

Belvidere Township Park District
Board Meeting
July 25, 2017

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 Sam An, Paul McCaffrey, Jean Twyning and Mary Marquardt. Eric Dahl was absent. Also present were Mark Pentecost, Todd Bex, Kim Kirkpatrick, Betheny Kopera, Tori Allen and Debbie Kent.

Meeting Agenda

Jean Twyning made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Sam An. A voice vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes

Jean Twyning made a motion to approve the July 11, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Sam An. A voice vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Board Correspondence

There was no board correspondence received.

Public Input

Members of the public that were present were there for the discussion of the William Grady Pool under New Business.

Director's Report

Mark Pentecost introduced Todd Bex, Superintendent of Parks. Todd started with the district on Monday, July 17th.

Jay Allen with Shawcraft Signs and Mark met to evaluate the site for the sign at Glenn Green. We should have some draft images ready for approval early August so we can move on getting the sign installed prior to the grand opening in late September.

The Riverfront Committee needs to approve the transfer of the Riverfront funds to the Boone County Foundation. Mark talked with Paul Fisher and the foundation will accept the funds.

Superintendent of Parks Report

Todd Bex gave a little background about himself and is looking forward to getting to know the Belvidere park system. He has high expectations for the parks and is confident with the recent addition of key full-time staff members that can be accomplished.

Human Resource Report

Kim Kirkpatrick commented that she has orientation scheduled for our 3rd Base and Club Horizon staff on Thursday, July 27. There are also two additional orientations scheduled in August.

Approval for the Parks and Conservation Foundation to use a modified version of the Belvidere Township Park District Logo

Commissioners reviewed the revised options that are being proposed for the Parks and Conservation Foundation and Park District logo.

Jean Twyning made a motion for the Parks and Conservation Foundation to use modified version A or B that was circulated, seconded by Paul McCaffrey. A voice vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing to discuss the future of Aquatic Recreation in Belvidere and William Grady Pool

Mark Pentecost gave a brief introduction and assessment of the reason for the public hearing. In 2016 and 2017 the district has experienced problems with the filtration system, gaskets, valves and circulation pumps. The district hired Burbach Aquatics to do a report of the technical evaluation of the William Grady Pool. The board and staff are interested in feedback from the community on the direction to go and offering aquatic recreational opportunities within the Belvidere Township Park District.

Dave Burbach, Burbach Aquatics, was present and gave his company background and involvement with the Belvidere Park District and to discuss the findings of the Technical Evaluation of the William Grady Swimming Pool dated April 6, 2017.

In 1939 the William Grady Pool Facility was constructed consisting of a large bathhouse, fence to enclose the main pool on the north side of the bathhouse and a wading pool located on the south side of the bathhouse.

In 1980 the old wading pool was removed from the front of the bathhouse and a new wading pool was constructed inside the fence, located west of the main pool. A concession room addition was added to the west side of the bathhouse.

In 1986 the main pool was removed and replaced with the present main pool. The mechanical system was also replaced.

In 1993 the existing bathhouse was reconstructed and brought up to new ADA standards. (Designed by BAI)

In 2005 the 1980 wading pool was renovated and a separate recirculation system was installed in the former concession room. (Designed by BAI)

Also included in the report were the Opinion of Probable Construction Costs with two options; one for a 12.5 year life with a cost of \$446,000 and one for a 25 year life costing \$1,164,480. An additional cost to replace the roof is \$200,000.

Betheny Kopera and Tori Allen were present to give a snap shot of general operations, attendance, swimming lesson numbers from 2011 – present. The financial comparison included income, expenses and net amount from 2014-present.

Commissioner Marquardt opened the floor for those that had questions, comments or concerns. Participants included Terry Glass, Mary McGinn, Dennis Visser, Ken McGinn, Dan Snow, Jody Flynn, Jennifer Haig, John Haig, Kerry Brawner and Tom Steinkamp.

Listed are some of the comments and questions:

- 1) Organize a community advisory group, 2) Survey at the Boone County Fair, 3) Seek donations from Chrysler and/or other businesses, 4) asking contractors to donate their time, 5) consider longer hours and a longer season, 6) partnering with the school district or YMCA, 7) keeping the location in Belvidere Park, 8) cost to decommission and fill in the existing pool, 9) what is the benefit of a 12.5 year plan vs the 25 year option, 10) consider an indoor pool for year-round use, 11) referendum, financing through the districts capital improvement program.

Commissioner Marquardt thanked those in attendance for their participation and comments.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by
Debbie Kent