Byers reported that this is a reflection of the process that Mr. Zvanovec has put in place in order to steward the community's monies in the best possible way.

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

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

Resolution No. 96-20 – Contract Approval, Glass City Phase 2 Final Engineering, City Entitlements & Permitting Professional Services, SmithGroup

Ms. Emily Ziegler reported that this includes all engineering, architecture for the park, and everything except the area of urban camping for which Metroparks is waiting for a potential grant, and it all pertains to Glass City Metropark Phase 2. This includes a slight increase due to City entitlements that are a little more complicated. She also reported that Metroparks will be splitting the bid package to two rather than one to obtain better pricing, with the hope of breaking ground mid-2021.

Mr. Byers stated that SmithGroup has worked diligently on these projects and that the Board of Park Commissioners is very pleased. Additionally, with reference to the ten-percent (10%) benchmark, Ms. Ziegler and her team have done great work operating beneath that ten percent (10%).

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

- Y. Ms. Luetke offered and moved for adoption of the following resolution, with a second by Mrs. Doneghy:

Resolution No. 97-20 – Approval of Grant Subaward Agreement with The Nature Conservancy

Dr. Schetter reported that The Nature Conservancy has been a long standing partner with Metroparks Toledo. The whole focus of this program is to restore natural wildlife habitat, and it is one project amongst a larger one within Maumee Area of Concern. This is one hundred percent (100%) grant funded. Mr. Savage inquired if there is a time deadline. Dr. Schetter reported that yes, it must be completed by 2021.

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

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

Resolution No. 98-20 – Contract Approval, Metroparks Toledo, Howard Marsh Phase 2, 611 Howard Road, Curtice, OH 43412

Mr. Zvanovec reported that this was a huge win as Metroparks came in \$1.4M under budget. Ultimately, Metroparks ended up with the same contractor as for Phase 1.

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

5. BOARD INITIATED TOPICS AND DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Zenk reported that Metroparks Toledo has been awarded funding for the Glass City Enrichment Center from the State Capital Budget.

Ms. Luetke wanted to share her thoughts during a very difficult time in 2020. She thanked the staff for pivoting so quickly and observed that the staff at Metroparks had to increase their workload in order to provide the community an opportunity to maintain visitation. She noted how well the Metroparks Toledo team pulled together to accomplish this. She stated how proud she is and how thankful she is for the land Metroparks Toledo stewards. Ms. Luetke further expressed her thanks to the voters who continue to trust Metroparks Toledo. Mr. Zenk reported that visitation was up over sixty percent (60%), and they operated the park system with thirty percent (30%) less employees.

Mrs. Doneghy wished everyone a wonderful holiday season.

At 10:00 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 discuss the employment of a public employee and consideration of the purchase of property pursuant to Ohio R.C. §121.22(G)(1) and (2). 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. Luetke – 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 10:25 a.m. and resumed its regular session.

With no further business or action to be taken, Ms. Doneghy made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 10:26 a.m., which was seconded by Ms. Luetke and approved.



Scott Savage, President

Attest: 

Dave Zenk, Executive Director

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