

**WASHINGTON PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 15, 2010**

1.0 Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Washington Park District Board of Commissioners, Tazewell County, Illinois was held on March 15, 2010 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; Kristy Howell, Recreation Manager; Jackie Hofer, Administrative Assistant; Brad Kanaga, Superintendent of Parks, and Kim Hess, Finance Manager. Commissioners present were: Dale Claus, Lorelei Cox, Herb Knoblauch and Doug Weston. Also present was Mark Bruster, ISU intern majoring in parks and recreation who is working under the direction of Director Damery and Kristy Howell. He will be with us for a 12 week internship.

2.0 Petition and Public Comment

Jeff Hodel and Bob of Drop Zone were present to hear the outcome of the bid opening for the portable toilet service.

Brian Jenkins 115 Lexington Dr. Washington, Illinois was present to discuss agenda item 9.2. Brian is the president of the Water Jets Swim Team.

3.0 Approval Meeting Minutes

3.1 Approval of February 15, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made to approve the February 15, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes (Claus, Weston; C-Un)

4.0 Financial Report

Financial Manager Hess reported that everyone has done a job well done at keeping the bills to a bare minimum

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

5.0 Review and Approval of Claims

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

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Update from HISRA Representative-Director Damery reported that HISRA is assisting Steam Boat in an access "steam" training program.

6.2 Update from the WACC Representative-the retention rate is holding at 77%, which is phenomenal. They are developing plans to build on a 1-story addition.

7.0 Staff Reports

7.1 Parks and Property-Brad had no additions to his report. Getting soccer fields ready for the spring season and the concession stand will be open.

7.2 Recreation Manager-Kristy had no additions to her report

7.3 Athletic Co-coordinator-report was included in packet

7.4 Executive Director-Director Damery reported no additions to his report however, did want to mention the problem with the Hardees light and lighted sign.

8.0 Old Business

None

9.0 New Business

9.1 Discussion and Action on bids for Portable Toilet Service-Director Damery explained we received 2 bids; received from Simmons (our current service) and Drop Zone. Simmons bid is \$9,059.50 Drop Zone put in a bid for \$9,417. There were some discrepancies in the Drop Zone bid which were discussed with Director Damery. Before opening the sealed bid Bob with Drop Zone advised Director Damery that he had made a mistake on one number, but then changed another after opening both bids. The changes made the Drop Zone bid lower than Simmons.

- A motion was made to approve the bid from Simmons Little Johnnies for the Portable Toilet Service (Claus, Cox; C- 4-1 Weston opposed)

9.2 Discussion and Potential Action on a policy to require participants of Washington Water Jets swim team to purchase a season pool pass.

Discussion was held regarding this agenda item because staff is taking a closer look at all programs that are not covering their expenses. Swim team is one of those programs. It has been considered to have all members of the swim team purchase a season pass to help cover their cost. Only 54% of swim team participants purchase season passes.

Commissioner Cox expressed her concern regarding the time frame for this possibly impacting the swim team this year. Commissioner Cox would like to take this to the swim team board and ask them to help us with this problem; Stating that the number of swimmers who hold a season pass is unacceptable and that the park district will be forced to do something that we do not want to do because we want to see this program be successful.

- It was decided to pass on this motion at this time.

9.3 Discussion and Potential Action on Ordinance No. 242 amending and restating Title 6 of Washington Park District Ordinances and Policy.

Enclosed in the packet is a clean copy of items changed.

- A motion was made to approve Ordinance No. 242 amending and restating Title 6 of Washington Park District Ordinances and policy (Cox, Knoblauch; C-Un)

9.4 Discussion and Potential Action on Ordinance No. 243 Easement Agreement in Washington Park.

A resident that owns property on the west end of Monroe St. is building a house and needs to connect to the city sanitary sewer.

- A motion was made to approve Ordinance No. 243 Easement Agreement in Washington Park for the purpose of a sanitary sewer connection (Claus, Weston; C-Un)

**9.5 Discussion and Action to authorize the bidding and extension of our existing
Alternative energy contract for electricity pricing**

The contact person that Director Damery has been speaking to would like to be pro-active in getting us signed up at the most opportune time. Director Damery would like the board to authorize him to allow Seven Utility Management Consultants to request bids for us and to consider a two to three year agreement extension.

- A motion was made to allow Seven Utility Management Consultants to request bids and authorize Director Damery to approve an extension for electricity pricing (Claus, Knoblauch; C-Un)

10.0 Adjournment

- A motion was made at approximately 6:35 p.m. to adjourn. (Weston, Cox; C-Un)

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorelei Cox, Secretary
Washington Park District
Board of Commissioners