

**MONROE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
BOARD MINUTES**

April 15, 2020 3:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present: Evelyn Harrell, Joe Goss, Amy Thompson, Dr. Carolyn VandeWiele, Kevin Dogan, J.D, Carol Walter, and Phil Cornwell

Staff Members Present: Kelli Witmer, John Robertson, Kay Medley, Jayme Deckard, Matt Wilhoit, Jeff Sanders, Andy French, Beth Cossairt, and County Attorney, Margie Rice

Guest Present: Michael Nosofsky, Executive Director, Cutters Soccer Club, Michele Burns, President, Cutters Soccer Club, Penny Githens, Monroe County Commissioner, and Leasa Siscoe, Member, Monroe County Parks & Recreation Foundation

I. Meeting was called to order at 3:37 p.m. by President Evelyn Harrell

II. Approval of the meeting minutes for February 19, 2020 –

*Ms. Thompson made a motion to approve the amended February 19, 2020 meeting minutes, and Mr. Cornwell seconded.
The motion passed unanimously*

III. Approval of the Credit Card Charges from 02-4-20 to 04-10-20

*Ms. Thompson made a motion to approve the February - April 2020 credit card charges and Dr. VandeWiele seconded.
The motion passed unanimously.*

Addition to Agenda:

Ms. Harrell asked Ms. Witmer to give a brief synopsis, on how the parks staff is handling things during the Covid-19 social distancing restrictions. Ms. Witmer informed the Board that the park maintenance staff is keeping busy seeding, mowing & lining the athletic fields, cutting down trees, taking deliveries, putting up park closed signs, performing security checks, and taking care of basic maintenance in the parks and on the Greenways.

Ms. Cossairt and Mr. Robertson have been busy working with virtual recreation programs, and Mr. Robertson has been working on many other small projects. Mr. Wilhoit has been busy working with the athletic field user groups and Indiana State Soccer. Ms. Deckard has been busy taking care of all the emails, customer concerns, voice messages, and refunds. Ms. Medley has been busy processing payroll, paying invoices & claims, handling vendor problems, processing refunds, and generating financial reports.

IV. New Business

A. Cutters June 15th payment of \$42,750 – Ms. Witmer informed the Board that she has been in contact with Commissioner President Julie Thomas, and Council members Kate Wiltz & Geoff McKim pertaining to Cutters situation of not being able to play on the athletic fields. The group recommended to the Parks Board to waive the June 15 payment of \$42,750.

Ms. Witmer informed the Board that the Parks Department is be able to maintain the fields. Mr. Cornwell and Ms. Thompson agreed with the recommendation. Ms. Walter stated that she agrees too, if the Parks Department is able to maintain the fields.

Mr. Dogan wanted to make sure the Cutter's intentions would be to refund the member's fees. Mr. Nosofsky stated that the members are going to have the opportunity to receive a refund, make a donation, or take a credit that they can use for a future season. Mr. Dogan made mention that, if it were the case that the Cutters would come out ahead, assuming that next year the fees will be charged again and there are uncommitted monies, it would be nice to have some of those funds be used to help the Parks Department with improvements in the fields. Mr. Nosofsky said if that would be the case, then that would definitely be something that the Cutters Board would be willing to discuss.

Ms. Thompson moved to waive the \$42,750 Cutters payment that is due on June 15, 2020 and Mr. Cornwell seconded.

The motion passed unanimously

B. Surplus Resolution 2020-12 (2 Scag Mowers & 1 Cushman ATV) –

Ms. Witmer informed the Board that Jeff Cockerill, County Legal, has approved the surplus resolution of the two Scag Mowers & one Cushman ATV.

Dr. VandeWiele made a motion to approve the Surplus Resolution 2020-12 to surplus two Scag mowers & one Cushman ATV and Mr. Dogan seconded

The motion passed unanimously

C. Surplus Resolution 2020-13 (1 Volvo Skid Steer) – Mr. Sanders stated that the Volvo Skid Steer has served its purpose well over the years, but it is time to go. Ms. Witmer noted that the Monroe County Commissioners purchased a Bobcat compact tract loader (skid steer), brush cutter, Ferris zero-turn mower, and a John Deere Gator ATV for the parks and Greenway maintenance. The mower and Gator will be stored at the sub-station. These purchases will increase staff efficiency and save money (Thank you Commissioners!).

Dr. VandeWiele made a motion to approve the Surplus Resolution 2020-13 to surplus one Volvo Skid Steer and Ms. Thompson seconded

The motion passed unanimously

V. Financial Status as of March 31, 2020 – Please read

VI. Financial Commitments – Please read

President Evelyn Harrell adjourned the MCPR Board meeting at 4:16 pm

Amy Thompson - Secretary

Date

Minutes Prepared by Kay Medley