

Board of Commissioners Meeting
March 16th, 2016 Minutes/Prophetstown Park District

A meeting of the Prophetstown Park District Board of Commissioners was held on March 16th, 2016 at the Prophetstown Park District. Those present included President Jason Taylor, Vice President Green, Commissioners Bev Cooper, Sandy Johnson and Carl Weidel. Director Karyn Sommers-Buck. Absent from the meeting was Bookkeeper Elyse Morris. The meeting was called to order by President Taylor at 7:00 p.m.

Public: Linda Copeland had concerns over the landscaping around the sign at Lyndon ball park, informed they would be fixed when the weather is cooperative; also had questions on the recycling program.

Drew Emery, Carey Bauer, Jeff Naftzger and Josh Grunder were present to discuss the Junior Tackle Football program and the possibility of the program becoming one that the Park District would offer instead of them remaining their own entity. The group had a handout about their financials, and remaining profitable each year. Presentation also included the relationship with the school system to bus kids, use of their fields, use of storage of equipment and concessions that is shared with the high school boosters. The Erie School district Athletic Director Brian Howell takes care of the scheduling for the league as well as lining up the refs. The group will also be presenting to the School Board to see if they would be interested in working to take the program- the group will let us know and decisions can be made from there. Board will discuss further under new business.

The February 17th, 2016 minutes were read and discussed. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes, Commissioner Green seconded, all in favor, the motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report for February was discussed, motion to accept made by Commissioner Green, Commissioner Johnson seconded, all in favor, the motion carried.

Correspondence: Contract from Windy City Energy was discussed and all in agreement that we should renew. Dion Smith, Windy City Energy rep, gave us read outs of our consumption since we started with the program, and that our usage has gone down since winter 2013-2014. We have caught up with the extra monthly amount and our monthly payment will go down to \$950 a month from the current \$2350.

Report from Commissioners- Commissioner Cooper asked about the old lifeguard chair, if it was steel or aluminum and would we be using it-said it would be recycled and disposed of properly, asked if the beams on the east/west walls of pool were solid steel or hollow, gave us handouts of Lyndon land that we are discussing acquiring from Don Amery – provided by Linda Copeland. Discussion was had about the property- still not sure how much would be given- will discuss with Mr. Amery before surveys take place. Commissioner Green made a motion for Phase 1 ESA survey to take place up to \$1500 to be spent, second by Commissioner Weidel- all in favor. Director Buck will contact Kantor Lee to proceed once we get the OK from Mr. Don Amery. President Taylor explained that he had helped at Funky Munky wrestling event and how impressed he was with those that ran it and participated in it, felt it was a very successful event. Explained the local connection of those that ran it and that we hope to continue to have them back to the facility as a fundraiser. Vice President Green talked about the Lyndon field signs, and that it was an Eagle Scout project of his son's, they had suggested different bricks be used to prevent what is happening now, but current blocks were used. Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Weidel had no comments/concerns.

Director's Report: Reiterated that Funky Munky was a success and that gate was \$711 and concessions \$400, Pat Gerlach was very generous with the gate-hope to work out a date for the fall to have them back. Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the football fields March 26th at 11:00 a.m. for those up to 10 years old. Scheduling will take place on April 3rd at the Unit Office- good numbers for all the age groups. Go over the budget for 2016-2017 year before finalizing budget next month. Have a rep from Dynamic Sports Construction coming to take a look at the gym floor to give us quotes on resurfacing floor 2mm- with new lines and complete new surface. EMT/Firefighter, Active Military, Police can obtain a Corporate Discount on Memberships. 2 editions- Commissioners do not feel we benefit from this at this time- will let rep know we are not interested; EMT/Firefighter/Active Military Discount –same as corporate- 15%, discussion and tabled until March.

Unfinished Business: Park Board Commissioner Manual – Commissioners went over Articles 1-2, changes made and instructed to look over Article 3 for April.

Current Building/Grove Street Property: Survey –talked to the USPS about a mailing- would cost between \$250-\$300 to mail out to all current 61277 addresses as well as P.O. Box. Discussion was held about return of survey- will have return available at facility and some businesses- no mail address return to us as extra cost. Survey Monkey does not seem like a good option, as far as being cost effective and making sure we touch base with everyone in our district.

New Business: Junior Tackle Football was discussed, concerns raised were continuing working relationship that program has with school and if that would continue. Volunteers would still be a strong presence within the program, continued monitoring of the equipment to keep up to specs. Also Director let them know she has contacted PDRMA to see what/and if there would be any additional cost to district or any forms added. Will wait to hear the school’s decision and make a decision. Consensus among the board is to keep the program going, between the school or the District.

Executive Session: None

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Weidel, all in favor, the motion carried.

Secretary, Board of Commissioners Karyn Sommers-Buck