

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**August 18, 2008**

**1.0 Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Washington Park District Board of Commissioners, Tazewell County, Illinois was held on August 18, 2008 at the Washington Park District office located at 105 S. Spruce Street, Washington, Illinois. President Jim Bremner called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm. Staff present was Doug Damery, Director; Kristy Howell, Recreation Manager; Kim Hess, Financial Manager; Jackie Hofer, Administrative Assistant; and Brad Kanaga, Superintendent of Parks. Commissioners present were: Jim Bremner, Lorelei Cox, and Matt Moehle. Dale Claus and Scott Underwood were absent.

**2.0 Petition and Public Comment**

Tom Tully of Washington, Illinois was present to follow up regarding the application of pesticides and also had a second item of concern which is the burning leaves and yard waste. Director Damery stated that the philosophy staff has taken is that certain parks such as Washington, Oak Ridge and Westgate Parks as well as parts of the Washington Recreation Trail should be sprayed because of the type of parks and the type of use. Other parks such as Bowen and Meadow Valley are not sprayed as they are more natural. Tom Tully also suggested using prairie grass in some parks to reduce mowing and maintenance costs. Director Damery stated that they have discussed this in certain areas and it is something that they are pursuing. Mr. Kanaga stated that we talked to TruGreen regarding the hazards of the chemicals used to treat the parks and they are not hazardous to humans or the ground water. Mr. Kanaga will get with Mr. Tully after the meeting and show him the letter we received from TruGreen. Director Damery stated that their budget for treatment is \$15,000. In regards to burning, Director Damery stated that the park district does burn brush, but personally thinks a no burn ordinance in Washington is a good idea.

**3.0 Approval Meeting Minutes**

**3.1 Approval of July 14, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes**

- A motion was made to approve the July 14, 2008 regular meeting minutes (Moehle, Cox; C-Un)

**4.0 Finance Report**

- A motion was made to approve the Financial Report. (Cox, Moehle; C-Un)

**5.0 Review and Approval of Claims**

- A motion was made to approve and pay the claims. (Moehle, Cox; C-Un)

**6.0 Committee Reports**

**6.1 WACC Board Representative Report** –Commissioner Cox attended the July meeting and reported a total number of 6,533 members. The elevator, generator and other big items that were purchased over a year ago are beginning to be out of warranty so staff is beginning to purchase some service contracts. They may not however, purchase a service contract for the generator. As of the end of June, the WACC is in the black, they are doing a depreciation of the building even with that they show a net income of \$65,000. Which is believed to be year to date.

**6.2 HISRA Board Representative Report-** The July meeting was cancelled. No report was available.

## **7.0 Staff Report**

**7.1 Parks and Property-** Brad reported the switches at LaHood Park seem to be a problem. One of the new switches has been taking on moisture and has stopped working. The rainbow has been turned off however; the other 2 features are working.

**7.2 Athletic Coordinator-** There was no additions to the athletic coordinator's report.

**7.3 Recreation Manager-** Kristy reported the brochure has been completed and has been mailed out. The back cover was sold to Michael's Italian Feast to help offset the additional cost to add Metamora, Germantown and Eureka to our distribution. There were a few special events that took place. The Flick n Float was held on August 14<sup>th</sup> with about 98 people in attendance. The 1<sup>st</sup> annual Evan Knoblauch tournament was held on August 10<sup>th</sup> and was a big success. There was a very nice turnout.

**7.4 Executive Director-**Director Damery reported a few highlights from his report: there is parking on the west side of Spruce street only, allowing better traffic flow and easier, safer crossing from the building to the park. The Oak Ridge concession stand has been held up to a couple of things. We are waiting on siding and doors.

## **8.0 Old Business**

- None

## **9.0 New Business**

**9.1** Discussion of the Wilmor Rd. Connection Grant Project-Kent Massie of Massie & Massie attended our meeting to introduce us to their firm. Their firm is located in Springfield, IL and they have done similar work in the Central Illinois area.

Director Damery stated he would like to receive a proposal from Massie & Massie as well as STS for professional services for the Wilmor Road Connection. Those proposals will be reviewed at the September meeting.

## **10.0 Executive Session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act to discuss the sale, lease or acquisition of property.**

- A motion was made at 6:41 pm to adjourn from the regular board meeting and move into executive session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act to discuss the sale, lease or acquisition of property. (Moehle, Cox)
- A motion was made at approximately 6:57 pm to return to regular session. (Cox, Moehle, C-Un)

## **11.0 Adjournment**

- A motion was made at approximately 6:58 pm to adjourn (Cox, Moehle; C-Un)

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorelei Cox, Secretary  
Washington Park District  
Board of Commissioners