

Wildwood Park District  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, October 19, 2015

Present: President Ben Richards, Commissioners Maj Kowalski, Jim Neel, Dan Bundalo, Dan Van Erden, and Director Maureen Jekot.

President Richards called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

President Richards asked for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Kowalski moved, seconded by Commissioner Neel to approve the agenda. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

#### Public Comments – Agenda Items

None

Commissioner VanErden moved, seconded by Commissioner Neel to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2015. Roll Call, all in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Kowalski moved, seconded by Commissioner Neel to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2015. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

#### Financial Reports

Commissioner Bundalo asked about the inclusion of Master Card receipts in the board packet. Receipts are available for review in a monthly file. Members may review each individual vendor invoice and receipt for the month at the monthly Regular Meeting.

The Vendor Payable Report was a reviewed.

Attorney Report - No report at this time

Previous Months' Public Comment - None at this time

#### Committee Reports

Strategic Planning – Meeting again December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm on this topic. The board self-evaluation will take place on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Approximately 24 surveys have been received back to the district. Commissioners should complete the survey for IAPD. Commissioner Neel asked about a new standing committee.

Budget- Security is a topic being discussed as part of the budget process. Commissioner Kowalski inquired about covering salary for the newly added staff. As it gets closer to the end of the fiscal year, it should be reviewed.

GLCC – No meeting but there will be walleye fish stocking at the end of the month. Catfish were brought in sometime during the summer and work is being done to determine how and when this was brought in. It is believed that a resident allowed entry.

## Director Report

Director Jekot requested an additional staff be allowed to attend the Risk Management Institute Meeting.

The board was presented with a summary of staff and commissioners who have requested attendance at the annual conference.

Commissioner Kowalski inquired about Director's conference attendance. The Director explained that she will cover costs if attending is she decides to attend. Commissioner VanErden questioned this and Director Jekot asked that the subject be discussed during Executive Session.

Commissioner Richards may be able to attend this year's Conference due to a schedule change and will keep the Director informed.

Staff is working on beach phone alternatives to lower the cost of 3 mandatory beach phones.

Director Jekot reviewed the enthusiasm for kayak rentals. The district has two at this time and may need to purchase additional ones if the program becomes very popular.

President asked about quantitative numbers in the Recreation Supervisor's report. These are provided seasonally after the conclusion of sessions.

## Unfinished Business

Commissioner Bundalo reviewed a proposal for the establishment of a Valley Lake Committee. The committee would address long-range plans for the lake. Commissioner VanErden discussed finding out about what is coming into the lake.

Commissioner Neel noted his concerns with the plunge pool, which is designed to filter water coming into the lake. The Committee can address the maintenance of the pool. Commissioner VanErden moved, seconded Commissioner Kowalski to approve the establishment of the Valley Lake Committee. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

Review Pebble Pier Purchase of Additional Pier pieces. The board reviewed a design which includes additional pieces to widen an portion.

President Richards moved and was seconded by Commissioner Kowalski to approve the additional pier pieces for Pebble Beach Park in the amount of \$2,694. Roll call, Commissioner Kowalski aye, Commissioner Neel aye, Commissioner Van Erden aye, Commissioner Bundalo aye, President Richards aye. All in favor, motion carried.

The board discussed the proposal submitted by Nu Toys for the replacement playground at Twin Lakes Park that was damaged by the tornado. Designs for the area are limited, as the district needs to contain equipment to existing space within the borders. Commissioner Kowalski moved, seconded by Commissioner VanErden to accept the Twin Lakes Playground contract from NuToys in the amount of \$36,326.00, as approved by PDRMA insurance and based on unique circumstances including the replacement with a like kind, within set space, making the contract, by nature, not adaptable to awarding by competitive

bid. Roll call, Commissioner Van Erden aye, Commissioner Neel aye, Commissioner Kowalski aye, Commissioner Bundalo aye, President Richards aye. All in favor, motion carried.

