

Metamora Park Board
P.O. Box 633
Minutes of October 1, 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, Dawn Deeb, and Sarah Buss, Michelle Spielman, Kerry Brock, Mr. Eric Stone, Mike Staub and Al Eckhoff. Director Christy Ganson, Secretary/Treasurer Betty Lang were present.

Minutes – September 3, 2014, regular Meeting minutes: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Stone and seconded by Ms. Spielman. Motion carried

Public Input – Ms. Katie Kim of the Kim Group presented the services available from her company. They provide solutions for all the real estate, construction and property management needs. She explain at a high level the services they could provide to assist in the future development of the park. Ms. Katie Kim will also be available for future discussions as well.

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.

We reviewed the workman’s compensation audit. We continue to pay extra for our suppliers who do not carry their own workman’s compensation insurance. That will continue to be an issue with some companies like Eagle Enterprises. Eagle commented they did not need the insurance while our company say yes they do. If they were to get injured on our property they could file a claim against us. Mr. Stone will review his files for the history of the bids with Eagle Enterprises. Next year Ms. Ganson will develop a new contract with Eagle Enterprises or whomever we decide to mow our fields.

There was a motion to approve the annexation of the Shirley Jackson property P.I.N. 08-13-400-005 to the Park District by Mr. Stone and seconded by Ms. Spielman. Motion carried.

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

Office opened doors on Tues. Sept. 2. We are open MWF 9 -1 and TTH 1-5. Have more people who come by in the morning. I also have to come in Thurs. mornings for yoga. So, if numbers don’t change, when next guide comes out, I will change hours to M-F 9 – 1 p.m.

Had a great Open House on Sat. Sept. 6 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. We had many free events including bounce house, popcorn, Creative Movement class, Fencing demonstration, K9 and Officer Demonstration, and Ribbon cutting. Approximately 100 people attended throughout the morning.

Biggest response for K9. Thank you to the many Commissioners and MABA members present for ribbon cutting at 11 a.m. Will try to get a photo to post in our office.

All tables, chairs, and ladders put away at pool. Continue to pump down pools as we get more rain. Dale of Wayne Mechanical working on cold water line in shower house. Has ventilation fan to install in back pump house when finishes with cold water.

The MPD sign for the kiosk between our office and McDonalds is complete. Difficulty with landlord, Mr. Schierer, getting the sign up. Even though he agreed to the sign and we received approval in email from his attorney, Mr. Essig, he now doesn't want to allow in the space we discussed. If situation not resolved between us, Mr. Schierer/Mr. Essig, and IPMR by Wed., I may ask Commissioners for some assistance with the matter.

Met with Mr. Chad Schierer about fixing leaking windows in concession stand area before this winter. Lots of standing water on counters. Can't store umbrellas there (may be why one umbrella ruined last winter) or other maintenance supplies until fixed. He will address window issue this week.

Trails – Mr. Staub: Mr. Staub has started to put up the emergency signs. He will update the map as he goes. He has not heard back about the grant for the trees.

Futures – Mr. Stone/Ms. Buss: Ms. Buss mention that the Kim Group would part of our decision with the new property. Ms. McNeil will have an update on our website at the next meeting. Ms. Ganson has been invited to the Field House meetings.

Marketing – Ms. Deeb contacted Mr. Kip about the digital sign. There has not been any training on the sign at this time. The Park logo has not been added. Ms. Deeb express her concerns to Mr. Kip. She will prepare a press release for Ms. Ganson for the local newspapers.

Special Projects – Ms. Spielman: Ms. Spielman will use the volunteer method to visit each of the new homes that are not in our district. There were also some suggestions for us to reach out to the swim team, JFL, and others to get some volunteers as well.

Maintenance – Mr. Eckhoff: Discuss later.

Legislation – Ms. Brock: Ms. Buss commented that Ms. Brock will help us out and making sure we are keeping up with everything.

Old Business –

2014-2015 Budget–Ms. Lang presented a preliminary 2014-2015 Budget. We have more expenses than income however we do have funds in our money market and some funds left over from our bond to cover the expenses. We will met on October 6, 2014 at 6:00pm to approve the budgets.

Demolition Update (House on new property) –Ms. Ganson updated the time frame for the demolition of the house. It was decided to keep the shed for storage space at this time. We will get rid of the well and septic. The fire departments wants to wait for around the first or second week of November to burn the house down.

Mr. Eckhoff made a motion for M & O Environmental for \$9,000 to remove the asbestos, and seconded by Ms. Deeb. Motion carried.

Ms. Spielman made a motion for Well Drilling of Germantown to remove the well and cistern for \$2,785 and seconded by Mr. Eckhoff. Motion carried.

Mr. Eckhoff made a motion for the demolition, garage and to get rid of the septic tank by Kent Boyer for \$14,195.00 and seconded by Mr. Staub. Roll call vote results were as follows: Ms. Buss: yes, Ms. Deeb: yes, Mr. Staub: yes, Mr. Stone: yes, Ms. Spielman: yes, Ms. Brock: yes, and Mr. Eckhoff: yes. Motion carried.

Concession Stand Remodel – Ms. Ganson is meeting with public health next week.

MGS Cross Country Contract– Ms. Ganson ask the MGS to move the date up and they agreed to March 31. They need to contact JFL for any arrangements needed for concessions stand, bathroom, and other items. They are not allowed to use our equipment and that includes the gator as well. They agreed to everything and are just waiting on signatures.

Pool Maintenance Continuation–already covered

New Business –

Open Meeting Act – Ms. Ganson updated the Board on the Opening Meeting Act dated 09/4/14. When someone wishes to speak at the meeting we can ask for their name however they do not have to give their address. We are allowed to set a reasonable time for the public's comments. We do not have to subject our self to harassment or vulgarity. The Board is allowed to acknowledge the person speaking however does not have to comment on their question.

2015 Farm Lease – Ms. Ganson reported it is time to update the farm lease. Mr. Scheirer is interested in farming the 48.7 acres again for \$4870.00. Ms. Ganson will prepare the lease for him before April 2015.

November & April Election – Commissioner Seats– Ms. Buss will work with Ms. Brock so we all can understand what is going on with Mr. Hutchins seat that was filled.

Ms. Buss reported that Ms. Lang is not interested in doing the Secretary Job any more. She will be reviewing the application that they received previously and posting again for that position.

Public Input – none

Executive Session – Motion by Mr. Eckhoff for an executive session and seconded by Ms. Spielman. Motion approved at 9:06 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:18 p.m.

The Board agreed to increase the pool manager wages for 2015 to \$13.00.

Adjournment– Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Eckhoff and seconded by Ms. Deeb. Motion carried at 9:19 p.m. .