

**Arthur Community Park District
November 11, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Arthur Community Park District was held Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at Arthur Community Building. President Tim Likens called the meeting to order at 5:30pm with Dan Miller, Kurt Hall, Shawn Vanausdoll, and Marvin Reeves. Andy Peck, Brynn Kuhns, and Roger Bonham were present as a guest.

The previous meeting minutes were read and approved on a motion made by Kurt and seconded by Dan. All in favor, M/C.

Motion to pay bills made by Kurt seconded by Dan. All in favor, M/C.

Guests:

Ball League Coordinator Report: Wes was not present and therefore had nothing to present at this time.

Pool Manager Report: Emily Walker was not present and therefore had nothing to present at this time.

Soccer Committee: Brynn Kuhns was present. She presented a rough draft agreement that indicates the park board will pay for the cost of referee patch classes if the individual agrees to referee four games for free. The park board also indicated that this would qualify as four service hours toward the student graduation requirement. This should help decrease the cost of referees for the season, but a slight raise in registration fees is still advisable. After lengthy discussion, the board decided to raise the registration fee to \$35/in district player and \$45/out of district player. This raise in cost is due to increasing costs of referees, insurance, and uniforms. The park board is still looking for a location to place an additional kindergarten soccer field.

Fair Board Update: No fair board update at this time.

Old Business:

Brad O Clen: Tim is now working with Andy Bernius in the hopes of advancing this project. Item tabled until Andy is able to provide financial information for project completion.

Amphitheater: Tim tabled this matter as he is still gathering information on it.

Park Safety: Dan reported that he believes that LED security lights are the way to go. Although the LED lights will cost more initially, they cost less to run and require less upkeep. Dan reported that he is now pursuing funding grants through Ameren and working with Merv's Electric on bid proposals.

New Business:

General Subject Matter: Andy reported that he would like to winterize the Jurgens Park restroom instead of keeping it open year round. He feels that the upkeep and maintenance costs during the winter months are unnecessary expenses and he worries about frozen pipe damage.

IAPD Conference is January 22nd-24th in Chicago. Tim asked board members to consider whether or not they wish to attend.

Mowing: Dale Weins has reported that he will not continue mowing for the park. The board agreed to place an ad for bid proposals. The board also agreed on some additions to the contract indicating that spraying of weed chemical should not exceed a six inch perimeter. The board would also like to add weed eating be done a minimum of every two weeks. Shawn will see Crossman about making the changes to the contract and soliciting bid proposals.

Brad O Clen Camping:Tim suggested that the board consider moving ahead on its vision of adding campsites at Brad O Clen. The board agreed to work on a design and then proceed with obtaining bids.

2015 Budget: The budget has been tabled until projected cost for Brad O Clen updates can be provided.

Pool Chemicals: Shawn approached the board about ordering pool chemicals prior to year end in order to obtain a discount and free shipping. The board agreed to purchase the chemicals required for next year's start up at a cost of \$9,750. Shawn made a motion to purchase \$9,750 in pool chemicals form Spear Corporation.

Retired Park Board Member Benefit:Marvin approached the board about providing retiring board members a lifetime park pass. He explained that this will be a nice incentive for becoming a board member and a nice thank you for those that have served. Marvin made a motion to approve this benefit for all retiring park board members from here on out. Dan seconded the motion, all in favor. M/C.

Roofing Projects: The winning bid for the pool building roof was provided by Bernardi Construction. The bid was for a 40 year white metal roof and trim in the amount of \$5485.00. The winning west pavilion roof bid was from Bernardi for for 40 year metal room and trim in the amount of \$4290.00. Kurt made a motion to approve the above bids. Marvin seconded the motion, all in favor. M/C.

Items for next meeting:

- Brad O Clen Projects
- Jurgens Restroom Winterization
- Amphitheater
- General Subject Matter
- Park Safety
- Budget

Motion to adjourn made by Shawn and seconded by Kurt.

Respectfully submitted,
Lelia Miller
Secretary