

Metamora Park Board
P.O. Box 633
Minutes of August 6, 2014 Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Commissioners

Call to Order – In the Village Hall: 102 N. Davenport, Metamora IL at 7:07 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance – Performed.

Roll Call - Commissioners present were Eric Stone, Dawn Deeb, and Sarah Buss, Michelle Spielman, Mike Staub and Al Eckhoff arrived at 7:33. Ms. Buss left at 7:24. Director Christy Ganson, Secretary/Treasurer Betty Lang and Pool Manager Jacob Wall were present.

Minutes – July 2, 2014, regular Meeting minutes: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Stone and seconded by Ms. Spielman. Motion carried

Public Input – Mr. Tim Damery Metamora Grade School expressed the need for BPP on 08/23/14. At this time BPP is scheduled by another group. Ms. Ganson will report back to him if we can met his needs.

Mr. Stone made a motion to nominate Kerry Brock to serve on the Board, seconded by Ms. Spielman. Roll call vote: Ms. Buss: yes; Mr. Staub: yes; Ms. Deeb: yes; Mr. Stone: yes; Ms. Spielman: yes. Motion carried. Ms. Buss administered the oath of office to Ms. Brock, and Ms. Brock took her seat on the Board.

Treasurer Report – Betty Lang: The Treasurer report for June was passed out to the Board. The July reports were sent out electronically. Mr. Spielman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted, seconded by Ms. Deeb. Motion carried. A date will be set in the next week to discuss the Budget.

Pool Report – Mr. Wall: Reported the Pass Holder Appreciation night had a 100 people present. There were only three families at the August Fun Night. He mentioned the reason for the pool closing before Labor Day is staffing. The pools in the surrounding area close at the same time as well. There were a total of 22 pool parties. There was a Make a Wish Day for a young girl. In the future we need to publicize it more.

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

Continued to receive registration for Metamora Adventure Camps. Posted information on our Facebook each week, sent out confirmation letters, prepared survey for participants, purchased supplies for each week of camp, and was special presenter once a week at camp. Have had a total of 117 campers for our 7 weeks of camps. Many favorable comments.

Met with Police Chief Mike Todd about emergency routes at BPP, keys for the gates, Meet Your Heroes Day (New Business), and officer/K9 for our Open House (New Business).

Setup our display and gave presentation to MABA about our first year of programs and preliminary plans at BPP. Asked to join as member of MABA. Also discussed sign usage by Park District and our name posted on sign. Will discuss under New Business.

Met/talked with Dale of Wayne Mechanical about proposal for ventilation of back pump house and fixing plumbing in boys' restroom. Now all toilets and urinals working along with water heater.

In conversation with Mrs. Costello and Mrs. Vogel at Metamora Grade since, as of a week ago, we had not received a CC schedule from them or an agreement. Have made numerous attempts to make this happen since last fall. Even sent them copy of MTHS' CC agreement to use as a guide. Did finally hear back from them about CC dates at BPP, but one is already reserved by two renters. Have suggested changing their schedule to a Friday afternoon meet. No reply yet.

Received forms from IDNR for our IYRC Grant for 2014. Received the first half of our funding last week.

Asked by Rotary Club to give a presentation about Park District programs and preliminary plans for BPP on Aug. 13.

Will be interviewed by Judith Valente, WGLT Normal, and "Unknown Illinois" as she accompanies me on a hike at Black Partridge Park on Tues. Sept. 30.

Our Fall Guide has gone to the printer. Been working for the past 2 months to setup presenters, sites for the programs, and graphic layout. Program guide is four pages longer than our last guide. Our programs for the fall include: Arm Weaving Scarf Class, Creative Movement, Early Start Golf, Fall Hikes, LEGO Class, Nature Play, Photography Classes, Silver Hikes, Strength & Balance, Tot Time, and Yoga. Guide may be ready this Friday for distribution.

Meeting with Ken Maurer, Katie Kim, and Charles Kim from the Kim/Horan Group about design, build, lease options. Village is exploring for the Community Center. Group interested in Park District for master plan at BPP. If interested, they are available to come to next Board meeting to discuss what is involved and how they help with design, construction management, property management, investment management, and leasing options.

Trails – Mr. Staub: reported the trails are in great shape. All bridges are back in place and trails have been trimmed and cleared. Mr. Staub showed Ms. Ganson and Mr. Cowling all the

emergency points. The carsonte markers will have to wait until next spring. A new sign is needed stating “No motorized or ebikes vehicles allowed”.

Futures – Mr. Stone/Ms. Buss: Mr. Stone: Work on the Field House continues. There will be a meeting in September of all the entities involved.

Marketing – Ms. Deeb: discussed the different banners available for the MPD. They are a \$100 apiece. Ms. Deeb will email Ms. Christy the different samples.

Special Projects – Ms. Spielman/Mr. Eckhoff: Ms. Spielman explained there would be three forums to discuss the addition to the District. They will be September 21, October 21, and November 17. Mr. Eckhoff and Ms. Ganson will met and talked about the baseball diamond agreement. The decision about the Cabin at BPP has not been settled. We are not in the position to handle the Cabin. Ms. Ganson will contact Laure Adams to find out what was the Woodford County Historical Society plans were at this time.

Old Business –

Ventilation of Pool Pump House – Motion to approve Wayne Mechanical expenditure of \$2450 for the ventilation of back pump house was made by Mr. Eckhoff and seconded by Mr. Stone. Motion carried.

House Preparation for burn– Ms. Ganson has had conversations with several groups on the asbestos removal. No one will touch it before we take sample and have a permit to remove it. We do not have a cost at this time. There are questions around the old pump and concrete pad. It has not solved at this time.

Property Plans– Ms. Ganson reported that we needed to add two more class rooms to our plans. The blueprint needs to show one level not two as well.

New Business –

MCP Request/Consideration–There has been a request for the new property plans to include a Preschool. It is still under further investigation.

Kiddy Pool Pump– Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the expenditure for Fox Pool of \$745.42 for the pool pump, seconded by Mr. Deeb Motion carried.

Closing of the Metamora Pool for the 2014 Season– Ms. Spielman made a motion to approve the expenditure not to exceed \$3500 of Fox Pool for closing the pool, seconded by Mr. Stone. Mr. Eckhoff made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$1500 of Fox Pool for the heater, seconded by Ms. Deeb.

Meet Your Heroes – Inflatable & Volunteer– Meet Your Hero day is September 13. Ms. Ganson will arrange an 18 foot inflatable slide for that day. Ms. Ganson will send out an email for volunteers needed.

New Office Space – Office Equipment, Hours, Open House–Ms. Ganson will get used furniture for the new office. We will have Open House on Sat., Sept. 6 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. We will have a bounce house, popcorn, Creative Movement class, Fencing demonstration, K9 and Office demonstration, and Ribbon cutting.

2014-2015 Budget–A budget meeting will be scheduled.

Public Input – none

Adjournment– Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Spielman and seconded by Ms. Brock. Motion carried at 9:19 p.m. .