#### New Business

Valley Lake Management for 2016 Season – Commissioner Kowalski reported that this year has been the worst year for turbidity on Valley Lake and recommends that the district return to working with ILM on the management of the lake. Clarke treated approximately every 3 weeks and at times ILM had to come back within two weeks. Commissioner Bundalo pointed out that the copper sulfate treatment did also treat the algae. A discussion took place about turbidity reading. Readings on Gages Lake were also brought into the discussion.

Lake Management discussions will be continued. Commissioner Bundalo added information shared by ILM. Keith Gray also assisted in the writing of a grant for a study of Valley Lake. The committee could interview various companies but work would need to be started early so a contract could be in place well advance of the spring season. Information submitted in February to the board would be helpful. The conversation will be continued and companies considered.

2015 Levy – The board began looking at the topic of the upcoming levy. A budget meeting will be held on Tuesday and the levy will be discussed. The board agreed that a levy hearing will be held at 7:00pm for public input at the November 16, 2015 meeting.

Commissioner Neel would like a standing committee to look at grants and donations. Commissioner VanErden would like to see guidelines looked at first to narrow the focus. Match money also needs to be considered, should grants become available.

#### Public Comment – All Items

Dean Fritz – Dean had a discussion with Mike Adam of the Health Department regarding the depth of the lake. The depth was determined by an echo sounder combined with physical measures tied to known elevations. He said they could have missed something. Mr. Fritz believes that there are differences in feet readings. Mr. Fritz said that Mike Adam will come out to check the bathometric map readings that are listed on the 2008 map.

Commissioner Van Erden asked that information be obtained on whether or not costs will be involved in the production of a new bathometric map.

Linda Camellino – The district is doing a 3-year strategic plan and needs to do at least a 5-year plan. The board needs to set goals, discuss public safety, sustainability, accountability, and financial responsibility. Need to improve spending on supplies by using local vendors with consolidating and combining purchases. Receipts show purchases at multiple stores for pens and paper. There could be a freeze on salaries to give money to the improvements of the parks.

Brian Frederiksen – In last two meetings Mr. Fritz requested information from Commissioner Kowalski regarding July statements made on the dangers to female reproductive organs and copper sulfate. He has not received this requested information. Not citing sources has been a reoccurring problem that I have spoken to the board about several times. He deserves an answer. A board member citing misinformation at a meeting, not providing sources or not knowing who provided it is unacceptable. Misinformation such as this contributed to the lake not being treated for years. There is a pattern of Commissioner Kowalski over and over stating this misinformation at board meetings. This result is a lack of trust with board members and is a major problem. Many residents have spoken about this with no results. For the future of the Wildwood Park District, this misinformation must stop. The whole board needs to step into this. There will be an Executive Session later and I ask that this be discussed.

Cindy Bundalo - Wants to thank the board for approving the committee. It will help move all in a positive direction and may alleviate some of the stress and allow for more research. Regarding the first grant, it is a matching grant with a small amount needed (possibly \$2300). This is for a long-term lakes management plan. The second grant is not a matching one and would only require a small contribution. The idea is to look for help and determine the cost of aerators and work on the beach areas. Wants the money to be watched and doing what we can for Valley Lake.

Commissioner Bundalo noted that there are a lot of grants out there that need to be dug out. They are a little hard to get but could be loosening up in the future.

Commissioner Van Erden moved, seconded by Commissioner Kowalski to move into Executive Session. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

The board moved into Executive Session at 7:58pm.

The board moved out of Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:39pm.

The board discussed public comments received, including the request for documentation regarding copper sulfate effects, which were presented in July.

A discussion followed on how best to answer specific questions posed to the board during the public comment sessions.

Following a public comment, the board would like to inquire if the speaker has questions that might require follow-up. The board as a whole or an individual board member (a specific member can undertake them based on which one might best research and answer the question) will then take those questions under consideration and provide an answer to that speaker after it has been researched.

There being no further business, Commissioner Kowalski moved, seconded by Commissioner Neel to adjourn the meeting. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.