

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 1, 2011**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Ms. Ivanetta Davis Samuels, Mr. Stan Fossick, Mr. James Lawson, Mr. George Anderson, Mr. Charles McTorry, Ms. Kay Simmons and Mr. Phil Ponder.

Staff present were: Assistant Directors: Mr. Mike Bays, Consolidated Maintenance; Mr. Paul Widman, Recreation; Special Projects Managers: Ms. Shain Dennison, Greenways; Mr. Jim Hester, Special Events; Mr. Tim Netsch, Planning/Facilities; Superintendents: Ms. Jackie Jones, Parks-Public Information; Mr. Bob Parrish, Resource Management; Captain Chris Taylor, Park Police; and **Ms. Nicki Eke, representing the Metro Legal Department.** Ms. Monique Odom, Administration and Finance was not in attendance.

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 4, 2011 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Ponder, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, October 4, 2011.

#### **VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

##### **MS. TONYA JONES, FORMER MEMBER OF THE BOARD REPRESENTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOGNIZED BY THE BOARD AND STAFF**

Ms. Tonya Jones, former member of the Parks Board, representing the Metro Planning Commission was recognized for her support, knowledge and untiring work as a board member from 2007 – 2011. Because of Ms. Jones' love of the Warner Parks, a book published by the Friends of Warner Parks, was presented to her in appreciation of her dedication to the Metro Parks Department and Board.

#### **VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS**

#### **VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

#### **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**08-11-19**

##### **BOARD SELECTS MR. TOMMY LYNCH AS DIRECTOR OF METRO PARKS**

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson and based on recommendation of the selection committee, seconded by Mr. Lawson, and amended by Mr. Ponder to designate November 1, 2011 as the effective date of Mr. Lynch's appointment, the Board unanimously selected Mr. Tommy Lynch as Director of Metro Parks. Mr. Lynch voiced his appreciation to the board for their vote of confidence and he stated that he will continue to represent the Parks Department in a positive and favorable manner.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**08-11-19 (con't.)**

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Mr. Fossick, representing the selection committee, expressed his thanks to the Metro Human Resources Department and citizen members of the committee, Eleanor Willis and Arnett Bodenhamer. Mr. Fossick stated that Mr. Lynch scored highest during the interview process and has shown exemplary leadership skills as he performed the duties of Interim Director.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**11-11-01**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF ANGELMAN SYNDROME FOUNDATION  
TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION  
IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, May 19, 2012**

An application submitted by Ms. April Roche, representing Angelman Syndrome Foundation, requesting permission to host a fundraising event, **Angelman Syndrome Foundation National Walk**, with amplification at the Centennial Park Event Shelter, 7:00 am – 2:00 pm, on Saturday, May 19, 2012 was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. McTorry, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel with a financial report to be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

**11-11-02**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. ANGELA WALKER FOR  
AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN  
THE CENTENNIAL PARK SUNKEN GARDEN ON SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2012**

An application submitted by Ms. Angela Walker requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Sunday, May 27, 2012, 1:00 – 5:00 pm, in the Centennial Park Sunken Garden was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. McTorry, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**11-11-03**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. LINDSAY COLLINS FOR  
AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN  
THE CENTENNIAL PARK SUNKEN GARDEN ON SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2012**

An application submitted by Ms. Lindsay Collins requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Saturday, June 2, 2012, 5:00 – 8:00 pm, in the Centennial Park Sunken Garden was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. McTorry, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

**11-11-04**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. RHONDA SHELTON FOR  
AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN  
THE CENTENNIAL PARK SUNKEN GARDEN ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2012**

An application submitted by Ms. Rhonda Shelton requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Saturday, August 11, 2012, 5:00 – 8:00 pm, in the Centennial Park Sunken Garden was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. McTorry, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

**11-11-05**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. HELEN CURTIS FOR  
AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN  
THE CENTENNIAL PARK SUNKEN GARDEN ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2012**

