

**Metamora Park Board**  
P.O. Box 633  
Minutes of March 5, 2014 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 - Commissioners present were Don Hutchens, Mike Staub, Eric Stone, Dawn Deeb, Sarah Buss, and Jerry Waldschmidt. Director Christy Ganson and Secretary/Treasurer Betty Lang were present.

Minutes – February 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. Staub. Motion carried.

Public Input – Mr. Mike Vicary, President of MYSA, was present. He wanted the fields ready by April 1, weather permitted. He ask for more diligent in the communication of the field's conditions. The fields were not being checked. Sometimes the fields were ready and was told they were and just the opposite a well. Rodger Seckler is the only maintenance we have at this time. We are looking for a part time person as well. President of MAST Board, Stephanie Decker, was present. She was present to introduce herself. She has been working with Ms. Ganson to update the lease agreement.

Treasurer Report – Betty Lang: The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report. Ms. Lang ask if anyone knew Patric Nguyen. He has not cashed a check from last year and has not been able to communicate with him. Ms. Ganson will met with Ms. Lang. Mr. Staub made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted, seconded by Mr. Waldschmidt. Motion carried.

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

Talked in detail with IDNR about Illinois Youth Recreation Corps grant program. This grant enables park districts to employ youth (ages 14-18) as camp counselors at \$9/hr. and supervisors (age 19 and up) at \$12/hr. Would receive funding at the end of summer, if General Assembly released funds for this program. We are looking to fund three employees.

Have reviewed legal documents from park district attorney, Bill Connor, regarding The Firearms Conceal Carry Act and The Compassionate use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program. We will have a 4x6 signs made and posted at our parks by the time they open in April. The sign will be placed at the entrance of BPP and the pool. Will distinguish between legal and illegal cannabis use in our employee manual and send to Mr. Connor for his review before finalized and distributed to employees. Ms. Ganson will check with Mr. Dave at The Village to see if they have looked into the purchase of these signs and maybe get them cheaper working together.

The State of Illinois is behind in getting the licenses sent out. You have to go on line to get your pool licenses.

Following recommendations made for the pool following a meeting with Jake Wall, pool manager:

- A. Pool opening date changed to Sat. June 6, due to schools in session until June 5.
- B. Order more fanny packs (need to replace at least 3, need total of 7/one per lifeguard on duty, and range from \$7-\$15).
- C. Need more lifeguard rescue tubes (have 5, 2 in bad shape, need 7 for those on duty, \$35/each).
- D. Pool Passes: issue 2 per family/\$5 charge to replace/number for each pass and people (up to 6 in immediate family) listed on it/ must show pass and sign in at pool (12 and older without an adult).
- E. Three swimming lesson sessions during the day: Session 1- June 16-27. Session 2- July 7 – 18. Session 3 – July 21 – Aug. 1. If we want to do an evening session (5:30- 6 p.m., pool closed for half hour) due to pool opening a week late, would have to overlap with Session 3, so we would have a daytime and nighttime session July 21- Aug. 1. The board recommended the evening session from 7:00 – 7:30.
- F. Sponsor three Family Fun Nights: Wed. June 18, Wed. July 9, and Wed. Aug. 13. 7 – 9 p.m.
- G. Offer one day a week of Water Aerobics and/or Zumba classes at time of Lap Swim.
- H. Tot Time expanded to M,W, F from 12 -1 for ages 5 and under in the Kiddie Pool for \$2 each.
- I. Open Dollar General account for Director and Pool Manager(s) use for pool and rec. supplies.
- J. Replace Adirondack chairs with actual portable lifeguard chairs by Kiddie Pool and possibly end of Lap Pool by locker rooms to increase alertness and overall safety of swimming area. Also recommended by Lifesaving Society. Options range from \$270 to \$547.
- K. Recommend Adult flat rate of \$5 just like our children, senior, military, and lap swim have one rate. Much easier for our front desk to enforce.

