



METAMORA PARK DISTRICT

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Village Hall, 102 N Davenport St., Metamora, IL 61548

Minutes Prepared by: Katie Garber, Executive Director and Secretary

Call to Order

Pledge	Performed at 7:01 p.m.
Roll Call	Kari Ray, Renee Udell, Dawn Smith, and Jessica Wagner were in attendance. All were present.

Public Input

Stacey Barlow - Citizen and Metamora Park Foundation Member	Stacey helped out at the pool cleanup day with removing the playground. She presented scrap money to the board to be deposited from the old playground equipment and some personal scrap totalling \$134.00. Stacey shared that there have been donations coming from memorial donations from the Curtis family as the Park Foundation was listed as one place they wanted donations to go to. Those donations are totalling over \$1,200.00 so far, in memory of Kedrick Curtis.
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Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report	Treasurer Rebecca Eisele gave the Treasurer's Report. The commissioners reviewed the report. There were no major questions on the report. Ray made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as provided. Wagner seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.
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Consent Agenda

Review of Consent Agenda	The commissioners reviewed the presented meeting minutes. No typos or errors were found. Garber shared some key points from her Director's Report. Garber shared there will be some guided hikes offered this summer to help acquaint beginners with the trails. The home plate was stolen from Lincoln-Douglas, so that had to be replaced, and MYSA helped install it. Stacey and Debbie with the Park Foundation assisted Garber in getting the back storage area of the Park office cleaned up. Garber also shared that Eisele helped her weed and drag the diamond at Lincoln-Douglas Park. For the pool manager's report, pool cleanup went well, and interviews were done on the same day to finish up hiring the necessary employees.
Approval of Consent Agenda	Wagner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 10, 2024



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	<p>Minutes of the Special Meeting on April 10, 2024 Minutes of the Special Meeting on April 24, 2024 Director's Report Pool Manager's Reports Ray seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.</p>
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Informational Items

Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Metamora	<p>A draft of the proposed intergovernmental agreement was presented to the board to review.</p>
Pool Crisis Conversation	<p>Garber shared that a major issue was brought to the Park District's attention by the Park District's commercial pool company, Jason's Lawn Service. Jason and a commercially certified electrician inspected the pool to look for bonding, a necessary safety addition for pools which includes copper being run around the whole facility to protect against electrocution. The initial inspection showed no copper to be found in any of the indoor areas, indicating there may not be proper bonding. This issue would prevent the pool from opening because of public safety. A further inspection was going to be done, but if copper was not found this was going to be a major expense. After the bonding issue came to light, Garber and Shuda halted the water heater replacement to make sure the pool could even open before spending that large amount of money.</p> <p>Jason and the electrician also brought a second issue to the Park District's attention, which were some major electrical issues that needed to be fixed to make the pool and the facility safe.</p> <p>Given that these major issues have been paired with a large number of other issues and expenses that have come up, the board discussed that a plan needed to be spoken about regarding the life of the pool. Smith stated that plans to move forward and look towards a potential new facility with the Village or growth at our parks will be unable to move forward if large amounts of the budget continue going towards the pool deficit. Garber stated, with the expenses the pool continues to see, fundraising would need to be a yearly project to cover the pool expenses, which may not be feasible. Expenses for 2025 were discussed with large numbers to be expected again. Discussions about how closing the pool would affect the community commenced, and the board acknowledged that closing the pool would affect MAST, but that the Park District does exist to serve the whole community, not just a specific group. This fact paired with low attendance rates moved the board to speak on 2024 being the last year to open the pool.</p> <p>The board came to the consensus that, as a service to the community, the Park District will pay the expenses necessary to open the pool this year, but that this would be the last year for the pool to open. This was agreed upon because the board didn't want to announce closing the pool just weeks before the pool is set to open, as this would negatively impact the community. This plan then gives the community a full year to plan and know that 2024 is the last year for the pool.</p>



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Park Foundation Reimbursement	Garber spoke to the board and Stacey with the Park Foundation with the hope that all funds raised for pool expenses could be given to the Park District in a lump sum, especially if the expenses for the pool exceeds the amount fundraised .Garber requested that labor be able to be refunded because labor will be a large chunk of the expenses accrued to open and keep the pool open this season. Stacey was unsure that this would be possible, but said she could check into it.
IPARKs Renewal Bill	The bill for IPARKs renewal was presented to the board. Garber stated that the bill had to be paid, but that next meeting retroactive approval would be requested.

Action Items

TCI Companies Poolhouse Water Heater Quote	Ray made a motion to approve the quote to TCI Companies for the pool house water heater replacement in the amount of \$7,495.00. Wagner seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.
TCI Companies Poolhouse Mixing Valve Quote	Ray made a motion to approve the quote to TCI Companies for the mixing valve replacement in the amount of \$6,479.00. Wagner seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.
Eagle Enterprises Maintenance Contract Addendum	Wagner made a motion to approve the Eagle Enterprises Maintenance Contract Addendum. Smith seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.
Jason's Lawn Service Pool Liner Repair Quote	Ray made a motion to approve the Pool Liner Repair Quote from Jason's Lawn Service not to exceed \$5,000.00. Smith seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Executive Session

Motion to Enter Executive Session	Ray made a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. under Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Wagner seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.
Motion to Leave Executive Session	Ray made a motion to leave the Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. Wagner seconded the motion.



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Vote on Executive Session Items	Ray made a motion to hire Jamie Shuda as the Park District's new Executive Director to begin on May 27 salaried at the amount of \$33,700.00 with an additional \$5,000.00 stipend for the pool season for pool manager duties. Wagner seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.
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Adjournment

	Ray made a motion to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Wagner seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.
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Renee Udell, President

Katie Garber, Secretary