

Metamora Park Board
P.O. Box 633
Minutes of February 11, 2015 Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Commissioners

Call to Order – In the Village Hall: 102 N. Davenport, Metamora IL at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance – Performed.

Roll Call - Commissioners present were, Sarah Buss, Kerry Brock, Michelle Spielman, Al Eckhoff, Mike Staub and Eric Stone. Absent: Dawn Deeb. Director Christy Ganson, Secretary/Treasurer Betty Lang were present.

Minutes – January 7, 2014, regular Meeting minutes: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mrs. Spielman and seconded by Ms. Brock. Motion carried

Public Input – none

Treasurer Report – Betty Lang: The Board reviewed the Treasurer’s report. Mrs. Spielman made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted, seconded by Mr. Staub. Motion carried.

Director of Parks and Recreation – Christy Ganson: Ms. Ganson reported on the month’s activities.

1. Yoga classes held on Tues. evenings Jan. 13, 20, and 27 at 6:30 (7-10 participants) and Thurs. mornings Jan. 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 10:00 (4-5 participants. *Numbers have dropped a bit because many participants are in warmer climes this time of year.*). Saturday Yoga is off to a good start. We had classes Jan. 10, 17, and 31 (5-9 participants).
2. Have met with Dave Mueller from the Village to draft an IGA regarding equipment and services shared between the Park District and Village. The Kubota was purchase for\$11,227 in 1994. Hope to have a draft by March meeting. Also met with Mr. Mueller to discuss locating the deed for Lincoln-Douglas Park.
3. We finally have a light over the entrance to our Park District Office! Tuesday night Yoga participants have noticed as well as our Sassy Ladies Quilting group that rented through a weekend.
4. Completed and submitted Tax Exemption forms for all Park District properties and submitted to Supervisor of Assessment Office in Eureka. Former Hagan property is not exempt yet. Discrepancy between tax ID # on the sales agreement drafted by attorney and what Woodford Co. shows. Former Herring property is 98% tax exempt for this year. Some value remained on the house. Will be totally tax exempt for next tax year.

5. Attended MABA meeting on Jan. 13. Our logo has been added to the columns of the Village Sign and our logo also periodically scrolls along with other MABA members on the sign.
6. Handled maintenance of Parks and Office will Roger Seckler on vacation for the weeks of Jan. 18 and 25.
7. Wee Art Session 1 and 2 is filled. Classes were held on Jan. 23 and 30. Last class for Session 1 is Feb. 6.
8. New Junior First Lego League will begin Feb. 4. Class is filled. Also accepted one alternate, since we plan to have 2 teams of 6 for the Central Ill. Jr. FLL Expo in Springfield in April.
9. Talked in length with Sara Wise of Active Network about an online recreation registration program. Many of these programs are quite expensive to set-up (\$1,000s) and have transaction fees. But these programs also have a great deal of assistance developing and maintaining the programs vs. some of the cheaper programs that are out there. Something we need to consider with so little staff. Will need to discuss this in-length at next Board meeting if we are considering at all having this up and going for this summer.
10. Youth Art begins Sun. Feb. 8. Registration almost filled. Good decision to move to Sunday afternoons.
11. American Legion, Ron Naumann and Mike Kerker, gave MPD 30 chairs and 3 tables. All they ask for in return was a backup for them if they could not met at the Fire House. That would not be a problem as long as the office was not already being used for a program.

Trails – Mr. Staub: none

Futures – Mr. Stone/Ms. Buss: Ms. Buss explained the new web site was up and running. A thank you to Ms. Sharon Leifheit for her help. We will get invoiced from Go Daddy.

Marketing – Ms. Deeb: Ms. Buss reported there would be some fund raisers options coming up in March. Our end goal is to purchase a computer for Ms. Ganson.

Special Projects – Ms. Spielman: none

Maintenance – Mr. Eckhoff: none

Legislation – Ms. Brock: none

Old Business –

Update on Pool (drain cover, flow, ADA lift & concession stand) – Ms. Ganson talked with Mr. George Kelly. He should have an application for a Public Health permit to make changes/improvements ready to submit by next week. Mr. Kelly recommended an option of the diverter of making a larger opening at the top of the drain and covering with a larger drain. The Public Health in Springfield does not have the documentation on the permit of the diving well depth was changed from 12 ft. to 10 ft. He believes the local office is using the wrong capacity for our pool (180,000 g vs. 140,000 g). If he can prove this with documentation, then our flow is

satisfactory. We would need is a couple of new flow meters (couple hundred dollars). Mr. Kelly is drawing a design for an ADA Lift to be installed at the end of the pool by the pool house/corner by the ladder. These lifts can run from \$3,000 to \$6,000

Concession Stand – Ms. Ganson shared the need for a supplier for the concession stand this summer. This would be a company that we could place a weekly order and they would deliver to the pool. She met with Tony Tate from Gold Medal Products from Galesburg to see what their options would be. Ms. Ganson also suggest that we hire a Concession Manager at \$10/hr. We should hire four concession staff at minimum wage. We can offer the Concession Stand as an option for a Pool Party. That would be a separate charge of \$50.00.

After much discussion, the MAST Parent Board passed a motion on January 29 that they turn over all responsibilities related to the MPD pool concession stand to the Metamora Park Board District.

Secretary Position– Ms. Ganson said we have received three application and was expecting three more. The new Secretary will be hired for our March meeting.

Summer Camp Employees– Ms. Ganson recommendations:

- Apply for the IDNR Youth Rec. Grant for this summer if they become available.
- Hire one Director at \$10/hr. and three Camp Counselors at 8.25 (\$8.50 if returning).
- Raise the Camp rate to \$50R/\$60NR.
- Increase swim lesson prices to \$40R/\$52NR.
- The Board agreed for each one.

Metamora Field House– Ms. Ganson attended the Building Committee meeting for the MTHS Field House at the high school on Jan. 12. There are representatives from MTHS, Snyder Village, and architect for the Field House and parents from the high school swim team and MAST swim team. OSF did not have someone in attendance at the meeting. Ms. Ganson shared all the MPD's interest at the meeting. The next meeting will be Feb. 9.

New Business –

New Minimum Wage – Ms. Ganson shared the legislative update on minimum wage would increase to \$9.00 per hour on July 1, 2015 if passed and increase that amount by .50 each July 1 thereafter until July 1, 2019. At that time minimum wage would be fixed at \$11.00 per hour. Board members expressed at this rate we would not be able to even open the pool. It will be a hardship for all the pools in the area.

Returning Pool Staff – Ms. Ganson explained for the past couple of years, we have given a .25/hr. increase to returning lifeguards and front desk staff. If the minimum wage increase passes, then we should not give this increase. If the minimum increase does not pass, then she would like to continue this .25/hr. increase up to a maximum of \$9/Hr.

Increase for Pool Fees– Ms. Ganson explained we needed to increase pool prices. We are losing about \$15-\$20 per pool party. After discussion it was decided to increase by \$50.00.

Swimsuits for lifeguards– Ms. Ganson recommend as in the past that we buy lifeguard suits and t-shirts. This will cost us \$1200. The youth pay about \$300 for their lifeguard certificate before they even start. We also want our staff to look professional and easily identified.

Public Input – none

Executive Session – none

Adjournment– Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Staub and seconded by Ms. Spielman. Motion carried at 8:38 p.m. .