Recommendation for next year is to have the option to rent the pavilion for a half day as well as all day at BPP. Right now it is \$25 a day.

BPP is not equipped to have a volley ball league.

Fields and Pool – Mr. Waldschmidt: none

Trails – Mr. Staub: If PAMBA does not get the grant, they will apply for another one.

Maintenance/Village Liaison – Mr. Hutchens: The sign pillars are too close together. They are working on a plan to resolve this issue.

Community Outreach – None

Futures – Mr. Stone/Ms. Buss: Mr. Stone met with the Woodford County Assessor to review the MPD and the Grade School boundaries. The proposal is to increase the map of the MPD to include the Metamora Grade School boundaries. This would increase our EAV by approximately 145%. We are currently approximately at 62 million. It would approximately go to 152 million. We have an option to go to land owners and get them to sign a petition. The other would be to have a referendum. The MPD would need to sell the plan that all the people voting would be very well informed on why they should vote to add taxes. We would need to

inform the voters of the programs and facilities that would be added. That would be a marketing and sales job for the MPD. We would need a 51% of the voters to pass this referendum.

Fundraising - Ms. Deeb gave examples of fundraising. River Plex does picket fences. Peoria will do the bricks. We need to decide where we would want them to go. She will get prices for these options. They will raise money and make the environment look better.

#### Old Business –

5 Year Plan - Mr. Buss plan is updated with new property that we own and other changes we talked about. The focus is the same. Everything in the plans is in our budgets.

The new building cannot at this time be used for anything. Ms. Ganson will reach out to Union Church when needed for programs. Ms. Ganson will get another bid for the asbestos removal.

Ms. Buss presented the need to have Ms. Ganson full time for June, July, and August. Ms. Ganson attends meeting for MPD. She presents, set up and clean-up for all the programs that are presented for the MPD. In order for us to move in the direction that is needed for the MPD Ms. Ganson is needed for full time during the summer. The motion was made by Mr. Stone and seconded by Ms. Dee not to exceed \$1,500. Ms. Buss, Ms. Deeb, Mr. Staub, Mr. Stone, Mr. Hutchens, and Mr. Waldschmidt voted yes. Motion carried.

Water Line Proposal- Committee Update - Ms. Buss reported there were three options presented by the Farnsworth Group. Option 1 was the most expensive. Option 3 was the one presented to Mr. Grebner. Not sure at this time if it will go through. The MPD still supports the need for the new water line. We would like it done with the least destruction. The Girl Scouts will pay for the water lines. They will met in a couple weeks and report back.

Metamora Foundation - Ms. Buss, Ms. Ganson, and Mr. Staub attended the meeting on February 24. There is a need for more people at this time. We need at least three people. Ms. Buss hopes The Village Comprehensive Open House will draw more interest. There will be another meeting on March 19.

#### New Business –

Director Evaluation - We are approaching our one year mark. Ms. Buss has developed an evaluation that will be sent out to all the board members for comment. She will compile the feedback from the board. Ms. Buss and Mr. Staub will do the evaluation on Ms. Ganson and it is will be done by May.

JFL Irrigation System - Ms. Buss said the JFL will be putting new irrigation system all at their cost. They are paying for it and maintain it as well.

Executive Session Meeting Minutes – Ms. Lang asked do we want to open the executive session minutes to the public. Ms. Buss, Ms. Deeb, Mr. Staub, Mr. Stone, Mr. Hutchens, and Mr. Waldschmidt voted no. Motion carried.

Vacant Commissioner Seat & Review of Current Commissioner Seats. - There was discussion on the number of seat for the Board. No one remembers why or when we went to seven seats. The question is should we have only five. Other park districts only have five. MPD had seven seats because they were doing all the work and did not have employees. Ms. Buss recommended we shrink down to five seats at this time because we have paid employees. Ms. Lang will call the County Clerk for advice on the length of term. Mr. Waldschmidt was never elected. He was appointed and has never run for the seat.

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.