

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE BELLEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
JANUARY 11, 2023

The Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Belleville Parks and Recreation Department was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Ms. Marge Belt.

Roll Call Board Members (Alphabetical Order) Ms. Marge Belt, Mr. Brennan Hartin, Mr. Mike Heisler, Mrs. Teresa Hessel, Mr. Scott Lanxon.

Roll Call Staff Members (Alphabetical Order) Ms. Emma Martin, Mr. Craig Maue, Mr. Jason Poole. Mrs. Stephanie Perry was excused from the meeting.

Previous Minutes

Ms. Belt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes for the December 14, 2022 meeting. Mrs. Hessel made a motion that the minutes be placed on file, the motion was seconded by Mr. Lanxon. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Introduction of Guests and Public Participation

None.

Correspondence

None.

Claims

Mrs. Hessel made a motion that the claims for the month of December 2022 be paid, the motion was seconded by Mr. Lanxon. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Summary of Fund Balances

Mrs. Hessel made a motion to have the finance reports for the month of December 2022 placed on file, the motion was seconded by Mr. Hartin. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Bids

None.

Recreation Coordinator-Athletics

Ms. Martin informed the board members that the 3 on 3 Basketball league will begin February 6, 2023, Girls 5th & 6th Basketball league begins February 21, 2023 and Little Dribblers will begin on February 4, 2023. Ms. Martin stated she is currently working to get all enrollment online so teams can register and she hopes this will draw more enrollment since it will be more convenient. Ms. Martin stated she is also researching starting a kickball league for high school age and adults as well as a cornhole league for adults.

Assistant Director Public Works

Mr. Maue informed the board members the parks maintenance staff has been removing the holiday decorations. Mr. Maue stated since the weather has been cooperating, they have been working throughout the parks removing trees. Mr. Maue stated numerous ash trees have been removed in Bellevue Park in preparation for the new playground. Discussion was held on tree removal.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Poole informed the board members that there was a proposed fee increase schedule included in their board packets. Mr. Poole stated the proposed Nichols Center fee increases are for room rentals and gym rental to make them more consistent. Mr. Poole stated the gym rental fee would increase from \$40.00 per hour to \$50.00 per hour and room rentals would all be \$30.00 per hour. Mr. Poole stated the birthday party packages currently each have different rates based on which theme was chosen. Mr. Poole stated each party requires basically the same amount of set up and the proposed fee of \$125.00 would be for all of the packages to make them consistent. Discussion was held on the Nichols Community Center fees. Mr. Poole stated the

other proposed fee change is for the rental of the Whitey Herzog Field. Mr. Poole explained to the board members that the original rental fee for Whitey Field started at \$60.00 per day and has been increased a couple of times over numerous years and is currently \$90.00 per day. Mr. Poole stated that it is a premier field and charging by game didn't work in the past, so the proposed fee increase is \$125.00 per day as well as adding a light usage fee of \$25.00 per hour. Mr. Poole explained that light usage fees are charged on other fields that are currently rented by the parks department. Discussion was held on the proposed fee increases. Mr. Lanxon made a motion to approve the proposed fee increases as presented, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Hessel. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Poole informed the board members all budgets are due by December 31st and he has submitted all of them for the Parks Department. Mr. Poole stated in the Parks budget he included couple of new pick-up truck replacements, a couple of mowers and a three-wheeler for diamond preparation. Mr. Poole stated he didn't include a new playground because the Bellevue Park Improvements are included in the new fiscal year that will be completed with TIF and MEPRD grant funds. Mr. Poole informed the board members that the Recreation tax levy has been increased with intentions of movement towards the future permanent replacement of a Parks & Recreation Director. Discussion was held on budget items.

Mr. Poole stated Alderman Rothweiler has scheduled a public meeting to be held regarding issues at Ever & Anon Park. Mr. Poole stated the meeting is scheduled at the Belleville Police Department Community Room, Wednesday January 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.. Mr. Poole stated he has been obtaining estimates for fencing and for the control access system to possibly convert the space into a Dog Park. Discussion was held on Ever & Anon Park.

Mr. Poole informed the board members that he has reached out to investigate the possibility of the Parks & Recreation Department utilizing some of the facilities at the Southwestern Illinois Justice & Workforce Development Campus for programs. Mr. Poole stated that Mr. Dean Hardt is the representative for the city that is overseeing some of the scheduling and SWIC also has a representative that is overseeing some of the scheduling. Mr. Poole stated that Mr. Hardt is going to try to put a calendar together and then meet to discuss further. Discussion was held on facility usage.

Additional New Business

None.

Old Business

None.

Executive Session

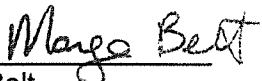
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Questions From the Floor


None.

Adjournment

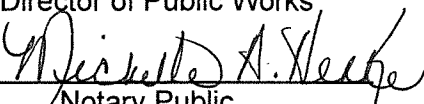
Hearing no further New Business, Old Business or Questions from the Floor. Mr. Lanxon moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Hessel. All members voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m..



Ms. Marge Belt
President of the Board



Mr. Jason Poole
Director of Public Works



Michelle A. Henke
Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn before me this 9th day of February, 2023.

