

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE TEHACHAPI VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
490 WEST D STREET, TEHACHAPI, CALIFORNIA 93561
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2014, 5:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: Board Meeting Convened By Chairperson Stewart at 5:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Gayle Stewart, Chairperson
Paulette Rush, Vice-Chairperson
Nick Cyr, Director
Brian Duhart, Director
Craig Mifflin, Director

ALSO PRESENT:

Matt Young, TVRPD District Manager
Aimee Hansen, TVRPD Recreation Coordinator
Mike Walsh, TVRPD Maintenance Foreman
Laura Lynne Wyatt, GHCSO Board
Brian Rails, TMTA
Trent Theriault, TMTA
Oscar White
James LaRue
Pam Pousson
Juan and JoAnn Holguin
Nick Apel
Doug and Carolyn Anglin
Karl Jelleschitz
Paul Hughes
Cindy Kaiser

1. FLAG SALUTE: Vice-Chairperson Rush led the Flag Salute.

2. ROLL CALL: Director Duhart was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Susan Hastings commented on how she has benefited from exercising at the pool, and she stated that the 11am to 1pm time slot would be better for seniors. Ms. Hastings stated that she would like to pool to remain open and that the drop in fee would be lowered to three dollars. Karl Jelleschitz commented on keeping the pool open and bringing the tot soccer program back. Peggy Rivera commented that she benefits from exercising at the pool and would like it to remain open.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Secretary Declaration of Posting of Agenda 72 hours in Advance of Meeting

Declaration by the Clerk of the Board of Directors that the agenda was posted at least 72 hours in advance of meeting. BOARD APPROVED SECRETARY DECLARATION.

Rush - Mifflin: Ayes: Stewart; Rush; Cyr; Mifflin

Noes: None. Motion carried.

Absent: Duhart

B. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held August 19, 2014.

Request by Clerk of the Board of Directors to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. BOARD APPROVES MINUTES.

Rush - Mifflin: Ayes: Stewart; Rush; Cyr; Mifflin

Noes: None. Motion carried.

Absent: Duhart

C. Approval of the Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Park District Park Bench and Plaque Request Form.

Request by Clerk of the Board of Directors to approve the Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Park District Park Bench and Plaque Request Form. BOARD APPROVES THE TEHACHAPI VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT PARK BENCH AND PLAQUE REQUEST FORM.

Rush - Mifflin: Ayes: Stewart; Rush; Cyr; Mifflin

Noes: None. Motion carried.

Absent: Duhart

D. Approval to Purchase Trash Receptacles.

Request by District Manager Young of the Board of Directors to approve the purchase of trash receptacles, Resolution #16-14. BOARD APPROVES THE PURCHASE OF TRASH RECEPTACLES, RESOLUTION #16-14.

Rush - Mifflin: Ayes: Stewart; Rush; Cyr; Mifflin

Noes: None. Motion carried.

Absent: Duhart

5. MAINTENANCE FOREMAN REPORT

Maintenance Foreman Mike Walsh gave the report.

- Central Park: Oak tree planted; footings have been poured for the shade structure.
- Pool: repair of a chlorine line.
- West Park: Drinking fountain repair; sprinkler valve replaced.
- Meadowbrook Park: Urinal repair; GFI plug repair.
- District Office: Eagle Scout project complete
- Seasonal staff hired: John Ortiz
- Brite Lake: Camp hosts Ron and Carol Middleton resigned due to a family emergency.
- TVRPD vehicle logos were applied to all maintenance vehicles.

6. RECREATION SUPERVISOR REPORT

Recreation Supervisor LeAnn Williams gave the report.

- Tot Enrichment and Parent and Me programs started September 2nd.
- Youth Basketball: Registration opened September 1st.
- Co-Ed Softball: Received several requests to run the league. We will run the program with 6 or 7 teams with 100% cost recovery.
- Tarmac 5K and Kids 1 Mile Run event is next weekend with the Warbird Fly In.
- Music in the Park: Very excited to announce Lehigh Cement as the presenting sponsor. Music in the Park Committee will meet to discuss the addition of a Kid's Music Day.

