

**GODLEY PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 8, 2016**

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm by President Alton. Those present for roll call were Commissioners R Stanford, J. Krug, K. DeMarse and E. Alton. Also present: Director Heitz, Lee Ann Zaremba, Heather Kuban, Ryan Togliatti, Cheryl Lenig, Melissa Woodard, Debbie Bunting, Rachelle Thompson, Shellie Fiene, Public present were: Marvin Mack, Monica Mack, Robert Swisher, Lester Gillette, Sharon Knapp, Lori Easter, Richard Easter, Attorney David Freeman arrived at 5:20 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no correspondences.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the January 12, 2016 Board & Committee Meeting Minutes was made by Commissioner Krug, seconded by Commissioner DeMarse. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: R. Stanford, J. Krug, K. DeMarse, and E. Alton. With 4 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried.

A motion to approve the January 12, 2016 Executive Session Meeting Minutes was made by Commissioner Krug, seconded by Commissioner Stanford. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: R. Stanford, J. Krug, K. DeMarse, and E. Alton. With 4 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANT DATED JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2016

A motion to approve the warrants dated January & February 2016 was made by Commissioner Krug, seconded by Commissioner DeMarse. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: R. Stanford, J. Krug, K. DeMarse, and E. Alton. With 4 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried.

Commissioner DeMarse inquired about the pitching mound. Director Heitz replied the mound is for Field 1. Commissioner Alton asked who the liquor for events was purchased from. Director Heitz stated various sources that have it on sale. We use Wee Sips in Wilmington, Binnys, and Sams. Wee Sips sells it to us at cost and will take back any that we have not used or

opened. We are only charged for what we use. Commissioner Alton stated she would like to keep it in the neighborhood like Angelo's in Wilmington & Berkotts.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Property Agreement

Mark Small would like to continue the property agreement. The agreement would start in May and run through April of 2017.

Finance

Staff has completed and turned in their budgets.

Capital Improvements

Director Heitz would like to discuss with the board possible capital improvements projects for the next fiscal year. Funds for the OSLAD grant are still frozen at this point. There is currently a proposed bill down state that would give the governor the option of not paying back the funds that were borrowed from other funds. If this bill passes, the funds for the OSLAD grant would not be available for distribution. Director Heitz stated other districts have decided to complete projects that they can manage with their own budgets. Director Heitz would like to take a look at the proposed OSLAD grant projects and decide which elements the Commissioners would like the District to do on their own.

Director Heitz would like to work with the Village to repair Kankakee Street and Smith Road. Commissioner Alton stated she would like to see School Street repaired as well. Director Heitz stated there has been a lot of truck traffic and need to have weight limit signs posted on Kankakee Street. Posting of the weight limit signs would be the responsibility of the Village. Once the signs are posted, Director Heitz would ask the County to patrol the area in the hope of ticketing the truckers coming down Kankakee Street. Commissioner Stanford stated at one point Grundy County wanted to take over the rights of the road but that never happened. Commissioner Stanford stated why not let them who is willing to take care of the roads do so. The District's money then can be used for something else. Commissioner Krug stated the Village did not want to give up control of the roads out of concern that the state would widen the roads for truck traffic. Director Heitz will talk with the Village and see what they can work out.

Daycare / Summer Camp

Day care has begun preparing for their summer program. The District will also host an outdoor day camp this summer. Children in first through 5th grade can attend the summer camp

program. The District is looking at entering into an intergovernmental agreement with Reed Custer 255 for the use of their buses for the weekly field trips.

Special Events

Director Heitz is requesting the board of commissioners to approve the proposal from Mad Bomber for fireworks during the Fall Fest event on October 8. Mad Bomber has quoted the same price as last year. Another contract Director Heitz is seeking approval for is from Awesome Amusements Rides. Awesome Amusements will provide the same rides as last year along with a wind jammer swing.

Events coming up during the months of March and April include a fish fry, Easter activities, pet adoption, and kite fly.

Sponsorships and the summer brochure are almost completed.

Building / Grounds

The electronic recycling was officially closed in February. Spring cleanup has begun.

