

**Wildwood Park District
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6:00pm**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm at the Rule House.

I. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Dan Bundalo, Maj Kowalski, Anna Nelson, David Rupp and Jim Neel

Park District Staff Present: Colleen Broderick, Executive Director

II. Public Comment - Matt Brueck requested that the Park District not increase the tax levy and he would like to ask for a 5% decrease. Commissioner Nelson responded that she was going to present to the Board during the Tax Levy discussion information she recently learned regarding tax levies and suggested that Mr. Brueck stay to hear that information.

III. WSRA Report - Director Broderick indicated that the September WSRA meeting had been cancelled so there is no report. The next meeting will be held October 9.

IV. Committee Items

A. GLCC: Commissioner Rupp did not attend the last GLCC meeting and asked if Commissioner Nelson was at the meeting. Commissioner Nelson was and reported that the GLCC will be increasing the amount spent on fish stocking and a second treatment to the lake will not be completed this year.

B. Valley Lake: Commissioner Bundalo informed the Board there was no meeting this month so there is no report. The next meeting will be held next month.

C. Boat Ramp: Commissioner Nelson clarified that she did state at the July meeting the Committee will be looking at the seawall also. Currently, the Committee has received two of the three proposals for engineering services. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14 at 4:00pm

V. Unfinished Business

A. Boat Ramp/Seawall: The Committee does recommend that the Park District use an engineering company to draft the plans and specifications for the work to be completed. Commissioner Bundalo asked how much it would cost to complete the boat ramp project. Director Broderick informed the Board that a proposed cost to complete the construction project will be included in the engineering plans. Commissioner Nelson stated the Committee will meet this week and present to the Commissioners their recommendation.

VI. New Business

A. November Committee Meeting: Commissioner Bundalo will not be able to attend the November Committee of the Whole Meeting. The other Commissioners are available so the meeting will be held as planned.

B. Valley Lake Drain: Commissioner Bundalo stated something needs to be done regarding the drain at Valley Lake and he would like the Board to direct the Director to work with the

Warren Township to improve the condition as it relates to the drain. Commissioner Nelson said she would like to have an agreement with the Township for the future.

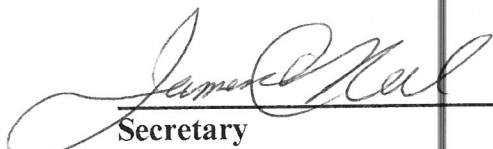
C. Valley Lake Aerators: Commissioner Bundalo said that the Valley Lake Committee has done a lot of research and is recommending that aerators be installed in Valley Lake. Commissioner Nelson would like to see the information on what the aerators will do to the cost of chemicals used. Commissioner Nelson also asked what would be the cost for the electricity to be run to the aerators. Commissioner Kowalski would like to see the documentation that the aerators are needed. Commissioner Bundalo said they have talked with many people who have said how the aerators have help and he will get affidavits from them. Commissioner Kowalski stated that when aerators were used previously chemicals were still used. Commissioner Nelson stated that there are biochemicals available now that weren't available before. Commissioner Kowalski thinks we should wait as this is the first year she has been testing the oxygen levels. Commissioner Kowalski would like to see the location of the aerators that is being proposed.

D. Tax Levy: Commissioner Nelson explained how the tax levy has been explained to her. Commissioner Nelson would like to ask for 4% to make sure that the Park District is getting the money needed to continue to make improvements to the parks that are needed. Director Broderick stated that the formula the County uses is based on a new growth figure that is not known. Since the exact amount is not known the Park District should request higher than the CPI to cover the unknown amount. Commissioner Bundalo said the last two years the Park District did not receive what was requested but received a lower amount.

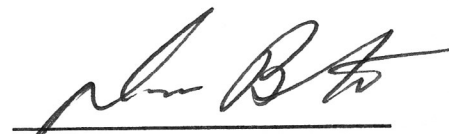
E. Office Hours: Director Broderick said we have tried having a late night until 6:00pm with the office hours. However, during the colder temperatures no one comes in. We would like to change the office hours to have Tuesday until 6:00pm from April to September and from October to March have the office open until 4:00pm. Commissioner Bundalo said that staff knows best.

Commissioner Kowalski motioned seconded by Commissioner Neel to add Commissioner Issues to the agenda. Commissioner Kowalski would like to discuss the last meeting in which Commissioner Bundalo called her a name and raised his voice at her. She believes that all Commissioners should be able to speak and be respected. Commissioner Bundalo asked what name did he call her and Commissioner Kowalski responded that he called her a troublemaker. Commissioner Bundalo said he had a question regarding the seawall and that Commissioner Kowalski jumped on him for asking the question. Commissioner Nelson said at times discussion may get heated because we are all passionate. Commissioner Bundalo asked the other Commissioners what did they disagree with him about. Commissioner Bundalo said that Commissioner Kowalski was condescending to him during the last meeting. Commissioner Bundalo apologized for calling Commissioner Kowalski a troublemaker. Commissioner Nelson said she would like to start like a new Board to work as a team to get things accomplished.

VII. Adjournment: Commissioner Kowalski motioned, second by Commissioner Neel to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm.


Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

09/18/2017.
Date


President
Board of Park Commissioners

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