

Belvidere Township Park District  
Board Meeting  
March 13, 2018

Minutes

The Belvidere Township Park District Board of Commissioners board meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. Those present were Eric Dahl, Jean Twyning and Mary Marquardt. Sam An and Paul McCaffrey were absent. Also present were Mark Pentecost, Todd Bex, Kim Kirkpatrick, Betheny Kopera, Gabe Castillo and Debbie Kent.

Meeting Agenda

Jean Twyning made a motion to approve the March 13, 2018 meeting agenda, seconded by Eric Dahl. A voice vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes February 24, 2018

Jean Twyning made a motion to approve the February 24, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Eric Dahl. A voice vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes February 27, 2018

Jean Twyning made a motion to approve the February 27, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Eric Dahl. A voice vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Debbie Kent provided a financial report showing February income and park district cash balances as of February 28, 2018.

Bills for Payment

Eric Dahl made a motion to approve the bills from February 1-February 28, 2018, seconded by Jean Twyning. A voice vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Board Correspondence

There was no board correspondence.

Public Input

Public Input will take place during the William Grady Pool Discussion.

Director's Report

Mark Pentecost is preparing material for the Master Planning meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2018. He will be scheduling staff to attend the appropriate meetings.

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Resumes for the Superintendent of Recreation position will be accepted until March 24<sup>th</sup>. So far, fifteen resumes have been submitted.

Mark is waiting for a letter of support from OSF Foundation on getting the financial backing. The City will ask Growth Dimensions to support the use of (1/3) of the Riverfront Funds for the Outdoor Fitness Court.

### Recreation Report

Free admission was offered the last couple of weeks of operation at the Ice Rink. There were 144 patrons that received free admission.

The district did not receive any responses to the RFP's for pool concessions. Staff will check with our current vending machine provider to investigate a larger offering of machine that could be housed outdoors.

Victoria Packer attended the American Camp Association Conference. The board was pleased with her report on the conference.

### Superintendent of Parks Report

Todd Bex is gathering information for the administration portion of the Loss Control Report as required by PDRMA.

New houses are being built on the Bracken property. Curb and gutter is in place. The subdivision is on well and septic. There was a question as to where the storm water is going. Todd will look into this.

### Human Resource Report

Kim Kirkpatrick conducted an orientation on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> for Jerry Hernandez, the new buildings foreman. She will conduct another orientation on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> for the new Marketing Assistant.

### 2018 Mowing Service Contract

The district received 3 bids for weekly mowing of Aberdeen, Fridh, Harkless and Winterroth along with the bi-weekly mowing of Farmington Park. Thomas Pyszka of Lawn Maintenance submitted the low bid and his reference checks were all good.

Jean Twyning made a motion to approve the contract for the mowing of five parks, as listed, with Lawn Maintenance Services, Inc. for the 2018 mowing season, seconded by Eric Dahl. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

At 5:50 p.m. the board took a 10 minute recess.

William Grady Pool

This is the second of four meetings scheduled to get the community involved in the discussion of the William Grady Pool. There were five patrons present.

Betheny Kopera gave a brief report of the 2017 pool season. She included daily attendance, passes sold, revenue and expenses.

Mark Pentecost spoke to the findings of the 2017 Technical Report submitted by Burbach Aquatics, Inc. The report identified failure in the DE filter system, boilers and electrical system. The Kiddie Pool is on a separate filter system, but there were issues when the chlorine wasn't stabilizing.

The district did go to bid to replace the DE filter system. We only received one bid for \$230,000.00 and the board decided not to proceed at this time. The district only has so much money available for capital each year and this would have used the majority of the spending for 2018 leaving nothing for other projects.

The pool was built in 1939 and does not meet today's design standards and is lacking amenities. With the age of the pool does the board consider expanding and upgrading or spend approximately \$20 million on a new pool at a new location. The current location is limited and would have a huge impact on Belvidere Park.

Public comments and suggestions:

- 1) Has the board considered Salt vs Chlorine
- 2) Work with Mercy Hospital to offer physical therapy opportunities
- 3) Work with other organizations to save on energy costs
- 4) Would a new pool at a different location increase the attendance
- 5) Contract out the concession stand

Other recreational services:

Positive comments were made on the path system, pickleball, tennis and the ice rink. A few suggestions were to have a DJ while skating, offer a Dance in the Park and water aerobics for older active adults.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Submitted by

Debbie Kent