- Movies in the Park: Very successful program with 600 to 700 attendees. Recreation Coordinator Aimee Hansen is working to expand the program and make each event theme based. Hansen is working on a Lego Day to include Play-Well TEKnologies, FLL robotics clubs, The Lego Movie, and a Lego building contest.

7. DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

District Manager Matt Young gave the report.

- Tehachapi Little League elected a new Board. District Manager Young met with the new Tehachapi Little League President. Young was invited to attend TLL Board meetings. They discussed various opportunities and challenges and Young stated that we are fostering a new partnership with TLL and that he is very excited for the 2015 season.
- Young met with the Chief Kroeger and City Manager Garrett to discuss park security and time of operation. The City Council is looking into adopting the TVRPD ordinance 01-10, which will help them police our parks more effectively.
- Branding: All maintenance vehicles now have the TVRPD logo on the door.
- Yearly audit is underway and the auditors are happy with the improvements we have made based on the recommendations from last year.
- Policy manual revision is underway and will be ready for approval at the November or December Board meeting.
- Tehachapi Parks Foundation received its 501(c)(3) status from the IRS this week.
- Capital Improvements: Shade structure is being installed at Central Park. Capital Improvement Committee met to discuss the Meadowbrook Park update. Seeking bids for the engineering plan. Waiting on some geotechnical information. We should have the bids ready by weeks end.
- Young thanked Boy Scouts of America's Troop 136 for their work on the Eagle Scout project located in front of the District Office. Nine Eagle Scout projects have been completed on District property and Young thanked everyone involved in those improvement projects.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

Administrative Assistant Carrie Champlin gave the report.

9. AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion:

Motion to strike Agenda Item D. Evelyn Valenzuela was unable to attend the Board meeting.

Mifflin - Cyr: Ayes: Stewart; Rush; Cyr; Mifflin

Noes: None. Motion carried.

Absent: Duhart

A. Approval of the Preliminary Financial Reports for August, 2014.

BOARD APPROVES THE PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR AUGUST, 2014.

Cyr - Mifflin: Ayes: Stewart; Rush; Cyr; Mifflin

Noes: None. Motion carried.

Absent: Duhart

B. Pam Poussan and James LaRue Discussion Regarding the Dye Natatorium Non-Operational Season.

James LaRue spoke to the Board. He thanked everyone in attendance for showing support for the pool to remain open year round. Mr. LaRue stated he did not receive a response from the email he had sent requesting a thirty day stay for the pool and would like more interaction. He stated that he would like a knowledgeable dialog regarding what the problems of the District are regarding the length of the operational season of the pool. Mr. LaRue stated that he was not aware the pool was going to close until six weeks ago and would have liked to see the closure posted on Facebook. Mr. LaRue asked the Board if there was room to discuss options for the pool to remain open. Pam Poussan spoke to the Board and stated that we are still interested in a year round facility with a reasonable amount of time for scheduled maintenance and downtime. Mrs. Poussan asked what has changed that requires the facility to have a non-operational season. District Manager Young responded stating that proper maintenance was not being accomplished in the past. The decision to close the pool was made after we had our budget figures in July and that is when the notice to close the pool was put on the TVRPD website. The pool is operating at such a deficit the other properties were suffering. We are actually extending the operational season of the pool beyond what is reasonable and normal for a facility of this type. We are planning to operate the pool for eight months and we are proud to offer that operational season to our community. A comparable facility would usually only be open for three months of the year. District Manager Young stated that there are many issues other than funding. Mrs. Poussan had questions about acid washing of the pool liner during the last pool closure. Maintenance Foreman Mike Walsh responded stating that he could not speak fully to what maintenance had been accomplished in the past before he took the Maintenance Foreman position. The problems he could see indicated that the maintenance of the facility was not adequate. Walsh said that he and his staff worked on completely revamping the electrical system at the pool during the last closure, as well as working on the deck and addressing ADA compliance. Walsh explained that the pool needs to be drained due to the chloramine levels and that they would perform an acid wash at that time. Walsh explained how chloramine levels in an indoor pool facility affect the water and pool liner. Mrs. Poussan asked if the roofing material that was applied to the roof supplied an adequate amount of insulation to prevent moisture from forming inside the facility. Walsh replied that the material has prevented the moisture from forming in the facility and he has not seen any moisture problems since the installation of the foam roof coating. Mrs. Poussan had various questions and suggestions regarding staffing the pool. Recreation Supervisor LeAnn Williams responded explaining that there is a shortage of trained lifeguards in our area and that TVRPD hired almost all of the lifeguards that went through the training course last season and that she is planning on expanding the lifeguard staff. Mrs. Poussan asked about possible volunteer lifeguards. District Manager Young responded that we could consider qualified volunteer lifeguards within the rules and regulations of the FLSA. Mrs. Poussan suggested applying for the Kaiser Permanente grant. Mrs. Poussan stated that she will be meeting with Supervisor Scrivner and Senator Kevin McCarthy to discuss options maybe we have not thought of as well as investigate the American's with Disabilities Act to see if there is any funding available. District Manager Young said he would love to work with Mrs. Poussan on the Kaiser grant. Mrs. Poussan suggested several other options to reduce the operational cost of the pool including solar panels and changing the pool to a salt water. There was a brief discussion regarding options for pool passes and daily scheduling at the pool. Mrs. Poussan stated that the pool is worth saving and that it is time to roll up our sleeves and work together to keep the pool open. District Manager Young stated that he looks forward to working with the Pool Ad Hoc Committee. In response to Mr. LaRue's question, Chairperson Stewart stated that the Pool Ad

