

Metamora Park Board
P.O. Box 633
Minutes of January 7, 2015 Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Commissioners

Call to Order – In the Village Hall: 102 N. Davenport, Metamora IL at 7:06 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance – Performed.

Roll Call - Commissioners present were, Sarah Buss, Kerry Brock, Michelle Spielman and Eric Stone. Absent: Dawn Deeb, Al Eckhoff, and Mike Staub. Director Christy Ganson, Secretary/Treasurer Betty Lang were present.

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

Public Input – Mr. Craig Tucker of the MATBO updated the board of their needs. They would like to see another field and building for their use at BPP. A concession stand would help them generate revenue for their organization. The next step would be for MATBO to reach out to MYSA for their participation as well. This would enhance our community.

Treasurer Report – Betty Lang: The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report. Mrs. Spielman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted, seconded by Ms. Brook. Motion carried.

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

1. Had Tot Time for ages 1 – 5 at Park District Office on Wed. Dec. 3 with 6 children in attendance. Last Tot Time of the year was held on Wed. Dec. 17 at the Community Center to allow participants to bring large toys such as bikes. There were 16 children in attendance! Shows the need for a larger facility for playtime. This was the last Tot Time at the Comm. Center before it closed. In conversation with Snyder Village, may be able to utilize the SV Center for future Tot Times at no cost. Snyder Village trying to promote intergenerational activities. This Park District activity will help meet that need.
2. Yoga classes held on Tues. evenings Dec. 2, 9, and 16 at 6:30 (6-10 participants) and Thurs. mornings Dec. 4, 11, and 18 at 10:00 (5-7 participants). NO classes were scheduled for Christmas and New Year's weeks. Yoga will begin again for 2015 the week of Jan. 5. Will add Sat. morning Yoga classes at 9 a.m. starting Jan. 10 until the end of April.
3. Nature Play on Fri. Dec. 5 with full registration with theme "O Christmas Tree." This was our last Nature Play at Comm. Center before it closed. Nature Play will now be at our Park District

Office. Weather permitting, we utilize the grassy lot between us and McDonalds for part of the program. Will try to have the April and May programs entirely outside at BPP.

4. Took photos and sent press release to the Woodford Courier for our new Winter/Spring 2015 programs. Large photo from Lego Class featured on the front page of the newspaper for the week of Dec. 10.
5. Have distributed 900 of the 1,000 copies of the new Winter/Spring 2015 program guide around the Metamora, Germantown Hills, and Spring Bay communities. Saving the 100 copies for future presentations and office use.
6. Have tried to contact Architect George Kelly about update on the drain for diving well, flow for big pool, and ADA lift for big pool. Have had no response probably due to the holidays. If get more details from Mr. Kelly, will share under Old Business on Wed.
7. Have also tried to contact Mike Morge from MYSA for update on the Agreement with the Park District. If get more information by Wed., will include under Old Business.
8. Added a special Christmas Creative Movement on Wed. Dec. 10 and filled the class with 16 participants!
9. Thank you to the Village, Dave Mueller, and Mr. Hutchens for bringing multiple loads of rock to the former house site at BPP. There are also 6 poles from Ameren that Mr. Seckler will work with Mr. Hutchens to utilize.
10. Mr. Chad Schierer and Paul Gansch (Paul's Portable Welding) constructed and posted a holder for our Park District sign on the pylon by our Office early in December. A number of people have noticed the sign.
11. Still no progress with installing a security light over the door of our entrance. Mr. Bob Schierer has told me it will be done, but has not been completed yet. Have asked IPMR to now contact Mr. Schierer. Concerned for sufficient lighting for our night classes such as Lego and Yoga.
12. Attended MABA meeting on Dec. 9. Would like Park District to take part in Christmas on the Square next year.
13. Moved all of our tables and chairs and bulletin board from the Community Center. Some stored at the office and others at the shed at BPP. In conversation with Legionnaires about purchasing a few tables and chairs from them for the office. Should hear back from them after Jan. 12.
14. Posted signs at BPP to ask people not to block gates for emergency purposes and not to dispose of Christmas trees at BPP. Also posted on Facebook informing people that trees can be disposed of in the parking lots at the Pool, Lincoln-Douglas, and Schupp Parks.
15. First renters for Park District Office, "Sassy Ladies Quilting", Jan. 23 – 25.
16. Park District Office will be closed on Mon. Jan. 19 in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

Trails – Mr. Staub: none

Futures – Mr. Stone/Ms. Buss: none

Marketing – Ms. Deeb: Ms. Buss discussed with Ms. Deeb about doing a fund raiser late February or early March for a specific goal. Maybe the goal is getting a computer for the Director. A couple options would be like Bergner's Day or the Dairy Queen.

Special Projects – Ms. Buss: Ms. Buss explained that it is very difficult to get volunteers for the tax expansion. She thinks we have everything if someone wanted to fill out a form.

Maintenance – Mr. Eckhoff: Ms. Ganson said we have purchased a snow blower for \$155.00

Legislation – Ms. Ganson: Ms. Ganson reported that we still have one position open. Anyone can do a write in up through February 5. They would need to have at least 25 people to write their name in at the election. If we do not get anyone we can appoint someone after the election. There is also still a chance the minimum wage will increase this year.

Old Business –

Update on Pool (drain cover, flow, ADA lift & concession stand) – no update

MYSA Contract – no update

Secretary Position– Ms. Buss and Ms. Ganson reported the Secretary position will be 10-12 hours a month, maybe 15 hours in the summer and will report to the Director. We will advertise on the web site and the newspaper.

New Business –

Pool Certification Training – Pool Manager – Ms. Ganson recommended this training for the Pool Manager. It is not a law at this time however felt that would change. The cost just for the seminar is \$280. There would also be travel and other cost. The Board decided not to do this at this time.

Pool Opening/Closing Dates for 2015 – Discussion on Lap Swim Hours– Ms. Ganson proposed the opening date will be June 3. The closing date will be August 9. After a lot of discussion about the Lap Swim hours no decision was made at this time.

Camp Counselor Pay for 2015–Ms. Ganson recommended paying for the Camp Counselor \$9.00 and Camp Director \$12.00 even if we do not get a grant. She will present at the next meeting an analysis of the program as if we had not received a grant.

Village Agreement/Kubota Trailer– Ms. Ganson explained in the past we have only had a verbal agreement with The Village. The Village is updated their procedures on job responsibilities and equipment usage. They want it in writing. The Village said the Park District bought the Kubota

and the trailer for their usage. We do not have any record of this agreement. We have this on our insurance policy. The Village is saying we cannot use this equipment anymore. They would like to exchange some services for us in exchange. The Village needs to prove ownership of the equipment. The Village wants in writing all the services that they provide for the Park District as well. Ms. Ganson will follow up with The Village on these items.

MTHS Field House and Potential Park District Involvement– Ms. Ganson was invited to the last meeting. OSFand Snyder Village are involved in these meetings as well. The Field House would have indoor tracks, swimming pool, and other items as well. They are looking for funds from us. They thought the Park District maybe interested in leasing some of the complex as well. Ms. Ganson could communicate at the next meeting that we are interested in a lap pool, multipurpose rooms, and gym space.

Public Input – none

Executive Session – none

Adjournment– Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Spielman and seconded by Ms. Brock. Motion carried at 8:50 p.m. .