

Tolono Park District Meeting:

February 14, 2022

**Attendees:** Matt McCormick, Matt Warnes, Beth Swigart, Brian Reedy, Scott Remole, Chris Grussing, 1 vacant seat

**Meeting called to order:** Matt McCormick

**Last Month's Minutes-** Motion to approve January minutes- Scott. Second by Chris. Motion carries 6-0.

**Treasurer's Report-** Motion to approve outstanding checks- Matt McCormick. Seconded by Beth. Motion carries 6-0. Voting Yes- Matt McCormick, Matt Warnes, Beth Swigart, Brian Reedy, Chris Grussing, Scott Remole. Voting No- None

Matt Warnes motioned to appoint Scott Remole the role of Park District treasurer. Beth Seconded. Motion carries 6-0.

**Audience –**

Bob Kolakowski- Expressed concern that park district spending for projects and new park acquisition (East Side Park) was taken on, despite knowing that the town's TIF districts would financially restrict the tax revenue coming into the department. Felt that it should be noted that the district at the time did understand that there would be restrictive revenue, yet proceeded with taking on the East Side Park, and projects related to that.

Also inquired about summer ball coordinator not being present at recent board meetings. Would like to see more interaction from that position at public meetings.

Pam Steele- Concerned about the status of summer ball program. Concerns were that signups hadn't begun while other towns were doing registration. Also noted that there is a lot of equipment that belongs to the park that is unaccounted for and there is no understanding of the condition it is in.

Terrence Stuber- noted in response to TIF concern, there is no current intergovernmental agreement between village and district that would allow the district to receive disbursement payments from the village.

Jeff Revell, Little League- noted contributions of former director Randy Grace and all the town volunteers that make programs viable. Cautioned that a proposed intergovernmental agreement may result in complications in hiring umpires. Offered ongoing assistance in completing work or gathering volunteers that could help complete district projects.

**Timetable-**

Summer Ball signups will begin immediately after meeting once electronic form is ready with a targeted cut off of 3/1.

**Old Business-**

Oslad grant still pending, no updates

Light Pole at West Side Park- Insurance adjuster is coming to review. Estimates ranged from \$58K- \$67K. \$1k deductible. Scott will gather info and present findings to board for resolution.

### **New Business-**

Scott Remole has begun the process to re-organize/rename accounts, closing any accounts that are no longer needed.

\$1000 check has been received from iParks as a grant for enhancing safety of the parks.

Summer ball update- Motion to maintain pricing from 2021 Summer Ball prices- Briand Reedy, seconded by Chris Grussing. Motion carries 6-0

Ball field prep- proposed intergovernmental agreement with village would allow village administration to hire workers to perform field prep.

Approval of Mowing Bid- Matt McCormick will publish a newspaper ad posting the mowing bid; ad will run for 3 weeks. Motion to approve spending up to \$300 for newspaper ad- Matt Warnes. Seconded by Beth Swigart. Voting Yes- Matt McCormick, Matt Warnes, Beth Swigart, Brian Reedy, Chris Grussing, Scott Remole. Voting No- None

Intergovernmental agreement- discussion with Terrence Stuber, Ryan Perry. Agreement must be defined in terms, scope, limitations, and finances. Both sides must agree on all terms of agreement. Village has requested the board provide a list of proposed duties for the village to administer. Most important for park district to delegate would be day to day operations, mowing, field prep, maintenance and plowing. Further discussion will take place at next open meeting.

New Board Member- Motion to appoint Matt Pierzinski to open, unexpired seat on park board- Scott Remole. Seconded by Matt Warnes. Motion carries 6-0. Voting Yes- Matt McCormick, Matt Warnes, Beth Swigart, Brian Reedy, Chris Grussing, Scott Remole. Voting No- None

Personal Property Removal- Former district director is in process of removing all personal property from the grounds of the park district.

Committee Report- None

Good Welfare of Park Report- None

Motion to adjourn meeting- Beth Swigart. Seconded by Scott Remole. Motion carries 6-0. Meeting ends 8:51 PM. Next monthly meeting scheduled 1/14/22 7PM