

Wildwood Park District
Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 16, 2016

Present: Commissioners Ben Richards, Maj Kowalski, Dan VanErden, Dan Bundalo, Jim Neel, Director Maureen Jekot.

President Richards called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner VanErden moved, seconded by Commissioner Neel to approve the agenda. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Kowalski moved, seconded by Commissioner VanErden to approve minutes that included The Regular Meeting on January 19, 2016, The Committee of the Whole Meeting on February 8, 2016. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

The board reviewed the Minutes of the Valley Lake Committee Meeting however since only one board member was present they were only reviewed.

The board reviewed the Financial Reports for January 2016. There were no questions.

Attorney was not present.

Public Comments

Dean Fritz noted that he watched the January Meeting tape and felt that the vigorous board discussion was positive. He commented on the addition of a committee meeting for discussion and the regular meeting to take the votes but said that more discussion at the regular meetings is necessary. Mr. Fritz went on to explain that all bodies of water are retention; however, when a certain size they are categorized as a lake. This was discussed and confirmed by Mike Adam of Lake County Health Department. Mr. Fritz presented a chart showing impact of salt on the lake from 2007. Benchmark numbers were also noted and he said that the value mark of 100 should have been used, not 140. Discrepancies of the watershed were noted as Lake County has them listed as one number and Bleck Engineering has them listed as another. There is a 56% discrepancy in the numbers.

President Richards noted that Mr. Fritz could present this information to the Valley Lake Committee. He said that he has but wants the board to know about what is impacting the lake.

Mr. Fritz questioned the board regarding the Ethics Code of the Board. He noted that he now knows there is an Ethics Code in place and asked if there was one in place between January 2015 and November 2015.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner VanErden noted that the figure of 140 came from the Valley Lake Committee. Commissioner Bundalo noted that in the January Meeting, the board asked for a benchmark number and he said that Gages Lake was 140 and when asked if that could be used, he agreed.

Also, he noted that the ethics question raised in December was answered at the January 19th Meeting.

Commissioner Neel commented on requirements for public access. There is public access on two sides of Valley Lake.

Committee Reports

Strategic Planning – no meeting.

Valley Lake – There will be a meeting on the first Monday in March which is March 7th. They are looking to present 4 management company proposals to the board. A summary and spreadsheet will be presented. Aerators are still being worked on.

WSRA – Meeting held last month. Had a second staff resignation in a month and filled one half time and is working to quickly fill this present position.

Affiliate Group Reports

GLCC – Meeting with Clarke Environmental in March to discuss 2016 weed treatments. Carp Derby will be on June 4, 2016. Hopefully there will be additional carp removal from the DNR. They are stunned and then removed. Commissioner Kowalski noted that this did not work at the time on Valley.

Staff Reports

Director - Eagle Scout Project included. Scout will be invited to March Committee Meeting to present project to board. The project includes the addition of bat houses at Twin Lakes Park. Tax summary is included in the board packet. Taxes came in \$ 473 under originally anticipated. Nick is enrolled in a Horticulture Class at CLC. Nick and Maureen attended a Midwest Institute of Park Executives Meeting and met Jennifer from Clarke there. She passed on an invitation to an event at her office, which was in the packet. Director Jekot has been continuing communication with Public Safety employee Tim Schaefer and noted that additional dialog is necessary regarding impact on the district regarding employees carrying weapons. Director Jekot is getting information from our attorney and PDRMA on the subject. It will be on the agenda for the March Committee Meeting. Also included in all staff reports are notes and summaries from the recent IPRA Conference.

Commissioner VanErden was not at the February Meeting but reviewed the tape and noted that the Public Safety discussion should be included for March discussion.

Legislative Breakfast is on Friday, February 26th at the Lake Bluff Park District beginning at 8:30am.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Commissioner VanErden moved, seconded by Commissioner Neel to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a specific park district employee.

The board moved into Executive Session at 7:25pm.

The board returned from Executive Session at 8:38pm.

Commissioner VanErden moved, seconded by Commissioner Kowalski to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm