

Metamora Park Board
P.O. Box 633
Minutes of April 2, 2014 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 Don Hutchens, Mike Staub, Eric Stone, Dawn Deeb, and Jerry Waldschmidt. Absent: Sarah Buss. Director Christy Ganson and Secretary/Treasurer Betty Lang were present.

Minutes – March 5, 2014, regular Meeting minutes: There was one changed from Mr. Staub that needed to be made. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Stone and seconded by Mr. Hutchens. Motion carried.

Public Input – Cory Shoopman, BP running club, reported the programs.

Michael Cox, MYSA, reviewed the field's condition. Ms. Ganson will contact the High School to get a list of volunteers. Ms Ganson will advertise for a maintenance position. Mr. Stone and Mr. Hutchens will develop a list of the concerns for the fields.

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.Hutchens. Motion carried.

Director of Parks and Recreation – Christy Ganson: Ms. Ganson reported on the months activities.

Contacted presenters and coordinated schedules for new summer programs: Creative Movement, Recreational Bag League, and Early Start Golf.

Updated all forms for the pool: pool prices, pool passes, swim lessons, shelter rental, and pool party reservations. Will be posted on our website on Fri. April 4. All of this information will also be mentioned in our new summer guide.

In communication with IDNR as to status of Youth Recreation Corps grant for summer camp workers. Funding still not available. State still optimistic that will know by end of May about availability of funds for this summer. Mr. Ganson has ten days to get this completed.

Talked with Fast Signs and Dave Muller from Village about going together to order signs for Conceal Carry for our parks and facilities. I will probably be ordering before the Village. Would like signs in place before parks officially open April 7.

Assisted Pool Manager Jake Wall with interviews for asst. managers for the pool this summer. We are proud to announce that we have hired Taylor Kells and Christian Costello as asst. managers.

Communicated with MAST and received the signed agreement (with meet schedule). MAST Board approved the changes in the agreement including fee changes.

Met with Pool Manager Jake Wall at the pool to look at offices, pools, equipment, supplies, concession, etc. Made a list of maintenance needs for the pool before it opens that will be presented at our meeting on Wed. The hole in the slide need to repair. The diving board needs to be resurfaced. The paint in the girl's locker room is peeling. It was decided to get rid of the pay phone. Mr. Wall reported water underneath coming in the pump room. Mr. Waldschmidt said it is ground water coming into the pump room. He will get the float to work like it should. Mr. Waldschmidt and Mr. Hutchens will check the side hole this weekend.

Communication with Craig Tucker, MATBO and Flames, about field preparation this summer. Mr. Stone said we did this last year. It was agreed that we will do this again this year. He will review this record on what we charged last year.

There was discussion on how we handle the volunteer help from the High School. No one under the age of 18 can operate a motorize vehicle. They can trim, paint and clean. Ms. Ganson will find out how many hours they will be available.

Received Swimming Facility License Renewal Notification postcard. Renewals are done online. The technical difficulties with the new system on line. IDPH will send paperwork in the mail for renewal.

Communicated with Ryan Van Fossen and Cory Shoopman of the Black Partridge Run Club that we need proof of insurance and agreement for this program.

Anyone that is a recreation presenter working with children under the age of 18 will need a background check. It is \$16 a person. No finger print is needed.

Fields and Pool – Mr. Waldschmidt: none

Trails – Mr. Staub: PAMBA did not get the grant, they will apply for another one. Mr. Staub will check out the GPS now that it is warmer. Mike Todd and Gene Obrey would like to work on the emergency route.

Maintenance/Village Liaison – Mr. Hutchens: Grade the road and the ball fields are done.

Mr. Hutchens reported that the Village is thinking of putting a flashing sign at the BPP opening and cameras.

Ms. Ganson will ask Mr. Seckler about opening the BPP gate each day. The Metamora Police locks it up at night.

Ms. Ganson will give Mr. Seckler permission to buy a new edge trimmer.

We will pay FS for \$140.00. They will charge us the same as last year. We will not treat football fields.

Community Outreach – None

Futures – Mr. Stone/Ms. Buss: None

Fundraising - Ms. Deeb exploring options for fundraisers. She will contact Mr. Buss with the Metamora Foundation with her options because they are working on the same project.

Old Business –

Options for House at BPP - The board discussed all different options. The house was approved for storage and office use. It is not approved to have people come in for a meeting. We could sell the house. Some disadvantages would be we would lose our entrance in the park or the new owners would not take care of the area. It would cost too much to bring the house up to date. Maybe we could just keep the garage. We could just tear it down. It was decided to have a Special meeting for options on the house. Mr. Hutchins will get quotes by next week. Ms. Ganson will get the asbestos removal quotes. Do not have Mr. Seckler move anything into the garage. Do not fix the garage door. Do not put insurance on the building. If an emergency shelter is needed during the summer programs, we will use the JFL facilities.

Director's Evaluation - The information is needed by May 12.

Water Line Proposal- Committee Update - Ms Ganson reported that Mr. Lerczak will not do a presentation in May. We will wait until September. The Girl Scouts realize they will not get the water this year.

Metamora Foundation - Ms. Lang reported Ms. Ganson is the registered agent. The directors are Ms. Lelm, Ms. Springer, Mr. Buss and Mr. Schierer. The Articles of Incorporation need signatures to be filed. The foundations will have options for their fundraiser at Old Settlers.

Vacant Commissioner Seat & Review of Current Commissioner Seats: Mr. Stone reported there are four seats that would be up in March 2015, Mr. Stone, Ms. Deeb, the empty seat and appointed Mr. Waldschmidt. The seats are only four year terms. The county did recommend that we cycle each election. One election would be four seats and the next would be three seats available. Mr. Stone made a recommendation to change the seats of the board from seven to five, seconded by Ms. Deeb. Vote: Mr. Staub Yes, Mr. Stone Yes, Ms. Deeb Yes, Mr. Hutchens No, Mr. Waldschmidt No. Motion carried.

New Business –

Request from MATBO and Flames for field prep this summer. Already discussed.

Public Input – none

Executive Session - none

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