

THE COLUMBUS ZOOLOGICAL PARK ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 20, 2023

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Katie Wolfe Lloyd called the meeting, which was held at Safari Golf Course's Events Center, to order at 4:00 PM.

Attendance was noted as follows:

Brown, Michael	P	Moore, Brian	P
Davis, Victor, Rev. Dr.	E	Moore, Rustin	P
Donovan, M.D. Joseph W.	E	Morrison, Karen	E
Fortener, Stephanie	E	O'Grady, Pam	P
Gusty, Dan	P	O'Mara, Brian	P
Hastings, Adriana	P	Owens, Kathy	P
Hightower, Stephanie	E	Paul, Kenneth	P
Jackson, Brent	E	Schmid, Tom (ex-officio)	P
Lloyd, Katie Wolfe	P	Shumate, Keith	P
Mallory, Lark	P	Talarek, Zachary	P
Massanova, Jennifer	E	Walp, Lonnie (ex-officio)	P
McConnell II, John H.	T	Wunsch, E. J.	P
Mentel, Sean	P		

Zoo staff attending: Senior Vice President of Finance, Angel Mumma; Senior Vice President of Animal Care and Conservation, Jan Ramer; Senior Vice President of Operations and Sustainability, Jen Ryan; Senior Vice President of Human Resources, Carman Wirtz; Vice President of Marketing and Communications, Nicolle Gomez Racey; Board Liaison, Suzy Lucci, and Recording Secretary, Sarah Doepke.

Also in attendance at the meeting: Ken Wilson

II. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Katie Wolfe Lloyd asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the June 14, 2023 Board of Directors meeting. There being none, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Keith Shumate and seconded by Pam O'Grady. The minutes were approved as presented.

III. **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- Levy Oversight Committee
 - Zak Talarek informed the Board that at their meeting today, the Levy Oversight Committee supported a resolution approving the disbursement of levy funds from Franklin County to the Columbus Zoological Park Association. A motion to approve the disbursement of \$7,707,361.00 from Franklin County to the Columbus Zoological Park Association for expenses incurred between May 1, 2023 and August 31, 2023 was introduced by Zak Talarek. The motion was seconded by Rustin Moore and approved.
- Audit Committee:
 - Ms. Mumma provided an Audit Committee report in Brent Jackson's absence. Ms. Mumma informed the Board that all members of the Audit Committee recently completed the Attorney General's Charitable University online training. Members of the Zoo's senior leadership and Finance team have also completed the training. This course provides the fundamentals of how to navigate the

responsibility of a nonprofit organization. It is recommended that all Board members complete this course – a link to the training will be placed on Easy Board.

- Representatives from Clark Schaeffer Hackett were in attendance to provide a review of the 2022 financial audit for all properties. This information has also been reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee.
- Governance Committee
 - Tom Schmid provided a Governance Committee update in Karen Morrison's absence. We will have several Board members departing at the end of this year. In order to get an early start on vacancies for 2024, the Governance Committee is recommending a candidate (Tim Bergwall with Greif) to begin a three year Board term in January 2024. A motion to approve Tim Bergwall for a three year term beginning January 1, 2024 was introduced by Rustin Moore. The motion was seconded by Pam O'Grady and approved.

IV. CEO UPDATE

Tom Schmid informed the Board that we have raised \$26.5 million toward the \$35 million project total for North America Trek. This is 76% of the project cost, exceeding the 75% threshold needed to begin construction. Michael Brown introduced a motion to authorize the Zoo to begin construction this fall on the North America Trek project. The motion was seconded by EJ Wunsch and approved.


Mr. Schmid reminded Board members to please log on and check out Easy Board – in the future, all Board materials will be on this portal.

Finally, Mr. Schmid asked Board members to please fill out conflict of interest forms and submit them to Sarah Doepke or Suzy Lucci.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was introduced by Lark Mallory. The motion was seconded by Pam O'Grady and approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.


Katie Wolfe Lloyd, Chairperson


Sarah Doepke, Recording Secretary