

Belvidere Township Park District  
Special Meeting  
February 24, 2018

Minutes

The Belvidere Township Board of Commissioners Special Board Meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. Roll call was taken. Those present were Paul McCaffrey, Jean Twyning and Mary Marquardt. Absent were Sam An and Eric Dahl. Also present were Mark Pentecost, Todd Bex, Betheny Kopera and Debbie Kent.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to have open discussion with the public regarding William Grady Pool and general recreational services. There were five patrons in attendance.

Betheny Kopera gave a recap of the 2017 Pool Report including attendance, revenue and expenditures.

Mark Pentecost provided information from the 2017 Technical Report and the 2017 Filter Replacement Project. Options for the filter were to rebuild at a cost of \$200,000.00 versus a new filter at \$220,000.00.

General discussion included training for lifeguards (Jeff Ellis vs American Red Cross); the number of lifeguards needed (even with low attendance); the appearance (locker rooms and landscaping); did the Spray Ground affect the attendance at the pool; marketing, networking and effectively communicating with the community.

Those present offered positive feedback on the general recreational services and facilities that the district offers. The pickleball courts and ice rink have been a great addition as well as the path system in place throughout the parks.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by

Debbie Kent