Maintenance will begin working on the daycare playground area. Daycare's relicensing is this year. Maintenance will work on updating the items that need to be completed before the inspection occurs. Cedar Rustic Fencing will install a new gate in the daycare playground area. Multiple quotes were obtained, but Cedar Rustic Fencing came in with the best quote. The new gate will allow maintenance to get their equipment into the area. Other improvements in the daycare area include removing the current ground cover and replacing it with decorative stone, and installing a new shade canopy.

Maintenance will replace the damaged tic tack toe board on the green playground equipment. The jagged edges pose a safety concern. The cost to replace the board is \$248. An age limit sign will be displayed on the maroon playground. The sign will state this playground equipment is for children between the ages of 2-5.

Projector screen will be installed on south wall in the gym. Commissioner Alton inquired what the projector was for. Director Heitz stated the projector screen will be used for showing movies and hosting meetings. Daycare will also use the projector screen for their programs.

Maintenance working on getting a quote for barn work. They have received a quote for the removal of four trees. The quote includes taking down the trees, cutting up the wood and burning out the stumps. Cost of the total project is \$2,400

Maintenance has obtained quotes for the repair of both ball fields. The quote from Sportsfield includes the repair to both infields. Field 1 would be repaired first. The District currently has a league that will be renting the field 1 for three months. They will use our field as home base.

Cedar Rustic Fencing will install a chain link fence around the perimeter of the ball fields. Commissioner Krug expressed his dislike for chain link fencing. Commissioner Krug feels the ball players could be hurt if they were to run into the fence. He would prefer to see a breakaway fence installed. Commissioner Krug also inquired if a field drain will be installed. Director Heitz replied yes, drainage will be taken care of. Commissioner DeMarse suggested using the chain link fence for advertising.

Hakey Brothers gave a quote for demo and replacement of one score box and residing of the other score box with new doors.

Commissioner Stanford asked if both fields are rented this year. Director Heitz replied yes. Commissioner Stanford asked if the pitching mounds would be replaced on both fields. Director Heitz replied no, just on one field. The new pitching mound is moveable.

Commissioner Alton inquired if new playground equipment would be installed on the front playground. Director Heitz stated some items had to be removed. Director Heitz reiterated she would like to meet with the Commissioners to discuss which capital projects from the OSLAD grant they would like to move forward with. These projects would need to be figured into the new fiscal year budget.

OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF LAND CASH DONATION ORDINANCE

Bob Swisher voiced his objection to a land cash ordinance. Swisher feels the park district has enough money and does not need to receive additional money when a subdivision is developed. Commissioner Alton stated in place of cash the developer can donate land for a playground instead. Commissioner Alton is concerned about the children walking from subdivision over to the park district. Commissioner Alton feels it would be safer if the children had a playground in their own subdivision. Marvin Mack stated the value of the subdivision and homes increases when a playground is present. Mr. Swisher stated he would like a full board to be in place before a vote is taken. Commissioner Krug agreed with Mr. Swisher.

Attorney Freeman stated the ordinance needs to be in effect before a developer begins developing a subdivision. Attorney Freeman further stated other districts have such an

ordinance in place. Commissioner Krug stated he did not care what other District's have in place. He is concerned about down here and does not feel there is a need for such an ordinance.

Commissioner Stanford said its standard practice.

Commissioner Krug is concerned that the cost of donating the land would be passed onto the purchaser of the property. The developer would increase the cost of the lots to recoup the cost of the donation. Attorney Freeman agreed the cost would be passed onto the purchasers by the developer.

Shellie Fiene asked if she could speak. Shellie stated as a parent of a young family she would prefer to buy in a subdivision that offers a playground or park. Having a playground or park in a subdivision would entice young families to purchase property and build there. Shellie further stated she would pay a higher cost for a lot in a subdivision that offered a playground. Most subdivisions put in playgrounds. Young families are needed in order to help a community to grow. Without younger families moving into the area, the community would become stale. Director Heitz added lots that back up to a park setting are worth more. Resale value is higher also. Commissioner Stanford stated having open space available would also be a good thing.

