

Wildwood Park District
Board of Commissioners Regular Board Meeting
September 21, 2015

President Richards called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Richards asked for approval of the Agenda. Roll call, all in favor motion carried.

Commissioner Kowalski moved, seconded by Commissioner Neel to accept the Consent Agenda listing Minutes from the August 17, 2015 Regular Meeting and the Committee of the Whole Meeting on August 25, 2015. Roll, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment

Linda Camellino- Linda believes the light at Pebble Beach Park needs to remain. Regarding the additional pier items, she asked that GLCC members be consulted

Bonnie Berger Neel- Reviewed awards that were given for those who assisted with the tornado cleanup. Representative Yingling honored Ben Richards, YCC and BBQ Productions. Wanted to note that many others including Maureen Jekot, Wildwood Park District Staff, Maj Kowalski and others were very helpful. Bonnie also shared an incident at Pebble Beach Park that she reported to the police and noted the importance of the light.

Financial Report

The board reviewed financial documents for the month. Treasurer Van Erden reviewed reserve balances after tornado work. Some remaining capital items will be put on hold. Previously ordered tables will be the only remaining item coming out for the reserve fund.

Treasurer Van Erden reported on the need to keep handicap accessible projects in mind. We have a fund set up for this but it is important to make use of the money.

Commissioner Neel noted that revenues are in line and boat key sales should make their quota.

Attorney Report – None

Previous Month's Public Comments

Commissioner Van Erden made note to audience guest Mr. Fritz that he was unable to view emails in one of his accounts so has only recently been able to view what was sent approximately two weeks ago.

Dean Fritz explained that he sent it to all of the board members.

WSRA Report

Director Jekot attended the WSRA Board Meeting and summer numbers and budget figures were reviewed. The camp did lose money which is expected due to high staffing needs. A number of successful events were held and WSRA is looking at establishing a 501c3. WSRA as is WPD is looking into late penalty registration fees for those who register after a closing date. Late registrations cause much more staff work.

Committee Reports

Strategic Planning – Dates for upcoming meetings were announced; Committee Meeting, September 23, 2015 from 6-8pm. The Board Self Evaluation has been set for November 16, 2015 at 5:00pm. This is an Executive Session and the Regular Meeting will follow. The board will make sure that each

receive the initial evaluation form and complete it in a timely manner. Another Strategic Planning Meeting was set for Monday, December 14, 2015 at 6:00pm.

Budget Meeting – A budget committee meeting will be held on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 6:00pm. The Regular Board Meeting will follow. A second budget meeting was set for Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7:00pm.

GLCC - Had a weed review. Discussed other areas to treat. Fish stocking is coming up and road cleanup was last Wednesday. Frank is working on the delivery of redear sunfish to Valley Lake in the upcoming weeks.

Staff Reports

Director Jekot noted that staff members Laura Milkie and Nick Stadel would like to attend the Risk Management Institute in Tinley Park on November 20, 2015. The total cost for both is \$100. They will be taking the park truck.

Director Jekot reviewed the Wildwood Reunion committee and the history of their gatherings. They have reached out and asked that WPD encourage present residents to join them for a joint event. The board agreed that the park district would support the efforts of the Reunion Event by advertising in our brochure. This should boost attendance. The event is held on the first weekend of August.

Director Jekot reviewed the new trees that have already been planted to replace some lost in the tornado.

Director Jekot also showed a photo of the new truck. It will have the logo added.

Director Jekot is still looking for a boat motor donation, as our motor does not work.

Director Jekot reviewed her work on Security. Both Commissioner Bundalo and Commissioner Richards will hold pre-meetings with interested security companies. The company, Howe Security has expressed some interest.

Commissioner Richards was very impressed with Nick Stadel's monthly report. Much was accomplished this past month in the parks.

Unfinished Business

Commissioner Van Erden moved, seconded by Commissioner Kowalski to approve the additional expenditure for high limb trimming and stump removal from tornado damage from Clean Cut in the amount of \$7635.00 paid from the Recreation Reserve Account. Vote, Richards yes, Kowalski yes, VanErden yes, Bundalo yes, Neel yes. All in favor, motion carried.

President Richards noted that the letter to IPRA requesting grant funds will be going out shortly. We are requesting \$24,000 to cover expenses.

New Business

Commissioner VanErden moved, seconded by Commissioner Bundalo to approve the proposal for a memorial donation consisting of a bench, plaque and 3 lilac bushes from the Ellison family in honor of their daughter Amy who recently passed away. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

It was noted that the memorial area will be near a pathway and it would be nice to have the area in front of it, lined with shore erosion stones.

Commissioner Bundalo introduced the idea of establishing the Valley Lake Committee. He will bring a complete proposal to next month's meeting. Commissioner Van Erden presented a few ideas to assist in the development of the committee. Commissioner Bundalo will work on the details including recruitment of volunteer members.

