

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Monday, March 28, 2016

Present: Commissioner Ben Richards, Maj Kowalski, Dan VanErden, Dan Bundalo, Jim Neel. Staff Laura Milkie Interim Director, Nick Stadel Maintenance Supervisor.

President Richards called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00pm. The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed Minutes and it was noted that a correction is needed in the March 7, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Commissioner VanErden moved, seconded by Commissioner Kowalski to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2016, the Executive Session Minutes of February 16, 2016, Minutes of the February 18, 2016 Emergency Meeting, Minutes of the February 18, 2016 Executive Session Minutes. Roll Call, all in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner VanErden moved, seconded by Commissioner Bundalo to not approve the minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 7, 2016 and the Minutes of the Search Committee March 1, 2016 and Minutes of the Search Committee, March 10, 2016. . Roll Call, all in favor, motion carried.

The board reviewed the February Financials. At this time, accounts are being moved due to the change in the State of Illinois - Illinois Funds Account. Treasurer Dan VanErden and Vice-President Maj Kowalski have processed signature cards with the Director removed.

Attorney Report - None

Open Portion

Scouts reviewed their proposed Eagle Scout Projects to the board.

The maintenance plan of Spencer Burton's project was noted. Commissioner VanErden moved, seconded by Commissioner Kowalski to approve Spenser Burton's Swift Chimney Eagle Scout project. Roll Call, all in favor, motion carried.

The maintenance plan of Will Jeffries's project was noted. President Richards moved, seconded by Commissioner Kowalski to approve Will Jeffries's Bat House Eagle Scout project. Roll Call, all in favor, motion carried.

Dean Fritz discussed the watershed of Valley Lake and the percentage that feeds the lake and land. Lake improvement ideas and information should be considered by the board, not only the Valley Lake Committee. The board needs to look at the data

and the past management of the lake. The amount of taxes collected and rise in assessment rate was presented. The district has adequate resources to manage the lake. The lake is only taking 2-3% of the budget which is not that much. The board ethics policy was brought up and noted that there were clear violations in the past election. There is a State of Illinois Ethics Act that the board needs to view. The board is ultimately responsible for management of the lake and needs to take care of this and look at the data.

President Richards asked that Mr. Fritz approach the board in a more respectful tone or could be subject to removal.

Strategic Planning

Commissioner Neel has been in contact with SCORE and will continue to communicate with them regarding the Strategic Planning Program for Wildwood Park District.

Valley Lake

Commissioner Bundalo presented vendor information from companies for this season's management of Valley Lake. Commissioner Kowalski noted that there is an issue with both bacteria and copper sulfate treatments in that they would cancel the effects of each other out. The committee will further clarify details of these treatments and report back to the board. There were questions about certain line items being covered or noted at an additional charge. The committee will contact the vendor, clarify and obtain a proposal with it spelled out. There was discussion regarding the need to accept a contract in time for work to begin on Valley Lake in April. The committee will obtain requested information and clarification.

Commissioner VanErden moved, seconded by Commissioner Bundalo to accept the contract from Marine Biochemists pending details and clarification of items in question of whether or not they are included in base price. Roll Call, all in favor, motion carried.

Search Committee

Commissioner VanErden reported that the committee has met three times. There were 55 applicants and it was narrowed down to 16, which then was narrowed down to 12 candidates. Preliminary interviews are being set up at this time. The finalists will then be interviewed by the full board.

GLCC

Commissioner VanErden reported that Clarke Environmental would again be treating the lake. There will be additional acreage added this year, which is right in front of Rule Park. Highway cleanup is on Wednesday, April 6th at 6:00pm. Moving the Carp Derby was discussed, however, it will be held on Saturday, June 6th. Budgeted treatments were discussed at the GLCC Meeting.

Staff Reports

Included in packet

Unfinished Business

Public Service Program

The board continued discussion on the Public Safety Program and challenges in setting up the program without a park district Director in place. The board acknowledges that they want to step the program up from previous years, however there still is concern on moving toward a park police program. A cooperative program between park district employees could partner with the Lake County Sherriff Office.

A representative from the Sherriff's Office will be in attendance at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

President Richards moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Erden to suspend the Public Safety Program at this time until a new Director is in place. Roll Call, Commissioner Neel no, Commissioner Bundalo no, Commissioner Kowalski yes, Commissioner VanErden yes, Commissioner Richards yes. 3 to 2, motion carried.

The board will work on a consensus regarding the program. Discussion and work will continue on this topic. The idea of forming a committee was also discussed. Other security services could also be researched.

Budget 2016-17

The board reviewed the budget for the upcoming year that begins May 1, 2016. President Richards moved, seconded by Commissioner Kowalski to approve the budget as presented. Roll Call, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business

Commissioner Kowalski moved, seconded by Commissioner Neel to waive the group pavilion permit fee and non-resident guest boat pass for resident Melissa Morawicki. Roll Call, all in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner VanErden reviewed the resident's plan for ski slalom in the lake.

Commissioner VanErden moved, seconded by Commissioner Kowalski to remove and haul away Twin Lakes Park stumps. Roll Call, all in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Kowalski moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Erden to approve the ILM Shoreline Maintenance Agreement for Boulder Park and Willow Point Park. Roll Call, all in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Bundalo moved, seconded by Commissioner VanErden to adjourn. Roll Call, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.