

Marengo Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2019

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; and Treasurer Donnie Bottcher. Also Present Director Joe Vallez.

Commissioner Joshua Ruffner arrived at 7:50 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Ayes: Mohr, Kearney, Bottcher, Piorkowski

Nays: 0

Absent: Ruffner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Piorkowski made a motion, seconded by Kearney to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2019 Regular meeting as presented. The commissioners voted as follows:

Ayes: Mohr, Bottcher, Kearney, Piorkowski

Nays: 0

Absent: Ruffner

CORRESPONDENCE

Joe distributed the agenda and minutes from NISRA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Girl Scouts presented a plan to install a gaga pit in 2020 at Renwick Park as part of their Silver Award program to make positive changes in the community. The group presented their plan for procuring materials and labor to install the gaga pit.

Bottcher made a motion, seconded by Mohr to support the Silver Award project and approve the installation of the gaga pit in Renwick Park in Spring 2020, pending approval of PDRMA. The commissioners votes as follows:

Ayes: Piorkowski, Kearney, Mohr, Bottcher

Nays: 0

Absent: Ruffner

FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash Disbursement/Warrant Listing – October 2019 was tabled due to a negative entry in the report.

Payroll Report – September 2019 Bottcher made a motion, seconded by Kearney to approve payroll from September in the amount of \$11,171.02. The commissioners voted as follows:

Ayes: Piorkowski, Kearney, Mohr, Bottcher

Nays: 0

Absent: Ruffner

MANAGERS REPORT

2020 Programming

Joe Vallez presented 2020 programming ideas to the board to include:

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Camp Programs: Spring Break Camp: April, Summer Camp: June-August, Summer Soccer: June-August, Summer Volleyball Camp: June-August, Holiday Camp: December/January

The board was generally in favor of this program. President Mohr requested a written camp plan with a budget to determine the feasibility of the program and determine the number of participants and staff required.

Sports Programs: Soccer, Volleyball, Lil Indians Basketball

Arts Programs: Summer with the Arts, Art Camp, Adult Art Classes

Senior Programs: There are no proposed additions to the senior programming for the upcoming calendar year. Vallez reported that we currently have 25-30 active participants in our senior programming.

Joe Vallez provided an update on the following ongoing items:

Lil Indians - Program going well, Matt is doing a great job. There are over 100 participants.

Soccer - Winter program is using Locust school.

Office Coordinator – six candidates were interviewed. A 2nd round of interviews is scheduled for next week to interview internal candidates.

Assistant Maintenance Superintendent – Four candidates were interviewed. Second interviews will take place next week.

First National Bank Loan – The terms of the loan have expired. We received interest from 2 banks for refinancing and Prairie Community Bank did not bid.

- 1st National Bank: 4.00% – 4.50%, 7 years, approximate payment \$2,050. Balloon payment in three years, amortize seven years.
- Republic Bank: 3.50%, 10 years, approximate payment \$1,500. No penalty for early pay down.

Vandalism Trial: Continued

Building Painting: starting in November.

NISRA Fashion Show: November 23rd.

IPRA Conference: January 23-25

IAPD Legal Symposium: Joe reported on attending a symposium dealing with the upcoming legalization of recreational marijuana and some of the issues related to employees. Our current drug free workplace policy will remain in place.

Field Drainage Proposal: phased project, complete estimate approximately \$5,000. We are going to put this project on hold until early Spring 2020.

PARC Grant Cycle: Joe explained the PARC Grant cycle opens in December with a \$2,500,000 maximum. This is a matching grant with the match based on recipient demographics. We have identified the following programs for this grant:

- Water Park
- Park Restructuring
- Astro Turf Field
- New Maintenance Facility

Capital Request:

- High Ropes Course:
- Astro Turf Field:
- Community Parks

Cyclones Volleyball: Joe met with a club volleyball program. I requested from the organizers a year-round program in Marengo with a travel team as an option. This program is comparable to Fusion volleyball and would involve all ages.

Winter Wonderland Activities:

- Winter Wonderland: December 14th
- Letters from Santa: December 1 – 15th
- House Decorating Contest: Judging December 19th

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MasterPlan/Strategic Plan: Mohr will begin drafting a strategic plan to present to the Board and Manager for discussion and approval.

IT – ad hoc Committee: The IT contractor has begun implemented the changes in his presented plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of ordinance 19-020: Piorkowski made a motion, seconded by Mohr to approve an ordinance providing for the issue of \$122,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2019A, and \$20,320 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2019B, of the District for the purpose of providing for the payment of certain outstanding obligations of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, authorizing the execution and delivery of a Tax Escrow Agreement in connection therewith, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. The commissioners voted as follows:

Ayes: Ruffner, Bottcher, Kearney, Mohr, Piorkowski

Nayes: 0

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mohr made a motion, seconded by Kearney to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. The motion carried on a roll call vote. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by Veronica Kearney

Date Approved:
