

**Metamora Park Board**  
P.O. Box 633  
Minutes of June 10, 2014 Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Commissioners

Call to Order – In the Village Hall: 102 N. Davenport, Metamora IL at 7:08 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance – Performed.

Roll Call - Commissioners present were Mike Staub, Eric Stone, Dawn Deeb, and Sarah Buss. Director Christy Ganson and Secretary/Treasurer Betty Lang and Jacob Wall were present.

Minutes – May 7, 2014, regular Meeting minutes: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Staub and seconded by Mr. Stone. Motion carried. We just need to be aware of the Prevailing Wage Resolution.

Public Input – Julie Springer expressed her concern about removing the hedges in front of BPP. She mentioned it was a natural barrier for the safety of the children in the park. The hedges also help to eliminate noise from the street. Mr. Stone stated an option would be to remove the hedge near the entrance. We could do some landscaping and this would help the opening the entrance. He said no decision has been made at this time.

Josh Ketcherside said the pool attendance was declining. One of the reasons is because of the closed concession stand. He would like to take over the concession stand. The MPD would receive 10% of sales before tax. We also need the option to accept credit cards. The MPD will get back with him on this decision.

Treasurer Report – Betty Lang: The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report. Mr. Stone 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.

Mr. Wall reported on the issues with the pool:

- Pump would not turn on – bad wiring
- Broken pipe next to the diving board
- Corrosion in the pump room
- Leaks everywhere
- New sump pump
- Electrical system fixed in the basement
- Resurfacing the diving board

Registered a Park District display For Old Settlers Days June 18-21. Wed. June 18. 5 – 9 p.m., Thurs. June 19. 5 – 9 p.m., Fri. June 20. 12 – 9 p.m. and Sat. June 21. 12 – 9 p.m. Working on new photos from rec programs from the past year. Will give out copies of the Summer Guide. Will include information about Foundation and proposed plans for new BPP property. Need volunteers to staff booth.

Met with Katie Van Cleve, Director of Heart of Illinois Special Recreation Association about MPD possible membership to serve patrons with special needs. Would like to request Ms. Van Cleve to make presentation at next Board meeting.

In communication with IDNR as to status of Youth Recreation Corps grant for summer camp workers. Funding has been awarded but sitting on the Governor's desk for signature for past 2 weeks. State was optimistic that will know by end of May but that date has now passed. Also in communication with IAPD concerning this grant. They are urging IDNR to notify recipients, so they can at least plan for the summer.

Prepared Foundation minutes for our meeting on Mon. May 12. Received notification in the mail from Sec. of State this week that we are approved for articles of incorporation for our Foundation. Can now move to next step which is filing for tax exemption.

Received registration for 94 campers for Metamora Adventure Camps. The 7 weeks of camps (as of Sunday) had 12- 19 participants each week. If we do not receive the grant for staff, 15 participants per week will pay our staff and provide \$50 of supplies. So, 16+ would be making a profit. We can have a maximum of 30 children per week.

Interest by Mike Tam, former owner of Hiccups, and Josh Ketcherside in a concession truck to park at the pool certain days or hours OR to renovate the existing concession stand for use. Mr. Tam would take on the renovation, permitting, etc. Would have to work out a rental fee or percentage that park district would receive if considering this.

Mr. Seckler uses his own vehicle 5 days a week to conduct maintenance at Schupp, Brighton, Lincoln-Douglas, and Black Partridge Parks. He is only receiving \$40 a month in gas for all of his mileage and wear and tear on his truck. He drives 7.8 miles every day (if not extra trip back to a park due to a problem or Menards to get supplies). For 20 days a month at \$.56/mile, he should be receiving a minimum of \$87.36 a month. I would like to increase the amount he is being paid to \$90 a month (April – Oct.) or that we have him keep his mileage and reimburse according to \$.56/mile.

Trails – Mr. Staub: Mr. Staub and Ms. Ganson reviewed the emergency exits at BPP. There are some trees that have fallen across the exit that need to be removed. Mr. Staub will contact Chief Todd to review the area. There will be a sign put up for more clarity of location. Ms. Ganson will contact Mr. Schierer to get the mowing done around the field two times a year. Some trees

were to be planted this year. Mr. Lerczak has not received two bids at this time. It may not happen until the fall.

Futures – Mr. Stone/Ms. Buss: Mr. Stone: The high school has had preliminary discussions on master planning. One item being discussed is construction of a fieldhouse with an indoor track, basketball courts, baseball and softball cages, locker rooms, etc. There might be a possibility for a partnership of the school with the Park District for evening and weekend use. The Village might also be interested in helping with the project.

Fundraising - Ms. Deeb – This has been turned over to the Foundation.

#### Old Business –

JFL – Charge \$5.00 per registration at the present time. That is not enough to cover the expenses for the maintenance. Ms. Buss mention we need to increase to \$7.00 Mr. Stone said there is something about there is only a certain amount that can be charged per child. There was a lot discussion on what to charge for the exclusive right of the field. We would need to give them more time to think about the increase. There may not be enough time to get this accomplished before they start the new season. Ms. Ganson will contact Jeff for further discussion.

Update on House– Ms. Buss reported the Herring house will be used for the fire department training. It should take place at the end of the summer. MPD is responsible for the debris removal.

Pots for the Pool– Pots for the pool were picked up by the staff.

#### New Business –

New Commissioner(s) Needed– Mr. Al Eckhoff, Ms. Michelle Spielman, Ms. Laura MacNeil and Mr. Josh Ketcherside expressed an interest on being part of the board. Ms. Laura MacNeil does not live within the Village of Metamora. The concession stand at the pool would be a conflict of interest to be part of the Board. Mr. Stone made a motion to nominate Michelle Spielman to serve on the Board, seconded by Mr. Staub. Motion carried. Ms. Buss administered the oath of office to Ms. Spielman, and Ms. Spielman took her seat on the Board. Ms. Deeb made a motion to nominate Al Eckhoff to serve on the Board, seconded by Mr. Staub. Motion carried. Ms. Buss administered the oath of office to Mr. Eckhoff and Mr. Eckhoff took his seat on the Board.

Possible Rental of IPMR Space– Ms. Ganson explained the 800 square footage available at IPMR. It would be a cost of \$400 a month with a percent of the utilities. We need Mr. Schierer's approval at this time. There will be a yearly lease most likely. There will be a vote next month.

Working with Farnsworth on plans for BPP Property– Mr. Bruce of Farnsworth Group presented a review of what plan he could have ready for Old Settlers Day. It would be a 30” X 42” board talking points for a 3 – 4 year phase. The cost would be \$3000 for their services.

Public Input – none

Adjourn for an Executive Session at 9:14.

Executive Session – Roger Seckler will receive 56 cent per mile for mileage.

Roger Secker pay increase to \$12.50 starts 06/16/14.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Stone and seconded by Mr. Staub. Motion carried at 9:20.