

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PARKS & RECREATION WAS HELD AT 5:30 P.M. APRIL 20, 2021 AT THE WARC.

PRESENT: Owens, Heller, Axtman, Liffrig, Larson

ABSENT:

OTHERS: Krueger, Egge, Kaneko, Miller, K Erdman, J Erdman, Stillwell, K Cote, Blume, S Mock, A Mock, Barsh, J Cote, Skorick, Ehlinger, Karlin, A Kitchens, Beeghly, Z Peterson, Iblings, Moore, Lynner, Heise, Nelson, A Kitchens, Shanahan, Floyd, Ward, & Guests

Larson called meeting to order. Malcom introduced himself (on Zoom) and requested an Executive Session for next week. Stated that everyone has concerns, but it's an underlining love for the district. Asking for both sides to work together. Put the district first. Let's put the Mission Statement "Superior Parks, Facilities, and Programs for all to enjoy an active life" first and foremost. Continue to voice your concerns for the common goal to keep things together and work towards the future of the district. Agree to disagree and be respectful to one another. Team first. Liffrig asked if he feels we have a financial problem? Malcom answered that it has been a struggle, definitely. Liffrig wants clarification that he can ask questions about finances, etc. and believes there is a financial problem. Heller stated that if something is going to be said in public about the board he would like to be notified first.

No correspondence or citizens to be heard.

MOTION by Liffrig, SECONDED by Heller, would like to move the Citizens to be Heard to the end of the meeting. ROLL CALL AYE: Owens, Heller, Axtman, Liffrig, Larson. NAY: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION by Axtman, SECONDED by Heller, we approve the minutes of the previous meeting as received.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Owens, SECONDED by Axtman, we approve Park Dist. bills in the amount of \$1,038,317.23 and Boys Baseball bills. ROLL CALL AYE: Owens, Heller, Axtman, Liffrig, Larson. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Liffrig had a few questions regarding clarification of bills. Heise and Lynner were able to answer questions regarding how bills are collected and paid.

MOTION by Heller, SECONDED by Owens, we approve Park Dist. Financial statement and Boys Baseball financial overview. ROLL CALL AYE: Owens, Heller, Axtman, Liffrig, Larson. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Liffrig questioned clarification on the totals for the revenue for the month and expenses for the month and the \$50,000 for future sales tax credits. Krueger stated that the \$50,000 has not yet been moved into the CD, nor has there been money put into the dedicated reserves. The goal is to fill your General Fund Reserve Fund first before delegating what reserves they will go to. Liffrig asked about ProIT's charges and Mock stated that the servers are outdated and have been needing extra repairs. We have agreed to an upgraded server and ProIT is working on installation asap.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – Krueger wanted to highlight some of the good things that have happened at WPRD. A few special events were able to serve hundreds of participants. Parks staff have been busy preparing for the summer. The Golf Course was opened, closed due to snow, but will open up very soon. Show seasons, outdoor sports, the ARC hosted indoor events, and sports teams have

been using the building to prepare for their seasons. Aquatics has been very busy! They have been hosting several outside communities for parties and life guard trainings. Membership numbers change day to day. Recreation has hit record numbers: Youth Track N' Field and Youth Volleyball have hit top attendance records as well as many others that have grown in numbers. Fitness is super busy, group fitness numbers are up, Senior Center classes, workshops, and a thank you to volunteers that have helped with our new program "Girls Run Together." The Park District has some fun things happening!

OLD BUSINESS –

- a. Airport Property Redevelopment. Krueger said there is no new updates.
- b. WPRD Vehicles. The committee has met and came up with some recommendations. Liffrig asked clarification on what the vehicles are being used for. Barsh gave more information on the quality and resale value of the vehicles. MOTION by Owens, SECONDED by Axtman, we approve the WPRD Vehicle Policies with Heller's recommendation to add more specifics. ROLL CALL AYE: Owens, Heller, Axtman, Larson. NAY: Liffrig. ABSENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Elks Youth Day May 11th.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD –

- a. Richard Cartwright.
 - a. What is the current financial condition of the Park District? Krueger shared the overall deficit with the bonds and their amounts to be paid.
 - b. What are the plans to fix this? Krueger shared that we are working on solutions and ideas and when we are able to share these we will. Cartwright had a few suggestions... please seek counsel for ideas. Are we eligible for the PPE funds and have we exhausted all means of federal funding? Krueger replied we are not eligible for PPE and we continue to search every possible funding source that maybe available to WPRD.
 - c. Is it possible to restructure how we retain funds from the city? Krueger said could be a topic at a future meeting.
 - d. How can we approach the state for some of the funds of the 1.6 billion dollar surplus fund? The board replied that they will look into it and will ask the state for clarification. The board is open to any suggestions. Legacy funding is very difficult to obtain funds from!
 - e. What will happen if we run out of funds? Krueger stated that the community, school district, and Mayor would not let that happen. Liffrig agreed that the county and city would not let the ARC close. Larson said that they will not cut any programs unless they have to. Cartwright asked how the community can help and what is our timeline? Krueger believes that we have enough funding to make it through the fiscal year.
- b. Kyle Harris.
 - a. Do we have a plan to upgrade vehicles in the near future? Krueger said the goal is to have the necessary means to operate the park district and will do their best to keep vehicles in working condition.
 - b. Some employees don't care as much as other employees. In hopes of making programs run better, Harris is asking for some employees to step up. Krueger asked to have a meeting set up with himself and Barsh. He is open to discussion. Harris asked for the board to come see the participants at the events.
- c. John Kasmer

- a. It's hard to budget what you don't know what is coming in. But you can budget what you spend. urged the board to look at the finances .
- d. Don Egge
 - a. Is there truth to the Baseball Committee asking for \$350,000 to upgrade the ballpark? Krueger said it will be used in many areas. Larry Grondahl explained where the funds would be going and what funds would be going where for the World Series.
- e. Jeremy Ludlum
 - a. There is a culture here that the employees don't work hard. As a former employee, he challenges the board to think of ways the organization can run more efficiently.
- f. Joe Barsh
 - a. explained he is very approachable and welcomes anyone to come talk to him.
- g. Cade ?? didn't give his last name
 - a. Concerns that oil is not going to come up. We need to plan with the budgets we have now. Fix within. What do you have that you can leverage for money? What ideas do you have?
- h. Penny Slagle
 - a. It's like balancing a checkbook. What can we do to not have debits? Cut employees, sell vehicles or do mileage, other cuts, etc. Regarding programs, we need passionate employees that love what they are doing. Asking to see more coaching in programs.
- i. Kelly Larson
 - a. Personally, doesn't believe you should cut any more employees. It creates other problems down the road and loses ability to generate revenues.

TABLED ITEMS –

- a. Safety Policy No. 670.

MOTION by Owens SECONDED by Heller the meeting adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED.

ATTEST: Mackenzie Blume, Director of Communications and Customer Service