

Metamora Park Board

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

Call to Order - In the Village Hall: 102 N. Davenport, Metamora IL at 7:03 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance - Performed.

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

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

1. March 2nd Regular Meeting Minutes - Motion made by Brock and seconded by Buss. All vote in favor. Motion passed.

Public Input

- Todd Alderson gave an update on pool restoration requirements. He suggested filling and opening the pool by April 18th and then begin further testing. This will allow enough time for assessment and then making repairs. Total investment estimates come to \$30-\$47K.
- David Mueller said the Village would like to offer their services to get the word out about pool restoration fundraising events using their SMS service.
- Chad Udell, director of the MPD Foundation, gave an update on the organization. Donations at this time have totaled: \$5,000. The Foundation is hoping to acquire free punch passes to be given to donors and asked for feedback on their campaign letter. Buss suggested giving a dollar amount of pool passes, to be divided as the Foundation chooses.
- Kate Morrison reported that Dueling Pianos at the Metamora Fields has sold 200 tickets so far. This covers the costs of the event. Any tickets purchased henceforth will be positive. Estimated profits are expected to be upwards of \$13,000. A number of other fundraising events are being considered including a pork chop sale at Metamora IGA, a fundraising night at local restaurants, and a triathlon.
- Buss stressed that even if we can raise sufficient funds, if people do not come to the pool, the situation will remain the same.
- Stephanie Cole, former employee and manager of the pool, felt the pool wasn't being as efficient with money as it could be. Bidne and Deeb replied that the interest in the Metamora Pool has dropped in recent times. Rising competition from other community and private pools has been driving this trend.
- Julia Springer felt that lower attendance numbers came from unreliable pool hours.

Reports

1. Treasurer Report
 - a. Betty Lang gave Treasurer's report. Love made motion to approve. Spielman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.
2. Director's Report
 - a. Need to change wifi password for office copier.
 - b. Trees are coming down at Schupp park. Four more poplar trees remain standing.
 - c. Will get quotes from Hofstatters for finely-ground mulch to be used around playgrounds. Being tall playgrounds, they require nine inches of mulch.

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- d. Shelter rentals are rolling in.
 - e. A tri-fold pamphlet has been produced for summer camps which have been completely revamped. There will be full-day camps with a focus on outdoor education. A place of refuge from rain still needs to be decided on.
 - f. Picnic tables are being moved outside their intended place in shelters and not put back. The tables may need to be chained down if this continues. Illegal dumping continues.
 - g. Requests are coming in for volunteer opportunities from scout troops and park-inclined retirees.
 - h. Several companies are interested in hosting senior-orientated programming.
 - i. Need to update business cards.
 - j. The Park District can qualify for safety grant. Need to decide how to use it this year. Options include mulch, safety cones, first aid kits, safety signs, etc.
 - k. Roger is gathering bids for the shed.
 - l. Farm lease has been signed. Rent has been paid.
 - m. Need a statement regarding status on opening the pool for summer 2016 and the future. Buss suggested creating a FAQ sheet.
 - n. Bradley students who conducted a park district survey have a list of questions that need to be answered as they compile results.
3. Budget - No new information
4. Pool/Futures
- a. Schupp monkey bars must be removed. Bidne suggested replacing them with eight foot carousal. Concerns were raised about the safety of the equipment.
 - b. Baseball fields - got leads on new dirt and field renovations.
5. Marketing - No new information
6. Maintenance
- a. Love gathered ideas for cameras and other surveillance equipment. Ideas include installing cameras atop bathrooms and motion-activated flood-lighting. Will explore costs for May meeting.
 - b. Need to take down damaged trees at field at BBP.

Old Business

● Pool decision

- Having seen what funds had been raised for pool restoration, Park District discussed how comfortable they felt beginning the process of opening the pool. They would need to give \$3000 in good faith.
- Brock made a motion to approve the \$3000 to open the pool April 18th. Bidne seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.
- Pool sign-ups will be held at the pool pavilion on May 7th.
- Discounted pool passes are available if bought ahead of time. \$15 off until May 7th.

● Slide removal

- To be discussed at a later meeting.

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- Pool hours and hiring
 - Opening/Closing Dates to public - Staff is not allowed into the pool until OSHA approves the conditions. Will need to move OSHA inspection to the week of May 16th. This will allow for a June 1st opening. Closing date is August 10th.
 - Hours: 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM
 - Out of district pool passes are increased \$5.
 - Twilight prices drop \$1.
 - New Mommy and Me swim lessons will be added this year.
- MAST contract
 - Commissioners approved the version presented. It will be sent to MAST for review.
- Hedgerow at BPP
 - Discussed removing hedgerow entirely, taking it down by a few feet, or only taking out every third bush.
 - Roger says it's so old and dense that cutting it in half is impossible.
 - Brock will look into price of split-rail fence.
- Bank Options
 - Postponed for a later meeting.

New Business

- Door replacement at Bathrooms
 - Current doors easily catch in the wind. If possible, the board would like to add timed-locking devices to prevent vandalism.
 - The Board decided to schedule a special meeting to further discuss adding new doors, cameras, mulch, and playground equipment.
- Online management software
 - Postponed for a later meeting.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:34 PM by Buss and seconded by Love. All vote in favor. Motion passed.

Michelle Spielman, President of the Metamora Park Board

Paula Winkler, Metamora Park Board Secretary