

Tremont Area Park District ***Board Meeting Minutes***

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

7:00pm at the Sampson Street Building

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Patterson.

Commissioners present: B. Patterson, G. Gullette, C. Schmidt, J. Weer, J. Olson

Absent: S. Bolliger, H. Anderson

Guests: Travis Cowley on behalf of Pro Mow and Nate Koch on behalf of Koch Consulting

Minutes were distributed and reviewed from January 8, 2014. C. Schmidt made a motion to approve as distributed, and J. Olson seconded that motion.

Minutes were distributed and reviewed from January 22, 2014. J. Olson noted the misspelling of his last name. J. Olson made a motion to approve with corrected spelling, and J. Weer seconded that motion.

Visitors –

Travis Cowley spoke to the board about hiring his business, Pro Mow, to provide mowing services for all or part of the park district properties. Various pricing packages were discussed and a packet of information was distributed to the commissioners. There was much discussion, including operating costs, keeping employees local, cost of servicing equipment, time needed to mow park district properties, etc. Mr. Cowley asked the board to consider his bid and let him know of the board's decision by the next meeting if possible.

S. Bolliger arrived at 7:30pm.

Nate Koch came in from Koch Consulting and walked the board through a very detailed grouping of financial statements ending March 31, 2013.

Committee Reports:

Pool: S. Bolliger mentioned that she has received several applications for summer maintenance staff and umpires and a few for lifeguards. Discussion about how many lifeguards we need on duty throughout the day, and B. Patterson stated that he would be making further calls to try to get a definitive answer to that question. Discussed potential salary increases for returning staff. J. Olson said that he would run those numbers and see how an increase of salary for returning staff would affect payroll. Board will revisit number of guards needed and salary increase at the next meeting.

Lake: Discussion about having an additional fee for ice fishing at lakes. Board agrees that extra fee is not necessary, and yearly passes should run from March – March.

Park: Discussion about Pro-Mow rates and contracts. J. Olson will run numbers of comparison and we will discuss bid next month. G. Gullette also mentioned that he was recently contacted by Dale Pfelderer about mowing for the TAPD.

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Fitness: Discussion on fees, members going to other places, ways to increase attendance, ways to decrease costs. Discussion about moving all memberships to \$33/month or 3 months for \$99. No vote was taken. Discussion on this matter will continue at next meeting. Discussed tanning bed. General consensus during the meeting was to keep the tanning bed until license expires in August. Dryer at the fitness center is not working properly. Benson's is coming out to do a service call.

Recreation: Lil Dribblers has two more weeks, soccer has several days to make up due to weather cancellations. B. Patterson discussed Muehlich Memorial Baseball tournament on May 30th weekend. At this time he has gotten confirmation from teams from Hopedale and Roanoke.

Maintenance: Discussed the possibility of contracting mowing for upcoming season. We have received one bid from ProMow and will consider receiving other bids before a decision is made.

Correspondence: Discussed correspondence from Sirius XM. It was determined that TAPD does not need to pay this fee due to square footage of area being below certain level.

Winning Communities: Clearing will begin soon at lakes

New Business:

Tiber Creek Day Camp : S. Bolliger mentioned that Taylor Muehlich is interested in working with that program again this year. She also mentioned that she has received an application from a few other interested candidates. C. Schmidt will work on an advertising piece to promote the daycamp.

J. Olson discussed the need for updating to Quick Books Accounting to properly manage TAPD books. B. Patterson motioned to approve that purchase, not to exceed \$500.00 J. Weer seconded that motion.

Discussion about Theater program. B. Patterson said he would reach out to lead contact to determine future of that program.

Treasurer's Report: Fitness Center revenue is down. Budget is still very tight.

The bills for January 2014 and partial February 2014 were reviewed by the board. S. Bolliger made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$8155.35. G. Gullette seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:14

Submitted by: Cara Schmidt.
TAPD Commissioner