

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The regular meeting of the Washington Park District Board of Commissioners, Tazewell County, Illinois was held on February 20, 2006 at the Washington Park District office located at 105 S. Spruce Street, Washington, Illinois. President Jim Bremner called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Staff present was Doug Damery, Director; Staff was off due to observing President's Day although Superintendent of Parks, Brad Kanaga was present and Treasurer, Kim Hess. Commissioners present were: Jim Bremner, Lorelei Cox, Matt Moehle and Scott Underwood. Commissioner Dale Claus was absent.

Minutes

- A motion was made to approve the January 16, 2006 meeting minutes.
(Cox, Moehle; C-Un)

Treasurer's Report-

Treasurer Hess stated the gas and electric bills for the middle school have been very large. She explained that will continue to be an issue for the rest of the budget, and that we will adjust that in the next budget.

Also, under the recreation fund there is a \$50,000 variance that is off because the money has not yet been transferred. That \$50,000 is budgeted to go into the recreation fund. Once it is transferred it should make up the variance. Treasurer Hess stated everything else does not seem to be too far off.

- A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report (Underwood, Moehle; C-Un)

Claims to be Paid

- A motion was made to approve and pay the claims as presented (Cox, Underwood; C-Un)

Petition and Public Comment

None

Committee Reports

None

Staff Reports

Recreation Coordinator-

Parks and Property-Brad stated he now has Dave Brown working on equipment at the shop. Mary Kimpling has offered to donate a new sink and new faucet.

Executive Director-Julie Snell will be preparing monthly reports for the board meetings. He stated that currently Julie is working on IHSA and sponsorships. Director Damery stated we have received a firm confirmation from one of our sponsors; we are just waiting to receive contract.

Director Damery stated the majority of his work has been put towards the middle school, the pool and the community center along with preparing the budget for the next year.

Old Business

- 8.1 Discussion and presentation of Existing Pool Evaluation – Director Damery stated he wanted to explain this document and that Commissioners may take it home to review. He explained that we are not in compliance on a few things but we are grandfathered. Director Damery went through all the items and explained that we should consider items 1-3 soon and possibly item 4 at a future date.

Item #1: Patching the cracked, chipped areas of the deck, repairing the shallow pool expansion joint, performing a leak test on both pools, and purchasing a portable handicapped lift.

Total anticipated cost for changes is less than \$10,000.

Item #2: To independently pursue installation of a pool heater for existing combined body of water between the deep pool and shallow pool.

Total anticipated cost for this change is less than \$20,000.

Item #3: To pursue and investigate a new, separate filtration system for the shallow pool.

Total anticipated cost for this change is approximately \$75,000.

Item #4: To provide design, construction documents and construction administration in order to separate the deep pool and the shallow pool recirculation systems to provide two independently operating pools.

Item #5: Replace existing shallow pool with new modern designed leisure pool.

New Business

- 9.1 Discussion of potential Skate Park – A letter was submitted by Joan Thies asking for the boards help in the endeavor to build a skate park in Washington. Director Damery stated he has heard from several other parents regarding this and that they would be happy to help. Director Damery explained that if this is done with the parents help along with their children they may take ownership in this. Commissioner Underwood asked about the liability. Director Damery responded that skate parks are pretty common in park districts and there would certainly be an increase but does not think it would be real significant. Commissioners advised Director Damery to move ahead as he had their support to move forward in this manner toward the establishment of a skate park.
- 9.2 Discussion of Community Center Operational Management Agreement – Director Damery stated he has been meeting with John Amdall from Caterpillar who specializes in reaching agreements amongst a number of different organizations. One of the things Mr. Amdall advised us to do is to come up with our issues that we feel we need to address in our agreement. Director Damery stated he has started a list of issues which concern him regarding the operation/management agreement and has asked Commissioners to review all paperwork.

CORRESPONDENCE

Director Damery read a thank you letter received by Mike Adams stating how honored he was to receive the gymnasium dedication.

ADJOURNMENT

Executive Session to discuss the acquisition, purchase or lease of property.

- A motion was made to recess into executive session at 6:59 p.m.
- A motion was made to adjourn from executive session at 7:07pm
- A motion was made to approve the easement grant between the Washington Park District and the City of Washington (Moehle, Underwood; C-Un)
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorelei Cox, Secretary
Washington Park District
Board of Commissioners