

Wildwood Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2015

Present: President Ben Richards, Commissioners Dan VanErden, Maj Kowalski, Dan Bundalo, Jim Neel, Director Maureen Jekot.

President Richards called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Public Comments – None

Commissioner Van Erden moved, seconded by Commissioner Bundalo to approve the Consent Agenda of Minutes, Regular Meeting of October 19, 2015, Committee Meeting of the Whole on October 19, 2015 and Committee Meeting of the Whole on November 3, 2015. Executive Session Minutes of October 19, 2015 not approved at this time. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

Financial Reports - The Board reviewed financial reports for the Month of October 2015.

Attorney Report – None

Previous Months' Public Comments – Commissioner VanErden asked that notes be checked from the February 2014 conference call with Clarke Environmental and the documentation that was sent out prior to the call. He believes that maybe requested information is included.

Committee Reports

Strategic Planning – Commissioners will review SWAT program before the next Committee Meeting set for December 14th at 6pm.

Budget – Rough draft has been distributed and is being updated and will be presented again as we move further through the year.

Valley Lake – The first committee meeting is set for Monday, December 7th at 7:00pm

Affiliate GLCC – Walleye was stocked in Gages Lake

Staff Reports

Director Jekot reported that she attended a PDRMA training on Incident Training. In board packet is updated Conference Attendance Summary. Registration was processed online, which saved \$125 off of regular fees. A security meeting was held earlier this month and it is listed on agenda. Insurance premiums have risen by \$900. This is due to increased income to district and additional employees hired. Illinois Funds banking will be changing in February. We will be moving over to US Bank and will see if this arrangement works. District has a redesigned website. Laura Milkie attended Professional Development School in Decatur last week. Laura's attendance of \$785 plus expenses is being covered by IPRA.

They did not have the funds to assist with tornado cleanup so are instead covering staff professional development. Nick's report was included for review.
Unfinished Business

The board discussed the 2015 Levy. Upcoming district needs were presented along with the amount received this year. Several percentages were looked at, as some board members would like to make sure that the annual amount received is not reduced.

The board examined district needs and upcoming 2016-17 annual costs.

Options under discussion included 0%, 1.7% and 2.5%. Commissioner VanErden noted that he felt that we have to ask for something in order to stay steady. Adjustments based on assessed valuation determine the total amount received. Commissioner Bundalo shared his view that the board should keep the amount received in 2016 the same as the amount received in 2015.

The discussion returned to district needs.

Commissioner VanErden moved to levy 2.5% for the 2016 tax year. Commissioner Kowalski seconded the motion.

Discussion followed on effect of inflation on operations. Discussion also included maintaining the same amount as this year.

Commissioner VanErden amended to motion to levy 2.5% for the 2016 tax year. Commissioner Kowalski seconded the motion.

Discussion did not support this alternative.

Commissioner VanErden moved to levy 2.5% for the 2016 tax year. Commissioner Kowalski seconded the motion.

Roll call, Commissioner VanErden yes, Commissioner Kowalski yes, Commissioner Bundalo no, Commissioner Neel yes, Commissioner Richards yes. 4 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried.

Board Manual Update – The Board General Practices manual was reviewed by legal and just received. It will be placed on next month's agenda.

Public Safety – Commissioners Richards and Bundalo shared information from a meeting held with a potential candidate who may be suited to oversee the district's Public Safety Program. The board agreed that someone with police background would be ideal for the program. Director Jekot is in contact with Lake County to see if an intergovernmental agreement can be worked out which would allow sheriff police to enforce our ordinances. Our safety officers would call Lake County to process ordinance violations. Those with police training are better able to diffuse situations. Work will continue in this area to move this program forward. Director Jekot will continue to assemble information and details on a Public Safety Program for spring.

Phone Line and Internet at Maintenance Garage

Commissioner VanErden moved, seconded by Commissioner Neel to approve the addition of Internet and phone at the garage. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments

Dean Fritz – Shared with the board that he had data from the VLMP. He can share this information but it would take longer than the three minutes so he is available to share after the meeting. The board suggested the information be shared at the Valley Lake Committee Meeting. Mr. Fritz has been to two meetings and has presented questions and has not received answers. The board shared the fact that they are reviewing procedures to answer questions.

Commissioner VanErden asked again what question has not been answered. After some discussion and comments, he restated the question as: “Does the board have an ethics policy?”

Commissioner VanErden moved, seconded by Commissioner Kowalski to adjourn. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.