

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting/Parks Tour
October 16, 2013
4:00 PM

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

Comm. Bernas called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM

Agenda Item #2 Roll Call

Comm. Long, Comm. Main, Comm. Smith, Comm. Bernas, Ron Gunter, Director, Robert Fleck, Supt. of Parks, Bob Heiden, Parks Specialist, John Chorney, Park Foreman, Chris O'Connell, Intern and Kim Baxter, Recreation Superintendent.

*Comm. Karesh joined the tour at 5:11PM.

Agenda Item #3 Tour of the Parks

Commissioners and Staff boarded one of the park district's van to do a tour of the parks. After completing the tour they returned to the Senior Center/Administration Center to continue the meeting after a short dinner break.

Agenda Item #4 Reconvene the Meeting at the Senior Center

Comm. Bernas called the meeting back to order at 7:01 PM. Additional staff including: Alice Krampits, Museum Curator and Senior Coord, Bobbi Trifilio, Admin. Asst., Steve Golembiewski, Asst. Supt. of Recreation, Kevin Siewak, Athletic Coord., Joel Hymen, Recreation Supervisor and IT Specialist, Craig Grember, Club House Manager, Tom Chapman from Raymond James.

Agenda Item #5 \$2,100,000 Bond Issue/\$180,000 General Obligation Bond –BINA Hearing.

- a. Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Park Board of Commissioners to sell \$2,100,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) and a \$180,000 General Obligation Limited Park Bonds to finance capital projects in and for the District.

President Bernas opened the Public Hearing.
No one was present from the general public.

President Bernas closed the Public Hearing.

Tom Chapman explained the next steps we will be taking to sell the bonds. He will be attending the November meeting to finalize the bond issue. We need to wait 3 days and will be closing on November 27th.

Agenda Item #6 Approval of the Minute of the Regular Board Meeting of September 18, 2013

Motion was made by Comm. Main and seconded by Comm. Smith to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 18, 2013

Roll Call: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #7 Claims Ordinance

Motion was made by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Main to pay the October claims.

Roll Call: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #8 Open Forum

- a. General Public
No one was present from the general public
- b. Written
A letter was received from Eagle Scouts Mike Donohue and Michael Robertson thanking Bob Fleck for his help with their projects, a recycling day event and painting the windows at the Gregg House Museum.

Agenda Item #9 Unfinished Business

- a. Wilmette Ave. Acquisition Grant – Update on status of property
Bob reported everything is moving along with the State Grant and that we will be closing on the property by November 30, 2013
- b. 2013-2014 Capital Replacement Fund Update
Additional money will be needed for the vault work at the Ty Warner Park fountain. Ron suggested a budget workshop on February 5' 2014 from 4pm to 8pm.
- c. Entrance Ramp at Community Center – Board to discuss corrective measurers.
Bob showed photographs of the ramp. He has been trying to determine if it is salvageable and believes that it is. Repairs rather than replacement will be done which will be a great savings.
- d. Fountain Vault at Ty Warner Park
Bob met with two companies regarding moving the fountain vault above ground. He hopes to have a cost estimate for next month's meeting.
- e. Parks Projects
Bob mentioned several projects in the parks that are current, Haunted Forest, bathroom closing, winterizing etc.
- f. Other
There was no other Unfinished Business

Agenda Item #10 New Business

- a. 2013 Proposed Tax Levy
Ron explained that every year we need to have a proposed Tax Levy prior to adopting the levy ordinance. He is proposing a 4.9% increase. We may get 4% which is higher than in the past. At the November meeting we will have the levy ordinance on the agenda for approval by the Board. This needs to be filed by December, 2013.
- b. IAPD Credentials Certificate
The Board needs to appoint 3 delegates to IAPD.

Motion was made by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Long to appoint as our delegates: 1st delegate Comm. Main, 2nd delegate John Karesh and 3rd delegate Sandra Smith as delegates to IAPD.

Roll Call: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
Motion Carried.

c. Ty Park Splash Pad Renovations

Bob explained that the splash pad at Ty Warner Park could use some additional shade, umbrellas or shade structures and a few more chase lounges. We will also be updating and adding some spray equipment on the pad. Comm. Long would like to have the water in the rising tower heated if possible. Bob will revisit this issue at the November meeting.

d. Golf Course Update

Craig updated the Board on the golf course. Leagues have all ended; the 9 for 9 special will be starting. There are 3 golf outings in October. The golf course is still down about \$8,000 from last year. We made approximately \$380,000 and the expenses were approximately, \$350,000 so we will gross around \$30,000 this year.

e. Fitness Club Update

Joel reported we are down by 2 members this month. We had such a large growth in memberships early on that it makes other months look bad at this point. The club held a member appreciation day on October 1st and provided brats and fruit to the members.

f. Other

There was no other new business.

Agenda Item #11 Staff Reports.

Joe reported that he has been working on a number of different projects. The Community Center wifi upgrade from budget workshop has been completed and the Community Center now has a vastly upgraded wifi system for our guests. I was able to run all of the wiring myself to save on cost for this project. I also have been stepping in to help out in the office and cover some of Steve and Kim's areas while they are out of the office. I am beginning to look at a new phone contract to again bring down our phone bill. Our current vendor has been increasing our fees and I will begin the search for a more affordable option. I have been keeping up with the website and other promotional duties with flyers and Facebook.

Steve told the Board from Friday, September 27 through Sunday, September 29 and Friday, October 4 through Sunday, October 6 the Progressive Village Performing Network performed "On Golden Pond," at the Westview Hills Middle School. We had an estimated 250 people that attended the performance throughout the two weekends. We are preparing to hold auditions for our upcoming performance of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." The auditions will be held on Sunday, October 20 and Monday, October 21 at the Westmont Community Center. After that our next performance will be "Arsenic and Old Lace," in March and then for our big musical number in June we will perform "13."

On Saturday, September 28 we had the Punt, Pass and Kick Competition on the Babe Ruth field. Overall, we had 42 people that participated in the event. The winners will advance to the sectional competition held in Woodridge.

The Haunted Forest will be on Saturday, October 26 from 5:30-9:30PM. The theme this year is Nightmares. We will be out in the woods next week setting up and getting ready for this upcoming event.

On Tuesday, September 24 and Wednesday, September 25 the IPRA held its annual Supervisor Symposium. This year I was the co-chair for the event. The symposium was held in Elk Grove and we had over 350 people that attended.

Programs that will take place this month include: School's Out: Columbus Day, Youth and Adult Dance, Computer Explorers: Jurassic Cinema, Glitzy Girlz: Girlz Night Out Jr. High Special Events in October: Halloween Dance

Cindy reported that everything is going well at the preschool. Outside of our daily routine such as of calendar, snack, literature, letters and sounds, art, music and indoor/outdoor imaginative play, the children are engaged in a variety of science activities. These hands-on learning experiences include forest animals and hibernation with Alice and her amazing (dead) furry critters. We will end the month with the traditional celebration of a Harvest Party and dress-up. The 2 & 3 Skool, Little Picassos and Kid Rock Music classes are all going well. Other early childhood classes are scheduled to happen throughout the remainder of the year. The interactive tale of A Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid Of Anything by Linda Williams will be held Friday, October 18 in the Twin Lakes Woods from 6:00 until 7:15 p.m. We have 30 children registered to attend along with a parent or adult. Refreshments and music with Uncle Jon will follow the story.

Outside of that, I'm keeping myself busy with all the little ones at Twin Lakes.

Alice reported that the seniors are on a gambling trip today. Pickle Ball began in September and is going very well. The program runs Wednesdays through December 18 from 2:30-4:30 in the WCC gym. We have also been using the tennis court outside at Veterans Park. Striping has been an issue. At this time we have used chalk. This gives us a total of three Pickle Ball courts. The numbers of players has stayed steady. The Pickle Ball players are requesting additional time on Monday afternoons. The Senior Golf banquet will be held Friday, October 18th at Ashton Place from 5-9pm. Approximately 140 people (golfers and guests) will be celebrating a great golf season. The Museum had a Jackie Kennedy program on Thursday, September 19 at 7:00pm. 37 people attended the program. The JFK exhibit officially closed Wednesday, October 9th with a members only wine and cheese event. Phil Singer conducted a question and answer program. 26 people attended. A trivia tic tac toe game was played and prizes were given to three winners. Over the next three weeks we will be taking the exhibit down. In November, we will be setting up for the Twelve Days of Christmas. The Last Straw Fall event on Sunday, Oct. 6th went very well. The weather was great for a fall event. Over 350 people attended. 316 people visited the museum. Between scarecrow making, panning for minerals, candy art and the donation jars, we brought in \$449.07. Expenses are TBD, but are approximately \$450. I will be attending the Fire Prevention open

house/90th anniversary of the fire department on Sunday, Oct. 13. The historical society will host a trivia game for kids and have a few artifacts/photos on display.

Kim submitted a park rental report. Rentals are up in revenue by \$3,000. Her scholarship usage report shows a large amount of the scholarships went to Wildcat Football and Cheer. There is one for biddy-basketball so far. She asked the Board to please let her know if they wish to attend the Chamber Winter Ball. Keith had nothing additional to report.

John also had nothing additional to report

Bob told the Board that the Ty Warner Park pathway project is back on schedule. Julian Electric's rental of the parking lot at Ty South ends this Friday. They paid \$5,000 in usage fees. The Village pulled the pump out of the pump house at Fritz Werley Park. They will be transferring the property to us.

Agenda Item #12 Adjournment

Motion was made by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Main to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0

Motion Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM