

Metamora Park Board

Minutes of **March 2, 2016** Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Call to Order - In the Village Hall: 102 N. Davenport, Metamora IL at 7:01 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance - Performed.

Roll Call - Michelle Spielman, Sarah Buss, Kerry Brock, Matt Bidne, and Jarrod Love were present.
Buss left early at 9:20 PM. Brock left early at 10:04 PM.

Minutes - Minutes for the following meetings were reviewed and approved as listed:

1. February 3rd Regular Meeting Minutes - Motion made by Brock and seconded by Buss. All vote in favor. Motion passed.
2. February 17th Special Meeting Minutes - Motion made by Buss and seconded by Bidne. All vote in favor. Motion passed.
3. February 17th Special Meeting Minutes, Executive Session - Motion made by Buss and seconded by Brock. All vote in favor. Motion passed.

Public Input

- No public input.

Reports

1. Treasurer Report
 - a. Betty Lang and Joan Garber gave Treasurer's report. Buss made motion to approve. Brock seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.
2. Director's Report
 - a. Met with Kara Baldwin to discuss summer camp overhaul to place emphasis on outdoor education.
 - b. Pool health inspection scheduled for morning of March 8th.
 - c. An assisted living center in East Peoria is interested in creating adult programming for citizens ages 50+ with the Park District.
 - d. Discussed with Baldwin about making MPD user guide more user-friendly.
 - e. Spoke to Guy Sasso about utilizing MPD for a fishing camp.
 - f. Worked with Park Foundation to establish their by-laws.
 - g. Multiple shelter rentals have started to come in.
 - h. Received complaints about MPD office situation regarding poor parking and illegal smoking by the entrance. An ADA ramp has been installed, but lacks signage. Sidewalk is a safety hazard when icy.
 - i. Roger has all safety equipment he needs to be OSHA compliant.
 - j. A child was attacked by a leashed dog on a trail in BBP. The dog has a history of aggressive history and was ultimately found by Animal Control.
 - k. Mike Staub will give MPD a comprehensive list ideas for new park signage to use grant money towards. He will also give updated information on a trail which is currently inaccessible.
 - l. Spoke with OSHA to extend deadline to complete repairs to June 1st. Also determined that having the certified pool operator is not required, but strongly encouraged.

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- m. DDP yoga has been a success. Tot time has dwindled. Lego League is in full swing. Minecraft has been popular. Basic sewing had poor attendance.
- n. MPD was selected by Bradley as the subject of a capstone project survey which will focus on the Metamora pool.
- o. Kara Baldwin suggested creating a walk/run fundraiser activity to benefit the trails. A date has been set for July 16th.
- 3. Budget - No new information to report.
- 4. Pool/Futures
 - a. Waiting to hear back from other manufacturers about splashpad construction.
 - b. Researched new playground equipment for children ages 2-5.
- 5. Marketing
 - a. Suggested using ads in program guides to bring in more revenue for programs.
- 6. Maintenance
 - a. Repairs and replacements needed for equipment at BBP. Need new water valves, grills, picnic tables, signs, and trash cans among other things.

Old Business

- Ordinance 15-16-07
 - This ordinance annexes a 1.19 acre parcel located west of the Intersection of North Washington Street and Brighton Drive, Metamora, Illinois into the Metamora Park District.
 - Buss made a motion to approve ordinance 15-16-07. Seconded by Bidne. All vote yes. Motion passed.
- Ethics Ordinance 15-16-08
 - Brock made a motion to approve ordinance 15-16-08. Love seconded the motion. All vote yes. Motion passed.
- Tree Bids
 - Kacir's Tree Services made a bid of \$9322.
 - Buss made a motion to move forward with the tree removal with Kacer. Spielman seconded. All vote yes. Motion passed.
- Pool/Village Proposal
 - The Village did not support the proposal. No village employees are licensed electricians or plumbers. Village was looking for a more defined description of what was being asked. They do not have an employee who fit the given criteria. However, several local individuals volunteered to help with pool maintenance as needed.
 - Without support from the Village, Buss expressed concern over future pool maintenance.
 - Unlike the other local park districts, Metamora Pool does not have a maintenance staff. In previous years, maintenance has been taken care of by volunteers.
 - Spielman felt that pool operations could not continue without someone to be responsible for maintenance.

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- An audience member pointed out that MAST only pays \$10/hour for pool rental, while the standard rate is about \$100/hour. The Park District is working to renegotiate their contract with MAST.
- Fundraising campaigns for pool restoration include a Dueling Pianos event at Metamora Fields. The Metamora Park Foundation is also looking to start an online crowd-funding campaign.
- Deeb stressed the need for a long-term plan for the pool.
- Spielman questioned the value of maintaining the pool for only a short amount of time, before closing it permanently.
- Deeb attributed low attendance rates to changing times and the increasing prevalence of private pools.
- Pool inspections and Hiring
 - No news to report. Not able to conduct either at this time.

New Business

- Bank Choice Benefits/Change Bank
 - Park District will explore local bank options for the next meeting.
- Park Improvements and repairs for our users
 - Spielman met previously with Park District users MYSA, JFL, MTHS Cross Country, MAST, and PAMBA to collect their items for a wishlist of improvements and repairs.
 - Discussion began about giving Roger Seckler a blanket amount from bond money to start making repairs.
 - Brock made a motion to approve an amount of \$10,000 for Roger to start making repairs. Seconded by Love. All vote yes. Motion passes.
 - The Park Board discussed using an additional \$10,000 to cover some of the items of the user's wishlist. They are looking to find cost estimates for specific items.
 - Brock made a motion to hire IMBA for trail solutions planning. Bidne felt that more details were needed before hiring IMBA, being a big budget cost item. Deeb will inquire for more details for the next meeting.
 - The Park Board will gather cost estimates for repairing baseball diamonds for further discussion at the April meeting.

Executive session

- Bidne made a motion to move into executive session at 10:18 PM. Love seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.
- Entered into executive session at 10:19 PM.
- Returned from executive session at 10:33 PM.

Vote on Executive Session Items

- Motion made by Love to give \$0.25 raise to Roger Seckler at the start of the next pay period. Motion seconded by Bidne. All vote in favor. Motion passed.

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Adjournment - Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:33 PM by Bidne. Motion seconded by Love. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Michelle Spielman, President of the Metamora
Park Board

Paula Winkler, Metamora Park Board Secretary