

Tremont Area Park District *Board Meeting Minutes*

Monday, March 10

7:00pm at the Sampson Street Building

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Patterson.

**Commissioners present:** B. Patterson, C. Schmidt, J. Olson, H. Anderson

**Absent:** S. Bolliger, G. Gullette, J. Weer

**Guests:** Travis Cowley on behalf of Pro Mow

Minutes were distributed and reviewed from February 12, 2014. B. Patterson made a motion to approve as distributed, and J. Olson seconded that motion.

**Visitors –**

Travis Cowley came to discuss the bid for mowing that he left with the board at the previous meeting. He came to answer any additional questions and to address and concerns. The board talked with Mr. Cowley about being very interested in his bid and also interested in doing a one-time payment to keep costs down. One concern the board mentioned was paying for his bid before tax appropriations are disbursed in July. Mr. Cowley stated that he would entertain a date change to accommodate the board, should the board vote to hire his business for the mowing needs of the TAPD. Discussion continued about best way to pay for his services. Mr. Cowley then stated that he would extend the deadline for the one-time payment until July if that would be beneficial to the TAPD. The board was very thankful for this generous offer and told Mr. Cowley that the vote on his bid would come later in the evening. Mr. Cowley also stated that he would like to be a part of any park clean up to get ready for the spring and summer. The board discussed hosting a community clean-up day for the parks on April 5. C. Schmidt stated that she would make a flyer to advertise this event. Mr. Cowley also mentioned that if his bid was selected; he would keep the board up to date on any problems or issues that he or his crew came across while mowing.

**Treasures Report:**

J. Olson stated that although we are saving money in salaries each month, the fitness center is currently losing money. Board discussed continuing fitness center special of 3 months for \$99 as an incentive to increase membership. Board also discussed having special price for early pool pass registrations. Board discussed hiring incentive for re-hires to the park district. General consensus from board is that returning staff should get a modest increase in salary. B. Patterson suggested that 2<sup>nd</sup> year returning staff gets an increase of .15 per hour and those returning for their 3<sup>rd</sup> or later years should get a .25 raise. C. Schmidt made a motion to approve and H. Anderson seconded that motion.

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**Committee Reports:**

*Pool:*

Conversation continued about needing additional applicants for summer staff (pool, concessions, day camp, etc.). Discussion about entire pool committee (S. Bolliger, H. Anderson, J. Weer) being a part of the interview process for hiring pool staff. H. Anderson brought an application to the meeting from a woman that is interested in being the Pool Manager for the summer. This application will be shared with the entire pool committee for review. Board discussed having a special for early pool pass sign-ups and C. Schmidt suggests bringing back a punch type card for free popcorn as an incentive to buy a pool pass. C. Schmidt also suggests running an additional special for pool pass sign ups during Turkey Festival week.

*Lake:*

No report

*Park:*

Board further discussed scheduling a community clean-up day for the parks. It was decided to hold the event on April 5 from 9am – noon. C. Schmidt will make a flyer. Various commissioners mentioned that they would share it in the following ways: email, Facebook, local businesses, local churches, with the Boy Scouts, library, etc. H. Anderson mentioned that she noticed someone had driven on the ball field at Cullinan Park. She also mentioned that she has submitted 2 programs for a State Farm Neighbor Assist Program. If funded, these programs would be worth \$25,000 each. The first program is for playground equipment at the parks and the second program is designed to increase the monarch butterfly population at the lakes. Voting for these programs can be done via Facebook. Each person can vote up to 10 times per day.

*Fitness:*

Discussed fitness on demand to replace Les Mills. The program is very interesting, but pricey to get started. Will consider for the future. General concerns about the fitness center's loss of memberships at this time. Continued discussion about Les Mills, options, pricing, etc. Unsure on how long TAPD may be able to offer these classes due to pricing concerns.

*Recreation:*

Travel teams are currently seeing an upswing in sign-ups and money is starting to come in for these programs. J. Olson talked to the theatre director from last year's Annie production and she is interested in doing another show with the TAPD. He also mentioned that Nicole Simpkins is interested in serving as an assistant director. Discussion also about Tiber Creek Day Camp. C. Schmidt shared a flyer she made and also stated that Taylor Muehlich is interested in serving as the primary camp leader this year. Board asks that C. Schmidt share the flyer with Angie McCloud for distribution with members and schools.

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***Maintenance:***

Further discussion about hiring Pro Mow for the mowing needs of all of the TAPD properties for 2014. H. Anderson made a motion to accept the bid for a one-time payment of \$9504, payable in July after tax disbursements. C. Schmidt seconded the motion. B. Patterson will inform Travis Cowley of this decision.

**Visitor:**

Mr. Curt Herrin stopped by the meeting at 8:45pm to discuss the position of Pool Manager for the upcoming pool season. He had questions about staffing for the summer and expressed a potential interest in working for the TAPD in the position of Pool Manager. The board asked Mr. Herrin to complete an application and let him know that the pool committee would be meeting soon to discuss summer staffing.

***Correspondence:***

Benjamin Digby , Eagle Scout, sent a letter to the TAPD asking that the TAPD allow him to install fish cribs at the Southwest Lake. B. Patterson made a motion to approve this plan and it was seconded by C. Schmidt.

The TAPD received a letter from Beth Stuber, inquiring about purchasing the TAPD tanning bed for a price of \$250.00. B. Patterson made a motion to accept this bid and sell the tanning bed with no warranty, as-is condition, and buyer is to pick up and remove. J. Olson seconded this motion.

***Winning Communities:***

No Report

**New Business:**

H. Anderson gave a brief report about a golf fundraiser she is planning. At this time she is waiting on a call back from Sunset Hills Golf Course.

The bills for February 2014 were reviewed by the board. J. Olson made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$10,133.23. B. Patterson seconded the motion.

Gutters fell off the Sampson Street building due to harsh weather conditions. A bid was received from Shane Daker in the amount of \$2700 to replace all gutters. B. Patterson made a motion to accept this bid and it was seconded by H. Anderson.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:40.**

Submitted by: Cara Schmidt.  
TAPD Commissioner