

**Minutes of Board Meeting.....January 21, 2013**

Attending: Howard Wilkison, Sue Fortman, Tom Ogden, Norm Campbell, Ed Dodds, Vietta McKenzie, Dave Smith, Robert Barker, Teresa Kovacich and guests, Doug Brown, Deputy Prosecutor and Dustin White, WTRE.

Minutes were read and approved on a motion made by Ed Dodds and seconded by Victor Dance.

Claims were discussed and approved on a motion made by Vietta McKenzie and seconded by Sharon Phillips.

**New Business:**

Doug Brown, Deputy Prosecutor, spoke to the Board about what actions were taking place in regard to the recent theft of drinks from the storage closet in the concession area in the gym. They had originally planned to ask the juveniles involved to pay a small amount to the Parks Department, but the State Board of Accounts does not permit them to handle money. Instead, the juveniles were required to submit a handwritten letter of apology to our department and were banned from entering the building until January 2, 2013. Bob Barker asked him if there was anything being done to address the vandalism that occurred in April at North Park. This act resulted in one of the goal posts being knocked down. Mr. Brown told the Board that unfortunately he could not help with this as there was inadequate information on the police report to pursue the incident further. Bob Barker thanked Mr. Brown for taking the time to resolve this issue and for coming to the board meeting.

Tom Ogden made a motion to retain the current slate of officers for 2013. Norm Campbell seconded the motion.

The Park Board heard the first reading of the Farm Rental Agreement submitted by Harpring Farms, L.L.P. The agreement states that the tenant shall pay \$5.00 more per acre than on the previous agreement. The annual amount to be paid to the Parks Department would be \$1190.00. Board members were asked to take the agreement home and read over it. The final reading will take place at the February board meeting.

**Letters of Communication:**

Bob Barker had informed the Board at the December meeting that George Walker had submitted a letter announcing his retirement from summer mowing. Bob read his letter to the Board and said that a letter thanking him for his service would be sent.

We received a letter from Honda stating that our request for funding for the Kiddee Pool/Water Playground had been denied. They require grant recipients to have 501 c 3 status which we do not have.

## Superintendent's Report:

Richard DeLay's mother passed away on January 10. Flowers were sent on behalf of the Board and the Parks Department.

Former employee, Bud Little, passed away recently. A sympathy card was mailed to his sister on behalf of the Board and the Parks Department.

Our maintenance staff has recently completed some upgrades to the kitchen. The room was painted and some new countertops were added along with a microwave cabinet and a new refrigerator.

Open swimming will be offered at the GCHS pool again this winter. The six-week program will begin on February 3 and will continue through March 10. The pool will be open to the public from 2-5PM at no charge.

Sunday open gym at the GCHS fieldhouse is offered each week from 2-9PM. Attendance has been steadily increasing.

The Star Dust Circus will hold two shows here at the Parks Department on Wednesday, January 23. This will be the first time they will be here in the winter.

There has been some wind damage to the barn roof at the youth sports complex. The contractor has been contacted and repairs will be made when weather permits.

Plans are underway to add another ADA accessible pathway at the Decatur County Youth Sports Complex.

A computer upgrade for Bob's office is necessary to make it compatible to the new computer purchased last year in Teresa's Office. The approximate cost is \$800.00. The Board had no objections to the upgrade.

Jim Hagerty will be replacing the steps on the west side of the Parks Department building when the weather breaks.

Sports lighting repairs are needed at the sports complex. One of the lens covers/bulbs was broken. Musco Lighting has been contacted to assess the damage and advise us on what repairs will be needed.

With no further business to discuss, Tom Ogden made a motion to adjourn. Victor Dance seconded the motion.