

Marengo Park District  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 18, 2019

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Marty Mohr called meeting at 6:00 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Marty Mohr led the Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

Present this evening are President Marty Mohr; Vice President Steve Piorkowski; Secretary Veronica Kearney; Treasurer Donnie Bottcher. Also Present Director Joe Vallez.

Commissioner Josh Ruffner joined the meeting at 7:10PM.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Piorkowski made a motion, seconded by Kearney to approve the agenda as presented. The commissioners voted as follows:

Ayes: Mohr, Peorkowski, Botcher, Kearney

Absent: Ruffner

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mohr made a motion, seconded by Bottcher to approve the minutes from June 20, 2019 regular meeting as presented. The commissioners voted as follows:

Ayes: Mohr, Piorkowski, Botcher, Kearney

Absent: Ruffner

Nays:0

The motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Joe reported on the successful SWATA program. He advised concrete bag sets and grills have been ordered. Joe also presented a message received thanking the staff for their support the park activities.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**PRESENTATION**

Pat Lowler presented to the board on the volunteer-based *Paddle the Kish- Marengo Project* and timeline. She sought a letter showing support from the Marengo Park District Board. Vice-President Piorkowski expressed concern over potential liability and risks associated with water-based recreational activities.

Mohr made a motion, seconded by Kearney to send a letter in support of the project on behalf of the Marengo Park District. The commissioners voted as follows:

Ayes: Bottcher, Kearney, Ruffner, Mohr

Nays: Piorkowski

The motion passed.

**MANAGERS REPORT**

Joe Vallez reported that there will be a 2-day softball tournament fundraiser for breast cancer. This is an annual event that the District has supported in the past.

A request for financial assistance in the form of grants was submitted to support removing the pool and replacing it with a zero-depth splash pad; building infrastructure improvements and softball field improvements. It is anticipated these funds could be released in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the year.

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Cash Disbursement/Warrant Listing – June 2019** Kearney made a motion, seconded by Bottcher to approve cash disbursement warrant listing in the amount of \$23,699.24. The commissioners voted as follows:

Ayes: Pierkowski, Kearney, Botcher, Mohr, Ruffner

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

**Payroll Report – June 2018** Bottcher mad a motion, seconded by Kearney to approve payroll from June in the amount of \$14,064.32. The commissioners voted as follows:

Ayes: Kearney, Mohr, Bottcher, Ruffner, Bottcher

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**MasterPlan/Strategic Plan:** Commissioners should work with local groups to access the land for reconstructing items that need attention

**Fitness Center Improvements:** Vallez recommended holding off to see the status of the grant request

**Capital Funding Request:** A plan and request for \$1.7M has been submitted for removal of the pool and replacing it with a zero-depth water park, building infrastructure and softball field improvements.

**Financial Accounting Transition:** This has not been fully turned over to Eder & Cosella as of yet. There are logistical issues with transmitting information. Mohr expressed concern over paying an hourly CPA fee for driving back and forth to receive time records and payables records. The current IT infrastructure is not appropriate for transmitting these documents.

**Personal Manual:** Joe to provide the current manual to President Mohr and Vice President Piorkowski to utilize as a basis for the update.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Special Meeting and Public Hearing to approve 2019 Budget:** Mohr advised the Board that there will be a special meeting on July 29 at 6:00 PM for the purpose of holding a public hearing and approving the 2019/2020 budget.

**Discussion and action on quotes for painting:** Two quotes were received to paint the nature room and the hallway. After discussion, Joe Vallez will contact the painters for further clarification.

**REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Josh Ruffner offered to work with Joe Vallez to review and make recommendations to the phone system and the IT infrastructure. They will form an ad-hoc committee and report back to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Kearney made a motion, seconded by Ruffner to adjourn the meeting at 7:07PM. The motion carried on a roll call vote. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by Veronica Kearney

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Date Approved

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