

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 21, 2011

1.0 Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Washington Park District Board of Commissioners, Tazewell County, Illinois was held on February 21, 2011 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; Jackie Hofer, Administrative Assistant; Brad Kanaga, Superintendent of Parks, and Kim Hess, Finance Manager. Commissioners present were: Lorelei Cox, Julie Davison, Herb Knoblauch and Doug Weston.

2.0 Petition and Public Comment

Several Washington residents (26- 30) attended the February board meeting in support of not losing diamond #6 in Washington Park due to the addition of the construction of a tennis court facility.

Joe Dalfonso was the spokesman on behalf of the WRA. Their opening statement for the evening is not against the sport of tennis, the people who play tennis or the new opportunity for tennis courts in Washington Park. The WRA however is frowning upon possibly eliminating field #6 for the replacement of these tennis courts and they are asking for a compromise.

Dr. Jim Dunnan, superintendent of WCHS attended this board meeting as well as Damien Schlitt the architect with BLDD. Dr. Dunnan stated that in November shortly after the referendum passed for Washington Community High School, Dr. Dunnan contacted the park district and discussed the tennis court facility. Dr. Dunnan stated he and Director Damery have had several discussions regarding the facility and that the high school is not interested in affecting anything with softball/baseball or any activities concerning the youth.

3.0 Approval Meeting Minutes

3.1 Approval of January 17, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made to approve the January 17, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes (Cox, Davison; C-Un)

4.0 Financial Report

- A motion was made to approve the Financial Report (Knoblauch, Davison; C-Un)

5.0 Review and Approval of Claims

President Bremner asked if the chips had been repaired to the basement. Director Damery stated they had not but that he is very confident that will be no problem with getting those repaired.

- A motion was made to approve and pay the claims as presented (Cox, Knoblauch; C-Un)

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Update from HISRA Representative-no report, meeting cancelled, no quorum.

6.2 Update from the WACC Representative- no report, meeting cancelled.

7.0 Staff Reports

7.1 Parks and Property-Brad had no additions to his report

7.2 Recreation Manager-Kristy had no additions to her report

7.3 Athletic Coordinator-report was included in packet

7.4 Executive Director-Director Damery reported no additions to his report however discussion items under Administration, Oak Ridge Park, and Washington Tennis Courts.

8.0 Old Business

8.1 Discussion and Action regarding Tennis Court facilities being built in cooperation with the Washington Community High School

Two options for alternative layouts were presented by President Bremner and discussion was held but it was determined option 2 was the better option. President Bremner explained there needs to be some more discussion on a few items toward our intergovernmental agreement such as: ongoing maintenance of the courts, responsibility of future resurfacing and etc.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Discussion and potential action regarding improvements, renovation and expansion of the outdoor batting cages located at Washington Park by Washington Recreation Association.

Lance Escue discussed this item of new business and stated this has been a struggle for some time, as far a place for kids to hit. There are 2 basic issues, one being a safety issue and a needs issue. Currently there are no outdoor batting cages for the WRA in-house boys and girls teams as well as travel teams, there are outdoor batting cages in Washington Park but are utilized exclusively by the WCHS and Cobra softball teams.

The proposal that is being offered is to give the current batting cage in Washington Park a face lift; there is currently a concrete pad there and fencing. Director Damery will work with Lance Escue and the WRA regarding development of outdoor batting cages.

10.0 Adjournment

- A motion was made at approximately 6:44 p.m. to adjourn. (Davison, Weston; C-Un)

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorelei Cox, Secretary
Washington Park District
Board of Commissioners