

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
March 5, 2009

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

President Robert Bernas called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Agenda Item #2 Roll Call

Comm. Bernas, Comm. Long, Comm. Karesh, Comm. Main, Ron Gunter, Director, Robert Fleck, Supt. of Parks and Planning, Chad Dyson Supt. of Recreation, Cindy Bump, Pre-school Director, Dan Tutskey, Athletic Director, Bobbi Trifilio, Admin. Asst., Alice Krampits Museum Curator/Senior Coord. Scott Browne, Maintenance Foreman, Steve Golembiewski, Recreation Coord., Steve Baird, Larry McIntyre, Jim Addington and Jim Lenihan.

Agenda Item #3 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 12, 2009.

Motion was made by Comm. Main and seconded by Comm. Karesh to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 12, 2009.

Roll Call: Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1  
Motion carried.

Agenda Item # 4 Claims Ordinance

Motion was made by Comm. Main and seconded by Comm. Long to pay the March claims.

Roll Call: Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1  
Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5 Open Forum

a. General Public

Michael Baird, James Lenihan and Larry MacIntyre representing the American Cancer Society, asked the Board's approval to hold the Relay for Life, a cancer fundraising event at Ty Warner Park on May 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> 2009. This is an overnight event that begins at 6 pm and ends at 6 am. There will be teams that will walk all night to raise money for the American Cancer Society. They will be using the area around the gazebo. A discussion followed. The Board would like staff present for the event. Ron stated that the park district will have its own team for the event. Park Patrol will be on duty until 10 pm.

\*Comm. Smith entered the meeting at 6:07 pm

Motion was made by Comm. Long and seconded by Comm. Karesh to approve the Relay for Life be held at Ty Warner Park on May 29 and May 30, 2009 6 pm to 6 am. as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0  
Motion carried.

b. Written

None

#### Agenda Item #6 Unfinished Business

a. Website Update

Chad stated that we will be ready to launch in 3-4 weeks. Jeff Murphy from Lord and Murphy is working with them for online registration and payments.

b. Budget Workshop

Ron reminded the Board that the Budget Workshop is scheduled for Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 pm. The packets will be delivered to them prior to the workshop. Staff is doing everything possible to cut and reduce spending. There will be food at the workshop around 3 pm.

c. Playgrounds

Bob said he did not have much to report due to the weather. It is still too wet for the concrete. May 1<sup>st</sup> is a realistic time frame for the playground work to be finished.

d. Other

No other unfinished business

#### Agenda Item #7 New Business

a. Red, White and BBQ Request

Jim Addington addressed the Board regarding the Red, White and BBQ event. He stated that they have had 2 successful years and are hoping for a 3<sup>rd</sup>. Due to the current economy they have decided to move the event to Plaza Drive adjacent to Ty Warner Park and host a carnival to help raise the funds for prizes and awards. A discussion followed. While the Board is not too happy about a carnival they agreed it was necessary for the event at this time. They will pay any expenses incurred by the park district for this event, which includes staff salaries and garbage pickup. Along with those expenses a fee will be charged to rent/reserve the park.

Bill Kalafut representing the soccer tournament for Memorial Day Weekend stated that the two groups will be working together to make this a very special weekend. He is hoping to have 80 soccer teams competing.

Motion was made by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Main to approve the Red, White and BBQ Event on Memorial Day Weekend 2009 as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Bob Senicka from the Lions Club addressed the Board regarding renting the Fitness Club to hold a Texas Holdem Tournament. They would use the gym from 12 noon to midnight. They would have all the necessary license for gambling. Beer would be our sales. Ron felt the best date would be June 28<sup>th</sup> while the club is closed for cleaning. The Board was in favor of the idea. The Lion's Club could rent the Club Saturday June 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> for \$1,200.00 a day.

b. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Bobbi reported that the committee is working on last minute details and everything is falling into place for the April 18<sup>th</sup> kick off event.

c. Holly Days 2009

Ron reported that staff held a meeting to discuss the 25% reduction in funds from the Village for Holly Days. They have fine tuned the event. There will be no professional floats in the parade and no reindeer, no carriage rides through the park, we will use a tractor to pull a wagon. They will cut back on the number of trees purchased. If they Village cuts more funds next year staff will have to revisit the event. The Village did appropriate \$33,000 for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.

d. Parking Lot Bids Twin Lakes Golf Course.

Bob reported he had favorable news on the parking lot bids. Last years low bid was \$56,762. and this years low bid was \$47,000 giving us a \$9,000 saving. The parking lot needs to be done before the last week in April so as not to interfere with the golf leagues.

Motion was made by Comm. Long and seconded by Comm. Main to approve Briggs Paving for \$47,000 for the Twin Lakes Golf Course Parking Lot work plus the alt. bid of \$300.00.

Roll Call:     Ayes 5           Nays 0           Absent 0  
Motion carried.

Agenda Item #8 Staff Reports.

Cindy reported that she had an egg hatching project at the pre-school that was very successful and enjoyable for the children and resulted in an article in the Westmont Progress and a video on their website. The previous Friday was registration for the fall pre-school program, 3 & 4 year old programs are filled and the 4&5's pre-k program has 7 children registered. Cindy is looking at offering a pre-school program at the Community Center for filled classes. The Board likes the idea. She is busy working on her summer write-ups and Day Camp.

Alice stated that senior registration for trips is picking up with the warmer weather due. The park district is picking up the COD classes that the college seems to be trying to get rid of. The Daddy Daughter Date Night run by Linda Wonderlin was a huge success. The Easter Egg Hunt is April 11<sup>th</sup> along with the Bites with the Bunny. The museum had 1,500 visitors last year. There are 53 members in the Historical Society. She has 9 artists for her Spring Palette Art Show March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Scott reported the all is fine with the parks, waiting for the ice to melt to remove the ice ring. They are gearing up for baseball and soccer. He also stated that the park district purchased a car from the Village police department for \$2,750.00, a 2004 Crown Victoria.

Danny reported that all his athletic programs are going great. Opening Day for Little League is May 3<sup>rd</sup>. He hopes to have a co-ed softball league in the fall. Indoor soccer is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> week.

Early Bird registration for football is coming up. They will be buying new uniforms with fundraising money.

Steve said everything is going well. Lots of programs that did not go before are starting to fill up. The Junior High Trips are being signed up for also. He is working on the Drive-in Movie event. He is talking to the fitness instructors to keep the classes at the club fresh.

Chad re-stated that Opening Day for Little League is May 3<sup>rd</sup>, there be a hot dog eating contest and he invited all Commissioners to attend the Opening Day Ceremonies.

Keith remarked that he is working on pretty much what Scott said.

#### Agenda Item # 9 Adjournment

Motion was made by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Main to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call:   Ayes 5           Nays 0           Absent 0  
Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.