An application submitted by Ms. Helen Curtis requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Saturday, September 8, 2012, 4:00 pm, in the Centennial Park Sunken Garden was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. McTorry, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**11-11-06**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA/NASHVILLE FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A FUNDRAISING PICNIC TO BE HELD AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENTS SHELTER ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2011**

An application submitted by Ms. Mandy Fones, representing Greyhound Pets of America/Nashville, requesting permission to host a fundraising picnic with amplification at the Centennial Park Event Shelter, 7:00 am – 2:00 pm, on Sunday, September 23, 2012 was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. McTorry, the Board approved amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel and a financial report should be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

**11-11-07**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO NASHVILLE CARES FOR ALCOHOL SALES/CONSUMPTION DURING A CONCERT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2012 IN RIVERFRONT PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Mitch Turner, representing Nashville Cares, requesting permission to sell alcohol during a fundraising event, ***Nashville Aids Walk and Concert***, in Riverfront Park, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, on Saturday, October 6, 2012 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. McTorry, the Board granted approval to Nashville Cares to sell alcoholic beverages as per Metro Ordinance contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission and a financial report should be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

**11-11-08**

**REQUEST SUBMITTED BY LINDA'S HOPE WITHDRAWN**

Ms. Olivia Tomlin, representing Linda's Hope, requests permission to host a fundraising event (chili cook-off) with amplification and alcohol consumption in Sevier Park, 12:00 – 3:00 pm, on Saturday, November 19, 2011. (Request withdrawn October 27, 2011 by Ms. Tomlin.)

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**11-11-09**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NASHVILLE BIG PICTURE HIGH SCHOOL  
TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION  
ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2011 IN SHELBY PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Kyle Lee Armstrong, representing Nashville Big Picture High School, requesting permission to host a fundraising 5K walk/run with amplification in Shelby Park on Saturday, December 17, 2011 was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Ponder, the Board approved amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel and a financial report must be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

**11-11-10**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION FOR THE 2012 RUNNING  
OF THE IROQUOIS STEEPLECHASE AND SURROUNDING  
EVENTS TO BE HELD ON MAY 12, 2012 IN PERCY WARNER PARK**

A request submitted by Mr. Dwight Hall, chair of the 2012 Iroquois Steeplechase, requesting permission to host the May 12, 2012 running of the Iroquois Steeplechase and surrounding events to be held in Percy Warner Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Ponder, the Board unanimously accepted staff recommendation with regard to the following items:

- 1) permission to charge a general public admission fee of \$15.00 at the gate and children under 12 years of age will be at no charge.
- 2) permission to serve alcoholic beverages as in the past at the Turf Club, the Paddock Club, Corporate Hospitality Tents, the Iroquois Society, and in the Owner Trainer Rider Tent.
- 3) permission to serve alcoholic beverages during a pre-race Jockey Club event on Friday, May 11, 2012.
- 4) usage fee of \$16,000 payable to Metro Parks which includes all costs for cleanup of the general park area including all parking lots.

Approval is contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Proof of adequate liability insurance coverage must be obtained for the event by Vanderbilt Children's Hospital and/or Volunteer Horsemen's Association with a copy to be furnished Metro Parks prior to the Steeplechase and the Board should be named as co-insured on all policies.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**11-11-11**

**STAFF RECOMMENDS TO METRO COUNCIL THE ACQUISITION  
OF 181 ACRES LOCATED ADJACENT TO STONES RIVER GREENWAY  
TO MEET THE GOALS OF THE 2011 OPEN SPACE PLAN AND  
THE PARKS AND GREENWAYS MASTER PLAN**

Metro Government proposes to acquire the Ravenwood Golf Club property (180.95 acres) located on 1176 Stones River Road, map and parcel 08500000700 no later than December 31, 2011. Funding will be from the existing Metro Parks Open Space Fund and this time-sensitive, opportunistic acquisition will be below appraised value. However, the current owner, Mr. David Watkins, will continue operation of the club through December 31, 2013 (two more years) to fulfill a legal obligation he made to the Club membership when he purchased the facility in October of 2008.

Acquisition of the property to transition into park land within two years will meet goals of the 2011 Open Space Plan and the Parks & Greenways Master Plan to help meet the park land deficit (714 acres as of 2000) for the underserved Hermitage area. Combined with adjacent the Stone Hall property, acquired in 2008, the property's location mid way on the Stones River Greenway, prominent and convenient location near Lebanon Road, a major arterial, and availability of recreational facilities in good repair, is ideally suited for economical reuse as park land.

The property contains mature trees, sweeping scenic views, a lake, circa 1960's brick clubhouse, pool/poolhouse, 8 tennis courts, golf course, maintenance building and golf club house.

The acquisition includes improvements for tennis and swimming planned for reuse (on a fee basis, to be determined eventually by the Park Board), for public park purposes at the end of two years. (At the end of two years the current owner will have fulfilled the two remaining years on the five-year obligation to club members to provide private facilities for golf, swimming and tennis.)

The Parks Department anticipates reuse of the existing facilities, except for golf, which is not needed due to the close proximity of the Two Rivers Golf Course in the same service area. The department anticipates creation of a regional park through the acquisition and will benefit from cost savings to be realized by not having to design and build the recreational facilities included in the acquisition.

Mr. Bruce Stanley, Councilmember representing the 14<sup>th</sup> District, is very supportive and has agreed to sponsor the Metropolitan Council Ordinance authorizing the Fee Simple Acquisition Option of said 180.95 acres currently known as Ravenwood Club from Ravenwood, LLC for \$2,800,000. This ordinance will be on first reading of the November 15<sup>th</sup> Metro Council Agenda with anticipated final approval on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Watkins, Principal, must notify certain Charter Members of the Club of Metro's proposal to acquire the 180.95 acres since they have the "first right of refusal" on said property. If in the unlikely event that the members are willing to match Metro's offer Metro will withdraw the council ordinance.

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To assure that Mr. Watkins continues to operate the Club for the remaining two years as required he will receive \$200,000 compensation on December 31, 2012 and \$200,000 on December 31, 2013. If Mr. Watkins does not fulfill his obligation, Metro Parks will assume operational responsibilities through December 31, 2013 and all remaining dollars available through the agreement will be transferred to Parks for financial assistance as needed.

This ordinance also includes a payment and property conveyance to E. Phillips Development as per a 2005 agreement between Ravenwood Country Club members and Phillips, owner of a residential Development (the "Reserve") located immediately adjacent to the club tract. Funding for this project will come from the existing Metro Parks Open Space Fund which was established to provide financial assistance in reaching a goal of adding 3,000 acres of new parkland in the next 10 years as established by the Nashville Open Space Plan.

Therefore, upon recommendation by the acquisition committee, Mr. Lawson motioned, Ms. Simmons seconded and the Board unanimously voted to recommend to the Metro Council the acquisition of 181 acres located adjacent to Stones River Greenway currently known as Ravenwood Club.

**XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

Ms. Jackie Jones presented fliers of the following upcoming special park events to the board:

Friday, November 4	5:00 – 7:00 pm	Holiday Season Art Exhibition/Sale Centennial Art Center
Saturday, November 5	2:00 – 5:00 pm	Stone Hall Mansion Open House adjacent to Stones River Greenway
Saturday, November 12	10:30 am	Celebrity Storytelling/the Parthenon
Saturday, November 12	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Hodge House Open House Warner Parks
Sunday, November 13	2:00pm	Mayor's 5K Walk/Run Public Square Park

**XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Lynch reported:

2011 Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association presented the 4 Star Award to Coleman Regional Center for the Nashville Collaborative.

Henderson Kelly was elected President-elect of the 2012 TRPA and Lisa King was elected Resource Chair.

The 2014 Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association State Conference will be held in Nashville.

Heather Gallagher, was presented the 2011 Environmental Educator of the Year Award at the annual conference of the TN Environmental Education Association in Johnson City, TN.

**XIIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.**

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**Thomas M. Lynch, Interim Director**

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**Ivanetta Davis Samuels, Chairperson**