

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 17, 2008

1.0 Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Washington Park District Board of Commissioners, Tazewell County, Illinois was held on November 17, 2008 at the Washington Park District office located at 105 S. Spruce Street, Washington, Illinois. President Jim Bremner called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Staff present was Doug Damery, Director; Kristy Howell, Recreation Manager; Kim Hess, Financial Manager; and Jackie Hofer, Administrative Assistant. Commissioners present were: Jim Bremner, Lorelei Cox, and Matt Moehle. Dale Claus and Scott Underwood were absent.

2.0 Petition and Public Comment

There was no public comment; however, Director Damery did mention that a letter was sent to the park district requesting our web site be updated in a timelier manner with agendas and minutes. Director Damery explained the day after he received the letter he did contact our web site provider and sent the updates, but they were still not done. Our website is maintained by a volunteer and sometimes it does take time to update and maintain it.

3.0 Approval Meeting Minutes

3.1 Approval of October 20, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made to approve the October 20, 2008 regular meeting minutes (Cox, Moehle; C-Un)

4.0 Finance Report

- A motion was made to approve the Financial Report. (Moehle, Cox; C-Un)

5.0 Review and Approval of Claims

- A motion was made to approve and pay the claims. (Cox, Moehle; C-Un)

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 WACC Board Representative Report –Commissioner Cox attended the November meeting and reported the WACC will not need extra capital loan funds from taxing bodies next year. Currently we pay the \$10,000 toward a lease for the facility and the \$15,000 towards the capital loan. They are dealing with retention and it is much better than what they thought. Out of the 1400 that were up for renewal 89 were lost. Staff was very happy with that.

As a board they also strongly believe they would like to keep G-rated events in the auditorium and they are getting some advice from people who think that should be expanded just a bit.

They have also signed contracts for their physical therapy and wellness. The wellness contract went to OSF and the physical therapy contract went to Great Plains.

7.0 Staff Report

7.1 Parks and Property- Brad stated he was hoping that that the pool would have been completed this week, however, it was not.

The dugouts and baseline fencing on diamond #5 has been removed.

Brad stated he is going to contact Mike Doolan and he will contact several of the local plumbers to see if they might be interested in helping or installing the plumbing in the new concession stand

- 7.2 Athletic Coordinator**- Jean and Kathy's report was presented in the packets. .
- 7.3 Recreation Manager**- Kristy reported the Amazing Race was a big success. The Turkey Trot was held on Nov. 15 with 28 runners which was probably an okay number considering it was a brisk morning. The Flick and Float was held on Nov. 15 with low attendance.
- 7.4 Executive Director**- Director Damery explained during his report his concern regarding insurance and has been working on the insurance renewal as well as the worker's compensation insurance.
Director Damery stated that he attended the CAG organization meeting at Countryside Banquet Facility. At this meeting, he and Dr. Paul Kinsinger were selected to represent the Recreation components of the Eastern Bypass.

8.0 Old Business

None

9.0 New Business

9.1 Action on the Proposals for Worker's Compensation Insurance

- A motion was made to allow Director Damery to make a determination on which company to go with after researching packages a little further (Moehle, Cox; C-Un)

9.2 Discussion of the 2008 Tax Levy Ordinance for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year

Director Damery has prepared and included in the packet a letter from the Tazewell County Supervisor of Assessments which is new this year. We are asking for more than a 5% increase over last year's aggregate levy so therefore must do a Truth in Taxation Notice to be issued in the paper calling a Public Hearing prior to our next regular meeting.

- A motion was made to allow Director Damery to move forward with the proposed tax levy increase and to issue a Truth in Taxation Notice to be published in the paper. (Cox, Moehle; C-Un)

9.3 Action on a Resolution calling a public hearing concerning the intent of the Washington Park District to sell Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds not to exceed \$370,000.

This calls for a public hearing which will take place in December. We will therefore have two public hearings next month; one for the Levy Ordinance and one for the General Obligation Bonds.

- A motion was made to approve the Resolution calling for a public hearing concerning the intent of the Washington Park District to sell Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds not to exceed \$370,000. (Moehle, Cox; C-Un)

10.0 Adjournment

- A motion was made at approximately 6:30 pm to adjourn (Moehle, Cox; C-Un)

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorelei Cox, Secretary
Washington Park District
Board of Commissioners