

**Metamora Park Board**  
**P.O. Box 633**  
**April 8, 2015 Regular Meeting**  
**Of the Board of Commissioners**

Call to Order – In the Village Hall: 102 N. Davenport, Metamora IL at 7:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance –Performed

Roll Call - Commissioners present were Sarah Buss, Kerry Brock, Mike Staub, Al Eckhoff, Eric Stone. Michelle Spielman arrived at 7:32. Dawn Deeb was absent. Director Christy Ganson, Treasurer Betty Lang, Secretary Holly Heck and pool manager, Jake Wall, were present.

Minutes –March 4, 2015 meeting minutes were approved. Motion to approve the minutes were made by Mr. Eckhoff and seconded by Mr. Staub.

Public Input –We did have input from Mike Short, Vice President of MYSA and Director, Justin Hensley. They advised there is a new board for MYSA and wanted to come and get input from the park board on field prep. Per Ms. Buss we need a contract from MYSA. Ms. Ganson and Mr. Seckler will meet to discuss field prep. MYSA board members stated they have a strong board and wanted to know what they could do to help. They stated parents are wondering why they are not practicing yet. Their first game is May 18, 2015. They will meet with Ms. Ganson to discuss fields. Ms Buss stated best presence of MYSA she has seen.

Treasurer Report – Betty Lang: Ms. Lang gave copies of financial report to commissioners. No major disbursements.

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

1. Spent the majority of my time in March working on the Summer program guide. Contacted presenters, coordinated schedules, completed write-ups for each activity, graphic layout of guide, worked with P&P Press to print guide, and uploaded guide and associated registration forms to the website. Started distributing guides around the community this week.
2. Our Yoga classes continue on Tues. evenings and Thurs. mornings until the end of May. Our Yoga instructor will not continue after May if she isn't on the payroll. She is on payroll for ICC and Kaufmann's. Her insurance is up at the end of May. Very pricey to purchase for one location, since she is covered by ICC and Kaufmann's as an employee. I will bring up this point for discussion at our meeting on Wed.
3. Met with three different groups (including current mower Eagle Mowing) about mowing park district property this spring, summer, and fall. Also numerous discussions with IParks about workman's compensation. Eagle will pay their workman's comp. at the end of the season. We

will now have a written agreement with Eagle for one year which includes the clause on workman's comp. and specific mowing instructions in the playground area at BPP (even more specific during summer camps).

4. We have received approval for the IDPH Construction Permit for the drain for the diving well, flow for the big pool (only need flow meters), and ADA lift for the big pool. Will share more details under Old Business including bids for the work to be done. Contacted Etchesons in Normal and Fox Pools in Peoria for bids. Will present on Wed
5. Attended MTHS Field House Planning Meeting on Mon. March 23. Was attended by MTHS staff, architect, OSF Dr. Hall, and Snyder Village Mr. Schwarzentraub. MTHS still debating putting Field House on school property vs. Snyder property. If that happens, sounds like Snyder won't be interested in project and possibly OSF. Instead of courts in the center of track, now discussing turf (could be used by football and soccer). MTHS not real receptive to idea of Park District offering lacrosse in that area. Only sounds like small, warm water pool.
6. Invited to attend GHAA meeting on Thurs. April 9 to discuss Park District plans for expansion and the MTCO Fields.
7. Gate opened April 1 at BPP. Dumpster and porta potty in place. Need to discuss No Dumping Ordinance under New Business.
8. Interviewed by PJS for "Progress" article to appear at the end of April in the paper. Metamora is being highlighted as a community that is growing, improving, progressing, and the Park District is being highlighted as one element of this growth.
9. I will be on vacation to Maine from Fri. June 5 – Sat. June 13. I do have 64 documented hours of overtime, so I will be using 45 hours during that time. Board needs to decide if we will be closing office during that time, paying Sec. to be at office (full hours/reduced hours), etc.
10. I am currently getting paid \$30/month for the use of my computer and cell phone. I am still using the computer until all files are moved over/converted and the Sec. is using the computer as well until we can figure out how to convert files for use on her iPad or purchase another computer. For those reasons, I am asking to continue to receive \$30 for April. After that time, I am still asking for \$15-\$20 month to continue for the use of my cell phone. I receive calls all days and hours for the Park District. Other night received call from PJS reporter. I get calls from the Village, Police, etc. During the summer have had calls on Sat. afternoon about pool issues or even one Sun. afternoon about 911 call at Pool. I have to have my cell phone for the potential emergencies at Pool, Camps, and Parks. It would be even more expensive for the Park District to purchase a cell phone for my use.

Trails – Mr. Staub: There is a PAMBA Work Day at Black Partridge Park on May 6 and 7, 2015. Per Ms Ganson some trails need to have some work done on them.

Marketing – Raffle tickets are being sold. Deadline is Wednesday, May 6. Winners drawn at May Board Meeting.

Special Projects – Nothing to report.

Maintenance – Nothing to report.

Legislation –Election results, Ms Brock and Ms Spielman re-elected. Ms Deeb willing to fill 5<sup>th</sup> position until end of August.

Old Business – Pool: Mr. Wall has hired 11-12 lifeguards so far. They have more interviews scheduled as their goal is 30 guards. May 2 and 9, 2015 are scheduled workdays at the pool. The raindate will be May 23, 2015. MAST will start on June 4, 2015. The pool is set to open on June 3, 2015. There is also a volunteer day for pool work to be done on May 23, 2015 for painting in locker rooms and concession stand.

Update on Pool (drain cover, flow, ADA lift & concession stand - Approved steps to be repaired for \$600.00.

Construction permit for ADA lift cover and flow meters got approved by IDPH.

Fox Pools was approved for \$9001.96 to install ADA Lift and drain cover for diving well and 2 flow meters for lap pool.

MYSA Contract –Per Ms Buss a contract is still needed.

New Business –Ms Ganson stated she wanted to attend the IAPD Annual Conference, but did not get in on time, so she will not be attending. There is a Legislative Conference in Springfield and would like to attend \$190 for one day.

IAPD membership renewal was approved for \$923.75. Mr. Staub made a motion to approve renewal and was seconded by Mr. Eckhoff.

There are raffle tickets to be sold for the baskets. Each commissioner took raffle tickets to sell. Fence came down along field. Need to replace caps and wiring at Schupp Park. The top rail of the fence needs to be fixed as the fence helps keep kids out of the streets, therefore it is a safety issue.

Public Input – none

Executive Session: The minutes from the Executive Session were read and approved.

Adjournment– The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Stone and seconded by Mr. Eckhoff.