

Metamora Park Board

Minutes of **5/18 Special Meeting** of the Board of Commissioners

Call to Order - In the Metamora Park District Office: 717 W Mt Vernon St, Metamora IL at 7:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance - Performed.

Roll Call - Michelle Spielman, Kerry Brock, Matt Bidne and Jarrod Love were present. *Sarah Buss was not present.*

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

1. May 4th Regular Meeting Minutes - Motion made by Bidne and seconded by Love. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Public Input

- Todd Alderson gave an update on pool restoration efforts. The committed cost to date is \$29,000 and the invoiced cost is \$22,000. Most of the restoration has been completed. The kiddie pool and the slide pool still need repairs, but the main pool is ready to go. Estimated total cost is \$35,500. There are a number of complications involved with taking down the slide and repairing it before the pool opening date. Alderson didn't believe it would be possible to be completed in time. Spielman agreed that there was not any way the slide could be replaced for the upcoming season and that a barrier would need to be put up.
- Chad Udell reported that \$29,000 has been raised from private donors and \$6,000 from corporate donations, making for \$35,000 in total donations. There are additional fundraisers coming up and the Metamora Park Foundation is expecting more corporate donations. By the end of the summer, he expects to reach \$50,000.

Old Business

- Marketing for pool opening
 - Deeb expressed the need for a stop sign at the crosswalk at the entrance of Black Partridge Park. Park summer campers will be using this crosswalk frequently.
 - Deeb suggested marketing the programs, summer camps, and pool in local newspapers. She preferred a written article to an advertisement.
 - Udell suggested sending the Peoria Journal Star a press release about the pool opening.
 - Deeb endorsed a soft opening to train the new guards the Sunday before opening date.
- Seeding and grading Herring Field
 - The Commissioners discussed three options.
 - Motion made by Brock and seconded by Bidne to pursue Option C - grade and seed Herring field for \$6,000. All voted in favor. Motion passed.
- Dirt and mulch for playgrounds and park entrances
 - The board discussed woodchip and mulch options.
- Bids for the electrical work at BPP shed
 - Love shared collected bids. Love endorsed Wagenbach over RNS.

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- ☐ Motion made by Love and seconded by Brock to hire Wagenbach to fix the streetlight and not to exceed \$3440.
- Rec1 software
 - ☐ 30-day trial of software is underway. Deeb expressed that the software would create an simpler interface for the public, but it would also greatly reduce margin for error and workload for park employees.
 - ☐ Further discussion tabled for June meeting.

New Business

- Foundation - Equipment wishlist
 - ☐ Udell requested that invoices made to the Foundation include a completed form.
 - ☐ Spielman expressed a need to replace the wood playground at Black Partridge Park. A structure for young children is needed. Spielman wants to explore a playground for younger children that is handicap accessible.
 - ☐ Udell asked for a tool and equipment wish list for labor and maintenance. Spielman said the board would ask Roger to create a wish list.
- Foundation - Prioritized items on five year plan
 - ☐ Spielman said that within the next month, the five year plan would be revised and forwarded to the Foundation.
 - ☐ Udell expressed a need for a system of organizing volunteers, but he did not feel that the Foundation was the right fit to organize them.

Executive Session

- Motion made to enter executive session at 9:12pm by Spielman and seconded by Brock. Motion passed.
- Motion made by Bidne and seconded by Love to leave executive session at 9:37pm. Motion passed.

Vote on executive session items

- Motion made by Love and seconded by Bidne to backpay Heather for the 40 hours she has already worked.
- Motion made by Love and seconded by Brock to lower Deeb's hours to 20 and increase Paula Winkler's hours to 18 starting in the month of June through the end of August. Motion passed.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:39pm PM by Brock and seconded by Bidne.

Michelle Spielman, President of the Metamora Park Board

Paula Winkler, Metamora Park Board Secretary