Hoc Committee needs to support what the District needs to do at this time. We are faced with facts and we have thoroughly scrutinized the budget. We are supporting an inclusive parks District and we must follow the budget. Director Mifflin stated that there may have been a misunderstanding regarding the purpose of the Pool Ad Hoc Committee. Tonight there have been wonderful ideas brought to this Board. I believe seventy-five percent of our problem is staffing. It was the consensus of the Board to support the Ad Hoc Committee members in their pursuit of possible funding ideas to support the pool facility. Director Mifflin stated that District Manager Young will be a huge supporter in the effort to find additional funding through the ideas brought forward tonight. Chairperson Stewart was in agreement and applauded the efforts of the committee members.

C. Joanne Holguin Discussion Regarding Men's Softball.

Joanne Holguin spoke to the Board regarding Men's Softball. Mrs. Holguin explained the circumstances of her husband being suspended from playing Men's Softball. Mrs. Holguin also explained that there was a team playing music in the dugout and that she thought that it is not safe for music to be played in the dugout and could lead to a player injury. Mrs. Holguin asked the Board to revoke the suspension. District Manager thanked Mrs. Holguin for bringing the music to our attention. Young assured Mrs. Holguin that we are not singling out any one player or team. The rules are clear and the same action would be taken for any player or team. Young explained the definition of assault under the District's rules. Director Mifflin stated that he had read the reports and he supports the District's zero tolerance policy for harassment and or assault and we are not going to change the decision. District Manager Young stated that he will address the music being played in the dugouts. Mr. and Mrs. Holguin thanked the Board for their time.

D. Stricken.

E. Norbertine Fathers of Orange Inc. Discussion Regarding Park Mitigation Fees.

District Manager Young recommended waiving the park mitigation fee for the construction permit this one last time. The Board had a brief discussion regarding the fee. Board recommends speaking with Kern County as how to proceed since the fee has already been paid.

- 11. BOARD OF DIRECTORS TIME:** Director Mifflin stated that he loves hearing about all the programs the District is offering. Director Mifflin stated that is the reason he is a Board member and is excited to serve the community. Vice-Chairperson Rush stated that she is excited the District is offering Co-Ed Softball. Chairperson Stewart thanked Brian Rails and Trent Theriault for being in attendance. Chairperson Stewart stated that she is so excited about Meadowbrook Park Pump Track and all the youth in the community that the facility will serve. Chairperson Stewart thanked everyone from the community that have been showing up and wanting to partner with TVRPD.

- 12. OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. to the Regular Board meeting of the Directors of Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Park District scheduled on December 18, 2014.

Rush - Mifflin: Ayes: Stewart; Rush Cyr; Mifflin

Noes: None. Motion carried.

Absent: Duhart

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Champlin
Carrie Champlin, Clerk of the Board