

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 21, 2023 6:00PM
Washington Park District, 105 S. Spruce St., Washington, IL

Regular Meeting

1.0 Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Washington Park District Board of Commissioners, Tazewell County, Illinois was held on August 21, 2023 at the Washington Park District office located at 105 S. Spruce Street, Washington Illinois. President Cox called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners present were: Jim Bremner, Brittany Miller, and Jeff Schultz. Staff present were Brian Tibbs, Director; Scott Wood, Recreation Manager; Kim Hess, Finance Manager; Jeremy McMenimen, Superintendent of Parks; and Jackie Hofer, Administrative Assistant. Commissioner Matt Moehle was absent.

2.0 Petition and Public Comment

Several residents attended the board meeting.

Jr. Girl Scout Troop 4763-Central Intermediate School, represented by: Reece Dykstra, Lucy Curry, Vivian Hoyle and Whitney Jones thanked the Board and Staff for the project they were allowed to do at the Dog Park to obtain their bronze award.

Deb Robenstein, 407 S. Market Street, Washington, IL. Deb attended the meeting to address the Candlewood Park playground equipment. Her question is, would something like this be in the park district budget for Candlewood Park?

Ed Roeder, 302 Candlewood, Washington, IL. Ed stated, to his knowledge there is no playground equipment at the South end of town. Ed's question, are we going to put some money into the park or just mow? Why aren't the trails maintained?

Jenny Everett, 408 S. Market, Washington, IL Jenny's question, what was the reason for the removal of the equipment?

Matthew Stevens, 135 Comfort Way, Washington, IL. Matthew is a student at WCHS and is taking a journalism class and has requested a copy of the minutes from the August board meeting.

3.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes

3.1 Approval of June 19, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

3.2 Approval of July 17, 2023 Executive Session Minutes

- A motion was made to approve the June 19, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes and the July 17, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes (cancelled meeting) (Schultz, Bremner; C-Un)

4.0 Financial Report

- A motion was made to approve the financial report (Bremner, Schultz; C-Un)

Review and Approval of Claims

- A motion was made to approve and pay the claims (Bremner, Miller; C-Un)

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Update from HISRA Representative – Wrapping up summer, gearing up for fall. There was discussion regarding the HISRA facility. The question came up about investing in the building as there are some significant projects that will need to be done. Nothing was

decided but Director Tibbs said there will be further discussion in the future meetings.

- 6.2 Update from the WACC Representative – They are getting ready to look at the second Roof top unit.
Cheryl West has asked to meet with Commissioner Miller to share a vision that Cheryl Has to expand their senior offerings.
Five Points will be hosting a Sweet 16 celebration from 2:30-5:00pm on October 1, 2023

7.0 Staff Reports

- 7.1 **Parks and Property**- Jeremy had no additions to his report.
7.2 **Recreation Manager**- Scott had no additions to his report.
7.3 **Executive Director**- Director Tibbs reported updates regarding Administration, Projects, and Five Points Use.

8.0 Old Business

None

9.0 New Business

9.1 Discussion and action for a proposed berm for Washington Park-Dennis Carr, the City Engineer with the City of Washington was here to talk to Commissioners to request/propose the construction of a berm in Washington Park.
Commissioners will discuss this and will walk the area where the berm is to be constructed.

9.2 Discussion and action on a plan for Gordon Park

Director Tibbs presented a plan for Gordon Park. Our staff will be doing the work in phases As we have time.

- A motion was made to accept the plan and move forward as we can for Gordon Park (Schultz, Miller; C-Un)

9.3 Discussion and action for a corporate match and corporate volunteer match guidance to support Recreational program needs

- A motion was made to approve the corporate match and corporate volunteer match Guidance to support Recreational program needs (Schultz, Bremen; C-Un)

Executive Session in accordance with section 5 ILCS 102/2 © 5 of the open meetings act to discuss the Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, of 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 against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

- A motion was made at 7:23pm to move into executive session (Miller, Bremner; C-Un)
- A motion was made at 8:00pm to adjourn from executive session (Miller, Bremner; C-Un)

10.0 Adjournment

- A motion was made at 8:00pm to adjourn from the regular meeting. (Miller, Bremner; C-Un)

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Schultz, Secretary
Washington Park District
Board of Commissioners