

Metamora Park Board

Minutes of **July 6, 2016** Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Call to Order - In the Village Hall: 102 N. Davenport, Metamora IL at 7:01 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance - Performed.

Roll Call - Michelle Spielman, Sarah Buss, Kerry Brock, and Matt Bidne were present. *Jarrod Love was absent.*

Minutes - Minutes for the following meetings were reviewed and approved as listed:

1. June 1st Regular Meeting Minutes - Motion made by Buss and seconded by Brock. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Public Input - There was no public input.

Reports

1. Treasurer Report
 - a. Joan Garber was sick and unable to attend the meeting. The commissioners did not have the current treasurer report. Report will be postponed until the next meeting.
2. Director's Report
 - a. \$500 Safety grant from iParks came through.
 - b. Business application for a credit card from Goodfield bank has been secured.
 - c. Pool opening has gone smoothly. The concession stand is doing very well financially.
 - d. Bids are being gathered on janitorial supplies for the pool.
 - e. Clover is out of control at the parks, drawing bees which have stung visitors.
 - f. Bids have been collected for fertilizing and providing mulch for the parks.
 - g. The replacement camera for the trail camera is not what was expected. The board asked Deeb to contact the Metamora Police to ask if they gave the wrong camera by mistake.
 - h. The three new playground pieces were installed at Schupp and Black Partridge Park.
 - i. There is a large hornet colony in the sand volleyball pit at BPP. Pest control said it would take an estimated 40 gallons of pressurized water to drown the colony. Deeb suggested removing the sand volleyball court altogether, since this colony has a history of returning every year.
 - j. Locks at the pool need to be rekeyed. Over the years many keys have been distributed and not been returned. Price estimates need to be collected.
 - k. New signs have been installed at BPP. The rules sign now has our current phone number. The no-dumping ordinance signs are new.
 - l. Some programs were cancelled due to low registration numbers. Nature First is full and Minecraft, Lego, Run Club, and several other programs are doing very well.
 - m. MPD is ready to sign the Rec1 service agreement. Hoping to start implementing it in August.
 - n. The summer camp counselors attended Old Settler's to market park district programs and camps.

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- o. Some organizations are interested in providing scholarships to families in need to send their children to our camp.
 - p. A Stream Discovery workshop will be hosted by the Park District later this July. Anyone is welcome to join the workshop. Continued Education units are available to educators.
 - q. We will apply for swing modification grant with iParks. This grant will safely modify the swings at our parks to lessen the risk of injury.
- 3. Pool Manager's Report
 - a. Several marketing events are coming up including Nacho Thursday, Christmas in July, Tubular Tuesday and Ice Cream Sunday.
 - b. A local band is interested in doing a fundraiser for the pool sometime in August. The board liked this idea.
 - c. An assistant manager resigned and has been replaced by a long-time pool employee.
- 4. Budget
 - a. Budget approval meeting is scheduled for July 22nd, 4:30pm at the Park District Office.
 - b. An updated draft of the Five-Year Plan was presented.
- 5. Marketing
 - a. Happy Fall Y'all is being planned for this fall. Discussed having a movie screening, bonfire, and wagon ride.
- 6. Futures
 - a. Bidne spoke to two vendors for the basketball courts. Costs will likely be over \$10,000. More bids need to be acquired for such a large project.
 - b. Discussed the 58 acre area behind BPP with Farnsworth. They were impressed with the size of the property and will work to develop a multi-generation plan of development.
- 7. Maintenance - Love was not present to give his report.

Old Business

- An Ordinance annexing 411 Coal Bank Rd, Metamora, Illinois into the Metamora Park District
 - Brock made motion to approve. Buss seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.
- An Ordinance annexing a 2.5 Acre Property Located at the Northwest Corner of Santa Fe Trail and Coal Bank Rd, Metamora, Illinois into the Metamora Park District
 - Buss made motion to approve. Brock seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.
- Metamora Park Foundation & Strategic Planning
 - More fundraisers are coming up for the pool including a triathlon and Michael's Italian Feast.
- Mulch for Brighton

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- ☐ We need to decide how to enclose the area before purchasing mulch, to prevent the new mulch from washing away. Deeb endorsed using hard rubber lining around the play areas, like that used at Dozer Park playgrounds.
- ☐ Buss made motion to use Hofstatters for Mulch at Brighton Park, not to exceed \$3500 for purchase and delivery, for capital improvement from the bond. Buss seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.
- Spraying for Weeds at Parks
 - ☐ Board asked Deeb to acquire more bids.
 - ☐ If the clover at the parks is removed, the bees would not die. They would just move on to another area.
- Baseball Field Maintenance
 - ☐ Grass is overtaking the edge of the diamond. The baseball season is coming to an end, so it was decided to wait until it ends before acting.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:57 PM by Brock and seconded by Bidne. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm

Michelle Spielman, President of the Metamora
Park Board

Paula Winkler, Metamora Park Board Secretary