Marion County Parks And Recreation Commission

_August 17, 2026_____ – Regular Meeting Minutes

6:00 PM CVB Conference Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:
Jay Ford, President
Robert Brookover, Vice Pres.
Craig White, Secretary
J. Philip Burton, Treasurer
Jimmy Bledsoe
Tracy Evans
Rick Garcia
Cathy Maxwell
Frank Moore
Josh Rice
Dave Shaw

STAFF PRESENT:
Tony Michalski, Director
Tina Mascaro, Sports Management Director

GUESTS:
Linda Shelosky

I. Opening of the meeting and approval of minutes

The meeting was called to order at __6:00___p.m. by __Jay Ford___(President).

President Jay Ford welcomed Linda Shelosky and gave her an opportunity to speak. She spoke on behalf of the elderly who use Pavilion 1 at East Marion Park (specifically for their 1965 class reunion). This group has supported MCPARC for the past 15 years and as they have aged it is becoming more difficult for them to use the picnic tables because the benches are attached and they can't always lift and swing their legs over to be able to sit down. She noted that the elderly need tables that have a bench that can slide out so that they can properly sit on it. Last year when the issue was addressed MCPARC separated the table so that wheelchairs and walkers could fit easily between the tables and use the ends, but this was only a temporary fix and most people using pavilion moved the tables back. Tony will speak to maintenance about making some tables with the benches detached but we'll have to come up with a solution to secure them so that they don't get stolen and moved. MCPARC can also provide some folding tables with chairs for this group for their event.

The motion was made by _Josh Rice___ and seconded by _Frank Moore__ for the **approval of the minutes** for __June 2026; there was not a quorum present at the July meeting to proceed with the meeting__. Motion Carried ___X_____ Motion Denied _____

II. Financial Report for ___June and July 2026_____

Phil noted that the cash balances were getting very low and asked when a levy check was expected. Tony said that one was received last Thursday for ~100,000 which will help with getting through the next month. Some bills are being held back for a few weeks until the next check arrives which should be around September 12th. We also received a $40,000 check from the Marion County Board of Education to help support the fields that their teams use. August has been a bad month

for revenue at the pools due to rain and storms. Kristie Davis does a great job of balancing the funds and making sure payroll and pertinent bills are paid on time.

The motion was made by _Josh Rice___ and seconded by __Rick Garcia_ for the **financial reports and invoices** for __both June and July 2026__. Motion Carried __X____ Motion Denied _____

III. Committee Reports

a. Program and Planning
b. Finance
c. Nominating
d. Personnel

IV. Director's Report

a. BOE funding request – A copy of the invoice sent to the BOE for a request of $50,000 was included in the board packet for review. $40,000 was received last week from them to help support their teams that use MCPARC facilities.
b. MLR Turf Project – the board was reminded that this project was initiated from the County Commission and while MCPARC is in support of it we don't have the capital funds to move forward without all entities contributing. A meeting was held on August 10th with representatives from BOE, FSU, MCPARC, and FLL to discuss the project. Clarifications were made and the BOE said they would add it to the agenda for the August 17th meeting. Tony will attend that meeting to answer any questions. In addition to the annual donation the BOE gives to MCPARC they have spent ~113,000 on the paving project at MLR park and ~75,000 for lights on the C field in past years.
   Bob Brookover suggested that FSU should still go ahead and pay for the turf on the senior field to be re-done no matter what happens with the outcome. President Ford asked Tony to keep the board informed.
c. West Fork River debris cleanup – Judith Lyons from the WV Conservation Agency was notified about the change order request from Reclaim for an additional $78,000 on top of the original $88,000 for the project since more debris had accumulated with all the recent storms. The change order was unacceptable for the state and Judith was able to get a work crew from the WV Conservation Agency that had been working on the Upshur County flood repairs to remove the debris. Equipment was brought in and they will begin work. MCPARC maintenance team will work closely with them after the removal to haul and burn all the debris. This will be at no cost to MCPARC other than the maintenance labor hours.
d. MCPARC capital development projects – improvements to Koon's Run Park (removal of old playground equipment; new equipment installation; building repair and new roof; shade structures for both the wave pool and MLR B and C fields; EM softball field improvement.
e. MCPARC playground and day camp – The last day for both programs was July 24th. The Day Camp program averaged 100 children daily, and several playground sites had daily record numbers. MCPARC with the help of the MCBoE office of Child Nutrition fed approximately 300 children a day for the six-week program. The Day Camp held their annual field trip to the Sky Zone trampoline park on July 15th.
f. Pool updates – Both pools were on a similar pace as far as attendance and revenues as last year through the end of July. August has been below average due to the

weather. 12th Street last day was August 16th; the Wave Pool will remain open until August 23rd and then open the next two weekends until the last day of operation on Labor Day. The shut down process has already begun at 12th Street. We will keep the Wave Pool open to help support the Seth Burton Memorial Disc Golf tournament on September 11th to allow the campers access to the shower room and a player pool party.

g. WVRPA / NRPA Conference – Information was included in the packet for the board's review regarding both the state and the national conference. Tony and Tina typically attend the state conference. Tony would like to attend the national conference this year since it is within driving distance (Philadelphia). The board was ok with Tony attending.
h. Bob Brookover asked Tony about the benches for the new pickleball courts at EM. They were backordered until August 15th so we should have them by the end of the month.

