

Wildwood Park District
Committee of the Whole Meeting
January 11, 2016

Present: Commissioners Ben Richards (6:20pm), Maj Kowalski, Dan VanErden, Jim Neel, Director, Maureen Jekot. Excused, Commissioner Dan Bundalo.

Vice President Kowalski called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

Open Portion – No Comments

General Practices Manual Review

The Board reviewed the General Practices Manual content. They discussed the role of Commissioner and what is involved in the office as contained in the manual.

The Manual will be placed on the January Regular Meeting Agenda for adoption.

Strategic Planning Leader Contacts

Director Jekot shared two potential candidates to lead the district in the Strategic Planning process. Their fee would range in the area of \$2000 - \$2500. President Richards would like to see this fee more in the range of \$500 - \$1000. He will make some contacts with others in the area to see if one can be found within this range.

Annual Fees

A discussion was held on 2016 Annual Fees. It was noted that fees have not increased very much over the years. The board looked at boat key fees and revisited the agreement to set aside a set amount of revenue each year toward boat ramp improvements since this will eventually be a very costly undertaking.

The current Senior Citizen age of 65 for purchase of a reduced fee was discussed.

Program fees were reviewed and discussion followed on setting fees so that they are affordable for residents. Director Jekot explained that staff monitors fees in relation to drops in registration. This past season, fitness classes experienced a decline. A survey was sent out with results showing that registrants were having difficulty affording \$9-\$10 per class. The district will now offer punch cards and monthly fees for those wishing to take multiple classes a week so that they are affordable.

Each season and year, individual program fees are watched and adjusted. There was some interest in raising the fees in order to expand. The board did agree that overall receipts have increased over the last 3 to 4 years.

The cost of making copies along with Pavilion rental rates were discussed. An increase will be proposed in these areas at the January Regular Board meeting. It was suggested that Pavilion rentals increase from \$25 to \$30 while copies increase from .06 cents to .10 cents per side.

There being no further business, Commissioner VanErden moved, seconded by Commissioner Kowalski to adjourn the meeting. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