Attorney Freeman stated the ordinance would affect the developer. The ordinance would require the developer to either contribute property for a playground or the developer may make a cash donation. The park district would then use the cash to install a playground. Attorney Freeman stated right now what needs to be done is the District needs to come up with amount of property or cash donation that would be required. This amount would be based upon the size of the subdivision. Attorney Freeman also reminded Commissioner Krug a lot of places, like Commissioner Stanford pointed out do the same thing. Developers donate property or cash to school districts. It's not just park districts. Attorney Freeman stated if the district does not have such an ordinance in place and a 100 home subdivision is developed, the cost to purchase property and install a park or playground in the subdivision would fall on the current residents and park district. It seems only fair that those who would be benefiting from the playground should be the ones paying for it.

Attorney Freeman reminded the Commissioners that even if park district adopts ordinance, the village would be the one to enforce the ordinance. The village would also have to approve the ordinance. The Commissioners agreed they would like Director Heitz to research the land cash ordinance option.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF SPORTSFIELDS CONTRACT

A motion to approve the Sportsfield Contract was made by Commissioner Krug, seconded by Commissioner DeMarse. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: R. Stanford, J. Krug, K. DeMarse, and E. Alton. With 4 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CEDAR RUSTIC FENCE CO. CONTRACT

A motion to approve the Cedar Rustic Fence Co. contract was made by Commissioner DeMarse, seconded by Commissioner Stanford. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: R. Stanford, K. DeMarse, and E. Alton. Commissioner Krug voted nay. With 3 ayes, 1 nay, the motion carried.

Commissioner DeMarse asked Director Heitz to look into a warning track if the District goes with the chain link fence. Director Heitz stated yes she would look into it.

APPROVAL OF AWESOME AMUSEMENTS RIDES CONTRACT

A motion to approve the Awesome Amusements Rides contract was made by Commissioner Krug, seconded by Commissioner DeMarse. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: R. Stanford, J. Krug, K. DeMarse, and E. Alton. With 4 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried.

Commissioner Alton asked if Awesome Amusements undergo inspections. Director Heitz replied yes and they are fully insured.

APPROVAL OF MAD BOMBER FIREWORKS CONTRACT

A motion to approve the Mad Bomber Fireworks contract was made by Commissioner Krug, seconded by Commissioner Stanford. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: R. Stanford, J. Krug, K. DeMarse, and E. Alton. With 4 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF HAKEY BROTHER CONTRACT

A motion to approve the Hakey Brother contract was made by Commissioner Krug, seconded by Commissioner DeMarse. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: R. Stanford, J. Krug, K. DeMarse, and E. Alton. With 4 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

A motion to approve the property management was made by Commissioner DeMarse, seconded by Commissioner Stanford. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: R. Stanford, J. Krug, K. DeMarse, and E. Alton. With 4 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried.

NOMINATION & APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER

Commissioner DeMarse nominated Lester Gillette for the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Stanford seconded. Attorney Freeman asked if the Commissioners would like for the candidate to talk. Commissioner Alton asked Mr. Gillette if he was willing to give up time for the board. Mr. Gillette replied he was. Commissioner Alton also asked Mr. Gillette if he had any disagreements with the District. Mr. Gillette responded he did not. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: R. Stanford, J. Krug, K. DeMarse and E. Alton, With 4 ayes, 0 nays, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Gillette was sworn into office.

A special meeting for discussion of capital projects will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd^{at} 10:00 am

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Krug, seconded by Commissioner Stanford to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel was made at 6:07 p.m.

Regular board meeting reconvened at 6:11 pm.

MOTION ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Alton, seconded by Commissioner Gillette to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 pm. The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Lee Ann Zaremba

OFFICIAL REPORTS:

1. Board, Committee, & Executive Session Meeting Minutes (January 12, 2016)
2. Warrant (January & February 2016)
3. Sportsfields Contract
4. Cedar Rustic Fence Co. Contract
5. Awesome Amusements Rides Contract
6. Mad Bomber Fireworks Contract
7. Hakey Brother Contract
8. Property Management Agreement