V. Sports Management Director Report

a. Community Engagement
- **i.** Linda Shelosky stopped by the office to express her concerns about the difficulty of the elderly to sit in the picnic tables at the pavilions. She was invited to come to the board meeting.
- **ii.** EM park was host to the City of Fairmont's National Night Out event on August 4th. This was a huge community event and MCPARC sponsored a table for the public with games and giveaways. This is a great example of the City and MCPARC collaborations.

b. Programs
- **i.** The Day Camp and Playground program ended on July 24th and we worked to collect all equipment so it could be cleaned and evaluated for usage next year.
- **ii.** MLR baseball fields are in use by FLL for fall baseball season; the football field is used by WF Colts and WFMS football; the multipurpose field is used by various soccer teams and sometimes by EF Rockets football; the WF Colts cheerleaders practice near the pavilion at the park.
- **iii.** For the Kids Soccer Complex is being prepped for fall soccer. The complex is used by the MCSC, EFMS and WFMS boys' and girls' soccer. MCSC had ~600 kids registered for fall soccer. We also received a request from EFHS Girls JV soccer to host some of their games on the large field.
- **iv.** Worthington baseball field is being used by fall travel baseball teams. Maintenance built a new shed for that facility to house the field prep tools.
- **v.** 12th Street pool closed on August 16th for the season. The wave pool will remain open until the 23rd and then reopen for the next two weekends. Both pools had reached full capacity for evening pool parties. Local day cares continue to attend on most days.
- **vi.** MOU's – returned and signed: EFMS Boys and Girls Soccer, WF Colts Youth Football. Still in effect: Fairmont Little League, Marion County Youth Soccer. Still awaiting return: WFMS Boys and Girls Soccer, WFMS Football, and the new travel soccer club that wants to use the fields.
- **vii.** Charlie Bunner submitted a letter of dissolution for the MCPARC Affiliated Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Inc effective August 31st. He is hoping someone from the league will step up to continue the league.

viii. A proposal for price increases for some of the park rentals and pool prices was submitted for review with comparisons from surrounding pools within our state. Price increases would be a reflection of some cost of living, utility increases and maintenance concerns.

The motion was made by __Phil Burton__ and seconded by __Craig White_ _to allow Tony and Tina to use their discretion to increase prices__. Motion Carried _X_ Motion Denied ____

c. Upcoming Events and Programs
- **i.** Seth Burton Memorial Disc Golf Tournament September 11-13
- **ii.** Rail Trail Family Walk – September 12
- **iii.** Jet the Gorge and Tamarack Bus Trip – October 3
- **iv.** 5K Walk/Run sponsored by Pierpont on the McTrail – October 10
- **v.** Guyses Run Fishing Park Closes October 11
- **vi.** K-3 Basketball League registration begins October 12

VI. Maintenance Report – the monthly report was included in the board packet. Projects include but not limited to mowing, weed spraying, repairing parking lot holes, pressure washing and painting pavilions, picked up and cleaned all playground coolers, delivered picnic tables to Farmington, hauled river rock from EFHS, repaired the compressor at the wave pool, replaced a gate at the Monongah trail head, helped the County Commission with their dock retrieval from flooding, painted field goals and foul ball poles at MLR, installed a storage shed at the wave pool for garbage, installed new parking lot lights at Soccer complex and general maintenance to all equipment and trucks. The recent storms have also caused additional park and trail cleanup.

VII. New Business – none

VIII. President's Remarks – Jay asked Tony to help Linda and her group to make sure they could enjoy their event.

IX. Around the Horn
- **a. J. Bledsoe** – no comment
- **b. R. Brookover** – no comment
- **c. P. Burton** – the annual Seth Burton Memorial Disc Golf Tournament is September 11 – 13 and there are many opportunities to volunteer.
- **d. T. Evans** – no comment
- **e. J. Ford** – no comment
- **f. R. Garcia** – when will work begin on the bridge in Monongah on the rail trail, response: need to wait until the work on the debris cleanup is complete so we don't have to shut down another section of trail. Has anyone talked to Pat Bonasso regarding changing the name of the FTK complex to honor his dad? Tony will look into this.
- **g. C. Maxwell** - absent
- **h. F. Moore** – had his grandchildren at the EM wave pool and wanted to compliment the facilities and staff. He has a concern with travel teams using MCPARC recreational facilities. Tina responded by letting him know that non-county teams are charged a fee to use facilities and they are never scheduled before local teams.

i. **J. Rice** – no comment
j. **D. Shaw** – no comment
k. **C. White** – would like MCPARC to take a look at a foundation and whether it would be beneficial to us. He spoke to someone from Olgebay and they were willing to come and speak to Tony about it. He suggested we put a cap on the 12th Street pool so that it could be used year-round. This is not really feasible due to the infrastructure of the pool, the cost of maintaining it year-round and the possible historical implications.

With no further business, the motion was made by __Craig White____ and seconded by __Phil Burton___ for meeting adjournment at __7:08__ PM. The motion carried.

Tina Mascaro Sports Management Director August 19, 2026

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Minutes Recorded By (Signature) Title Date

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Approved/ Disapproved Initials Date