

**Metamora Park Board**  
P.O. Box 633  
Minutes of February 5, 2014 Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Commissioners

Call to Order – In the Village Hall: 102 N. Davenport, Metamora IL at 7:20 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance – Performed.

Roll Call - Commissioners present were Don Hutchens, Mike Staub, Eric Stone, Dawn Deeb, Absent: Sarah Buss, Jerry Waldschmidt. Director Christy Ganson and Secretary/Treasurer Betty Lang were present.

Minutes – January 8, 2014, regular Meeting minutes: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Stone and seconded by Mr. Hutchens. Motion carried.

Public Input – none

Treasurer Report – Betty Lang: The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report. Mr. Hutchens made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted, seconded by Mr. Stone. Motion carried.

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

Completed tax exemption forms for all properties owned by the park district. Also, researched park properties online using Woodford County website. All of our parcels are exempt but the back portion of BPP that is farmed and the two new properties we have added at BPP. I do have the forms to file for tax exemption for the property used for parking by the football fields and the Herring property. Tax exemption forms were missing for two parcels for Lincoln-Douglas Park. Learned they had been sent to the Village. Upon talking with staff at Woodford County and looking through old plat books, discovered Lincoln-Douglas Park is still owned by the Village. Deed is recorded in the Village's name. Have spoken to Ms. Camper of the Village to research this matter. Land was believed to have been passed over to the park district sometime after Dec. 1976 and the mid-1980s. Will continue researching. Ms. Buss has also communicated with Mr. Maurer about this matter.

Received signed copy of agreement between park district and MTHS for cross country.

Presenting 2014 cross country schedule for approval Wed. night. Practice starts on August 13.

Received proposal from FS for weed control at our parks for 2014. Discussed with Mr. Hutchens and gave him a copy. Discussion this evening. The price for the parks for 2013 was \$2,379. The quote for 2014 is over \$6,000. The pool was \$1,829 in 2013. The quote for 2014 is \$4,776.

Worked with IParks and Ms. Lang on our insurance application for the park district. Will discuss quotes for Herring property under New Business. Discovered we have been paying for insurance for the JFL's Concession building for a number of years. JFL insures this building. I have removed it from our policy and added the bathroom at BPP

Communicated with CITRA about request to have midnight run at BPP on May 30. Also communicated with Mr. Lerczak, IDNR, on the matter. He had reservations after the race last year and effects on nesting bird species esp. threatened cerulean warbler on our property. Awaiting IDNR's direction on the matter. Also concern that CITRA did damage to property last year because ran after large rainfall. Need to address rain policy and must have proof of insurance. The decision was made not to have the midnight run at BPP.

Conducted Head Pool Manager Interviews along with Pool Committee of Mr. Waldschmidt and Ms. Deeb at Village on Sat. Feb. 1. Recommend hiring Jake Wall as the Head Pool Manager for Summer 2014. Mr. Wall asked Ms. Ganson is there any way he could paid higher. Other facilities were paying \$13.00. It was decided it would be reviewed after the first year.

Fields and Pool – Mr. Waldschmidt: none

Trails – Mr. Staub: This is not a good time for the Geocaching map for BPP, will wait until the weather improves. PAMBA cleared several deadfall from the trails in BPP.

Maintenance/Village Liaison – Mr. Hutchens: None

Community Outreach – None

Futures – Mr. Stone/Ms. Buss: Mr. Stone contacted Mr. Marty Payne to review the maps. They are not very easy to read. Mr. Stone contacted the county clerk at the Eureka court house. He was told to contact the assessment office to get more information.

Fundraising – Ms. Deeb: None

Old Business –

Board Bylaws: Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the bylaws. Ms. Deeb seconded it. The Bylaws were reviewed by the Board and Ms. Ganson will update with the changes.

Water Line Proposal- Committee Update: Mr. Hutchens said the water line proposal was on hold until after May.

New Business –

Land Purchases- Next Steps on Insurance, ADA : Move the equipment to the new building. It was decided to not insure the house. We will not use the building at this time and keep the heat at 45 degrees.

PAMBA - Ms. Ganson communicated with PAMBA on a Bell Built Grant for a flow trail at BPP. This would provide unique trails for this area and would enable us to draw more people to our park. It can be added to our web site. PAMBA will do the maintenance. The consensus was to let Ms. Ganson help with the grant and set up for the event.

Metamora Foundation - Ms. Buss, Ms. Ganson, Ms. Lang, Ms. Lelm, and Mr. Buss attended the meeting on January 29, 2014. Ms. Ganson and Ms. Lang explained the qualifications for The Foundations. We discussed the purpose, stipulations, and paperwork needed to get started. No decisions were made at that time. The next meeting is February 24.

Public Input – none

Executive Session - none

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Stone and seconded by Ms. Dee. Motion carried at 8:59.