

**WOOD COUNTY PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2019**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Bob Hawker at 3:02 p.m. at Park District Headquarters, 18729 Mercer Road, Bowling Green, OH.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Dennis Parish, absent  
Bob Hawker, present  
Bill Cameron, present  
Tom Myers, present  
Sandy Wiechman, present

Others present: Neil Munger, Jeff Baney, Rob Brian, Kellie Paniagua, Jim Witter, Steve True, Corinne Gordon, Todd Nofzinger, Mark Reef and Adrien Lowien.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Hawker stated the minutes of the December 11, 2018 regular meeting were distributed to the Board and asked if there were any additions or corrections. Ms. Wiechman moved approval of the December 11, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Cameron seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Hawker stated that the lack of snow so far this winter has given staff the opportunity to continue working on projects that they normally would not be able to this time of year. Mr. Hawker remarked on the overwhelmingly positive comments received on program quality and encouraged staff to continually think about those we serve and their interests to offer innovative and exciting new programs.

**5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Park Police Patrol Vehicle Replacement – Mr. Munger stated that included in the budget is replacement of Chief Nofzinger's SUV. Mr. Munger stated there are a few SUVs that are police rated including a Ford, the Dodge Durango and Chevrolet Tahoe. Mr. Munger noted that the Ford is not tow rated which is necessary. The Chevy Tahoe quote came in at \$35,600. Mr. Munger stated that the cage and necessary equipment is available for the Dodge Durango and noted that the Dodge was the low quote at \$32,019 from Reineke in North Baltimore. Mr. Munger recommended accepting the low bid from Reineke.

Mr. Cameron moved to approve Resolution 19-001 authorizing Neil Munger to purchase a Dodge Durango for use by the Park Police Department from Reineke Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram for the amount of \$32,019. Seconded by Ms. Wiechman.

Responding to Ms. Wiechman, Chief Nofzinger confirmed that he is comfortable

that the Dodge Durango is a good choice. Mr. Cameron noted the importance of working with Wood County dealers. Mr. Munger agreed. All in favor. Motion carried.

2019 Board Housekeeping Items – Mr. Munger stated that the Board Chair and Vice Chair are elected at the first meeting each year as well as establishment of the meeting schedule for the year. The Board discussed meeting date and times and there was a consensus to change the meeting start time to 3:30 p.m., leaving the date as the second Tuesday of each month.

Mr. Hawker expressed that Mr. Parish has done an outstanding job leading the Board for the last two years and while Mr. Parish would be willing to continue he has also expressed that if someone else would like the position he would be amenable to that. Mr. Hawker then nominated Mr. Myers for Chairman and Mr. Parish as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Cameron. Nominations were closed. All in favor. Motion carried.

**6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Mr. Hawker stated departmental reports were distributed and asked for questions.

Ms. Wiechman asked about the drastic increase in calls for service for the Police Department. Chief Nofzinger explained that the increase is partly due to the reporting system and the large number of rentals and facilities. The Board discussed the Sawyer Quarry Nature Preserve, specifically the citations issued over the summer, and inquired if there is a need for additional signage at the property. Chief Nofzinger agreed that once program department staff is relocated there it will help but there is still a need to address after hours violations. The Board suggested that if additional signage is necessary at SQNP, the need should be reported to the Board by March. Mr. Witter confirmed that staff will occasionally be at the preserve on weekends conducting programs.

**7. APPROVAL OF PAYABLES**

Mr. Hawker stated payables have been distributed and asked for questions.

Ms. Wiechman moved approval of expenditures for the month of December. Seconded by Mr. Cameron. All in favor. Motion carried.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Cameron pointed out that there is a change necessary in the resolution approving the Durango purchase which will be addressed after the meeting.

**10. FRIENDS OF THE WOOD COUNTY PARKS**

Nothing at this time.

**11. HEARING OF VISITORS**

Corinne Gordon discussed an upcoming ricotta making program. Ms. Wiechman

requested being placed on the program enews.

Mr. Hawker stated he's been approached recently about a dog park. Mr. Munger stated that finding a suitable location has been difficult. Mr. Hawker pointed out an area near W.W. Knight Nature Preserve. Mr. Munger reported that the area in question is a portion of the Chessie System Trail which requires easement and agreed that the location will be reviewed. Ms. Wiechman discussed a bike route along Route 65. Mr. Munger stated that TMACOG Bike/Ped Committee has a number of planned routes but noted Route 65 doesn't have dedicated surface for bicycles.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Wiechman moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss property acquisition. Mr. Cameron seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned to executive session at 3:27 p.m.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Cameron moved adjournment. Ms. Wiechman seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

  
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Tom Myers, Chairman

  
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Neil A. Munger, Director

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