Commissioner Richards moved, seconded by Commissioner Kowalski to approve the Annual Conference Attendance Procedure, the Safety Award Program Procedures and the Seasonal Camp Staff Attendance Incentive Procedures. Commissioner Van Erden inquired about the mileage cost that has been estimated at this point in the Annual Conference Attendance Procedure. The board also discussed the upcoming conference dates. Roll call, Commissioner Kowalski yes, Commissioner Richards yes, Commissioner Neel yes, Commissioner Bundalo yes, Commissioner Van Erden yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Van Erden moved, seconded by Commissioner Bundalo to remove the Employee Family Program Discount Policy due to taxing requirements. Roll call, Commissioner Richards yes, Commissioner Neel yes, Commissioner Kowalski yes, Commissioner Van Erden, yes, Commissioner Bundalo yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Director Jekot presented sample signage ideas that cover admission into parks. The sign will be altered to read Non-Resident Admission Fee. They will be placed at Pebble, Valley both sides, Willow Point and Sunset. Commissioner Van Erden noted that the sign Park Closes at Dusk near this sign would be helpful and it could be a glow in the dark sign.

The board reviewed a proposed expenditure of \$450 for the removal of Sunset Piers. The work requires four individuals, some who were volunteers to take out the piers and move them to the Rule Garage. The Director noted that we do not have those who helped in the past. The district had the crew work and provided them lunch.

Commissioner Richards moved, seconded by Commissioner Kowalski to approve the expenditure of \$450 for pier removal if additional help cannot be secured to complete the work. If help can be found, the district will provide lunch. Roll call, Commissioner Van Erden yes, Commissioner Bundalo yes, Commissioner Richards, yes, Commissioner Kowalski yes, Commissioner Neel yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the Pebble Beach Park lighting complaint and agreed that it is a safety light for those using the lake. A letter will be sent to the individual who complained, stating such.

Commissioner Van Erden moved, seconded by Commissioner Richards to appoint Commissioner Neel as the district's 2nd FOIA Officer and Commissioner Kowalski as the district's 2nd Open Meetings Act Officer. This is in addition to Director Jekot listed as both. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Richards reviewed the proposal to IPRA Foundation requesting funds to cover tornado damages.

Commissioner Van Erden moved, seconded by Commissioner Bundalo to approve the purchase of 2 additional pier portions for adjustment of the pier with funds from the Special Recreation Reserve Account in the amount up to \$2500.00. Staff will meet with company to come up with a serviceable alternative. The ideas will be shared with the fisherman. Roll call, Commissioner Van Erden yes, Commissioner Kowalski yes, Commissioner Bundalo yes, Commissioner Neel yes, Commissioner Richards yes. All in favor, motion carried.

The board reviewed two options for the replacement of Twin Lakes Playground components. The original piece was between \$17,000 to \$19,000 and the new prices came in at \$28,000.00 for equipment. We then received two proposals, one that is similar to the original piece that came in at \$ 38,000.00 and the Nu Toys proposal in the amount of \$36,000.00. Both proposals included the price of installation, which is covered by our insurance.

The board reviewed diagrams and photos of both playground options and note that the Nu Toys design seems to be a better fit as replacement.

Commissioner Van Erden moved to approve the NuToys design for Twin Lakes Park, seconded by Commissioner Kowalski. Roll call, Commissioners Van Erden yes, Kowalski yes, Neel yes, Bundalo yes, Richards yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Director Jekot will continue on the replacement process.

Those in attendance thought it would be a good idea to place the dinosaur at Valley Lake Beach. Maintenance will see if this is feasible.

Announcements – President Ben Richards, BBQ'd Productions and YCC were recognized by Rep. Sam Yingling for tornado relief work in the community. This was also posted on the WPD Facebook page. Over 20 residents were assisted and extensive work was completed at one of our parks.

BBQ'd Productions served 6500 meals and was shooting for 10,000.

Matt Brueck- Wants the board to consider keeping taxes low with the vote coming up. After 11 years in the community, and with strong feeling on taxes, he feels that Maureen and the Board has done a great job with the taxes and has done great work.

Dean Fritz – Has serious concerns regarding the board and their decisions. Board should be held to a high standard. A board member stated that copper sulfate harms little girls reproductively and there is no claim to back this up. Since this was said with no evidence, Mr. Fritz asked if there was a board code of ethics that would apply in this case.

President Richards noted that there was much information and some erroneous concerning the issue. Mr. Fritz still feels strongly that this erroneous information needs to be dealt with. Bonnie Burger Neel believes that she was the source of the article referencing copper sulfate and the reproductive process in girls.

There being no further business, Commissioner Kowalski moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Erden to adjourn the meeting. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.