

Minutes of the Wildwood Park District
Committee of the Whole Meeting
February 8, 2016 6:00pm
Rule House, 33325 Sears Blvd, Wildwood IL

Present: Commissioners Ben Richards, Dan Bundalo, Maj Kowalski, Jim Neel. Excused, Dan Van Erden. Director Marueen Jekot.

President Richards called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

Open Portion - No public comment

Public Safety Program

Public Safety Director, Tim Schaefer presented alternative verbiage for the ordinances to fall more in line with state and county laws.

Pubic Safety would like to have a presence at park district special events.

A discussion ensued regarding the need for staff to be armed while on duty. There are conflicting ideas regarding this issue among the board members. There was some agreement on fines and ordinance violations. This area will be closely monitored. The needs of the district were considered in light of enforcement of rules.

Discussion and ideas were discussed and the board would like proposed ordinance verbiage sent to the attorney for additional suggestions and review.

Valley Lake Committee Items

Commissioner Bundalo asked that copies of the grant application for drain work, daylight pond and shoreline erosion be distributed to each board member. He noted that the drain was put in and at the time was determined to be not working properly. Additional work was done to attempt to fix the area.

Commissioner Bundalo is working with the committee to determine the workings of the drain, which was installed by the township but left to the district to deal with. Commissioner Bundalo believes that all that surrounds the Valley issue is deeper than first thought and goes further outside the realm of the park district.

The committee discussed lake management, aerators and reviewed Open Meetings Act procedures at their last meeting.

Those attending conference reviewed some of what they took away from the event. More input will be presented on this topic.

Director Jekot reviewed and updated the board on several items.

Coyote Complaints – Two complaints about the increase of coyotes in the area were received. Residents reported them in Twin Lakes Park and Sunset Park. While the park district is not able to remove them, they will educate residents on what they might do to deter them close to their homes.

Summer Special Events – Recreation staff are proposing the following annual special events; one Easter Egg Hunt, one Movie in the Park, one National Night Out and one Fall Festival (on a smaller scale from Applefest). A handout was distributed detailing these events. The board was pleased with the listing of events.

Free Award Jackets – The order was placed with PDRMA for commissioner and full-time staff award jackets.

Maintenance Department Winter Work – Director Jekot reported that there has not been the amount of winter work available in the maintenance department. This has impacted the number of hours and tasks for the part-time maintenance employee. Supervisor Nick has been working on garage organization, Rule Maintenance/Cleaning and repairs and upgrades.

Legislative Breakfast – Director Jekot announced the annual Legislative Breakfast hosted by Lake Bluff Park District on Friday, February 26, 2016 at 8:30am. Those able to attend should contact Maureen, who will make the reservation.

MasterCard Billing – Director Jekot reported that a vendor charged personally ordered items to the park district card, which they maintained in their files from previous district orders. Two of the three charges were credited and corrected; however a third charge for \$20.00 remains to be settled. Director Jekot cancelled the MasterCard and requested a new card with new numbers to avoid this happening ever again. The remaining \$20 charge will either be reversed (if possible since the card is now void) or reimbursed.

Commissioner Bundalo shared a grant opportunity with staff and the board. The grant is for \$3000.00 to enhance an area in the district. Ideas for a project will be further discussed. Old Plank Park was discussed as a park that might benefit from an additional amenity.

There being no further business, Commissioner Kowalski moved, seconded by Commissioner Neel to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried. The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.