

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF
BERKELEY PARK DISTRICT
OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022

The regular meeting of the commissioners of the Berkeley Park District was held on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at Berkeley Park District's Lind Park building. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

Roll call Commissioners present: J.Traina, D. Ditchfield, K. Lowe and T. Larem

Commissioners absent: P. Smith

Others present: Attorney Stephanie Posey, Park District Director P. Graham, Treasurer A. Schenone, Secretary A. Hord, 1 Berkeley resident and Mark Flores from Memorial Park District.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 4, 2022 by Commissioner Lowe and seconded by Commissioner Larem.

Commissioners voting "aye": J. Traina, D. Ditchfield, K. Lowe and T. Larem. Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 18, 2022 by Commissioner Lowe and seconded by Commissioner Ditchfield.

Commissioners voting "aye": J. Traina, D. Ditchfield, K. Lowe, and T. Larem. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Receipts for the month of May were \$20,811.64

There was no payroll for May

Disbursements for the month of May were \$6,815.02. A motion was made by Commissioner Lowe and seconded by Commissioner Traina to approve the disbursements.

Commissioners voting "aye": J. Traina, D. Ditchfield, K. Lowe, and T. Larem. Motion carried.

Correspondence: An email was received from resident Ellen Conlin regarding playground equipment located at Berkeley Park that is in need of repair. Commissioner Ditchfield has checked into the issue and found that the rubber coating on the equipment has become brittle and is cracking producing a pinch hazard. A discussion took place regarding inspections of the playground and equipment by Joe Romano, who is licensed to inspect. Commissioner Smith can also check into the inspection since he is licensed as well.

Council Report: Attorney Posey reported that due to a software problem, the state will be running approximately 6 months behind with tax bills.

Report of Commissioners:

A.) Commissioner Traina : No Report

B.) Commissioner Larem: reported the first Park Playdate went well and the next one will be sponsored by the Berkeley Library. She would like to see tot soccer as an additional program possibly in fall.

C.) Commissioner Smith: Absent

D.) Commissioner Ditchfield: reported the land survey has been completed, and to put Planit Landscaping on the agenda for the next meeting, also park inspections and repairs

E.) Commissioner Lowe: No Report

Directors Report: no report

IT Report: No Report

Old/Unfinished Business:

- A.) Discussion of Residential Questionnaire: will be tabled until next year.
- B.) Discussion of Village of Berkeley Proposal of Partnership: address points from the Ad-Hoc meeting. A special meeting will be needed, and will be scheduled for June 8 at 7:30 p.m.
- C.) Approval of 2021 Annual Financial Statement: approved at the May meeting
- D.) Flag Poles at the Memorial Corner: Joe Wagner of public works was getting pricing and looking into plans for the flag area. Commissioner Smith was also checking into information for new flags.

New Business:

- A.) Introduction of Mark Flores, from Memorial Park District: he has been the Park Director at Memorial Park District for 3 years. He and his park board would be happy to help Berkeley Park District with programing. They serve a portion of Berkeley, and don't charge them out of district fees. They have 18 parks total. He stated that he would be happy to look at the playground equipment and give his recommendation, since Commissioner Smith is out of town. He will meet Pete at Berkeley Park tomorrow. He stated that companies are very delayed(6-8 months) with replacement parts for playgrounds, and to reorder what is needed ASAP. It is very important to keep track of playground inspections. Commissioner Larem asked how to learn to organize better. Mark said he has a crew who works 7 days a week, they have 3 facilities, and a full time maintenance crew. Attorney Posey asked if there is a partnership between the two park districts, how can Berkeley Park District help assist Memorial Park District. His answer is to have a new relationship between park districts. His board of commissioners does approve working with the Berkeley Park District. With Covid, their programs are not at full capacity. They have space for programs, and just completed renovations at Eisenhower Park building using two Oslad grants, and they have someone inhouse to write grants. Their football program is full, but soccer is lower and baseball little league (even though it is not a park program, they use the fields, and advertise in their brochure). Their Day Camp will be running this summer,(lower capacity due to Covid). They have an After School Program which is housed at Jefferson School, and have a Tot Program, (not a daycare program).
- B.) Discussion and Approval of Phase I at Berkeley Park: A need for William Architect to plan out Phase I for Berkeley Park with and without grants. This would include 1.) courts 2.) new playground 3.)exercise stations 4.)picnic shelter. Along with a picnic shelter is a great need for a storage shed of some sort, possibly a garage of some type. Once the storage building is removed, there is a need to store volleyball equipment, holiday décor, and the ATV. Commissioner Larem asked when would grant information be available, and was told hopefully in June. The groups who were awarded Oslad grants last year, still has not received the money yet. The Berkeley Park District does have money to replace the playground. William Architects suggested the walking path around Berkeley Park could have crushed stone and be paved at a later day to save money. A new paved playground surface could double the cost and only last 5 to 8 years, whereas an AstroTurf can be laid quickly, be more affordable and last 10 years. Public Engagement has helped the commissioners with ideas, and now they need to decide the layout and decide. The two playgrounds will be combine into one. This will be further discussed at a special meeting.

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting:

Special Board Meeting at Lind Park building on June 8, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Ad-Hoc Meeting on Thursday, June 16 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Berkeley Village Hall

Regular Meeting on Wednesday July 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lind Park building

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Ditchfield seconded by Commissioner Lowe to adjourn the meeting at 8:47p.m.

Commissioner voting "aye" were: J. Traina, D. Ditchfield, K. Lowe and T. Larem Motion carried.

Ann Hord

Secretary

Public in attendance for the Regular Board Meeting held on Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Laura Garica-Graham