

WORTH PARK DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners:

President Steve Werner
Vice President Ann Mysliwicz
Commissioner Jim Plahm
Commissioner Phillip Lukacek
Commissioner Helen Goy

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Wednesday, November 7, 2007 7:00 p.m. Worth Park District

1. The Board Meeting was called to order by President Werner at 7:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL**
Present: President Werner, Vice President Mysliwicz, Commissioner Plahm, Commissioner Lukacek (arrived at 7:05 p.m.) and Commissioner Goy
Absent: None
Also Present: Director Capalbo, Secretary Redmond and Attorney Burns
Staff Present: Athletic Supervisor Smith, Public Safety Coordinator Fickes, League Manager Woodworth and Museum Curator Brooks
Guests Present: Diana Burke, Joe Burke, Liz Lukacek, Steve Woodworth, Steve Marousek, Lisa Jones, Adele Benck, Bev Woodworth, Mark Wilson, Frank Mecerde, Eric Tataroff, Herb Wilson, Ray Bogard and Christine Buglio
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **PUBLIC RECOGNITION:** President Werner thanked Mike McElroy, Jeff Wilson, Paul Lukacek and everyone else who helped out at the Halloween Fest. Everyone did a great job.
5. **MOTION:** by Commissioner Goy to pass the Consent Agenda, second by Vice President Mysliwicz.
 - a. Approve bills in the amount of \$19,576.69
 - b. Approve October 17, 2007 Regular meeting minutes
 - c. Approve October 25, 2007 payroll in the amount of \$17,397.98
 - d. Approve November 7, 2007 Treasurer's report

A roll call vote followed:

Ayes: Commissioner Goy, Vice President Mysliwicz, Commissioner Lukacek, Commissioner Plahm, President Werner

Nays: None

6. **CITIZENS & VISITORS COMMENTS:** Ron Woodworth, Worth Park District Softball Manager, stated that he has worked for the Worth Park District for seven years and is here to confront a problem and state his opinion of what occurred with Men's 16in softball on Monday, October 29, 2007. Woodworth stated that he disagreed with President Werner's in regards to establishing field playability. Further discussion regarding the status of the fields and whether or not they were playable and whose decision it was to call the games when Director Capalbo is absent pursued between Woodworth and President Werner. Since maintenance stated that the fields were not playable at 1pm, Woodworth decided on his own accord to put efforts into the field to make it playable to finish the season. According to Woodworth field 1 was under saturated while field 2 was wet but possibly playable with some work performed on it. President Werner did not agree that Woodworth had the authority to retrieve maintenance equipment from the garage to make the fields playable after maintenance cancelled the fields. President Werner confronted Woodworth at the Peaks maintenance garage and told him that he cannot get the fields playable and games are cancelled for the evening. President Werner then proceeded to remove the bases and turn off the field lights prior to the games started. President Werner stated that a policy needs to be in place next year. Director Capalbo stated that was one of the purposes in hiring Athletic supervisor Smith and in future times, Smith would be the final decision on the fields or it would fall to his designate.

Resident, Lisa Jones, questioned the validity of President Werner's action in regards to his position. President Werner stated that he felt it was his responsibility to take that action as it was his understanding that if maintenance states a field is unplayable, then games are cancelled. He felt that responsibility should not fall to another employee in Director Capalbo's absence. Commissioners Plahm and Lukacek both stated that is outside his bounds as a commissioner and that is not a board member's responsibility. Director Capalbo stated that if maintenance feels the field should not be played on then it is a maintenance staff's responsibility to stop a league employee from performing any field tasks. Additionally, Director Capalbo stated that in future situations, commissioners should report actions that they feel are negligent or insubordinate to him and he will handle the staff member in proper disciplinary fashion.

Softball participant, Frank Merenda, introduced himself and stated Woodworth got the fields playable and has the ambition to put together a great league

Jim Plahm stated that he appreciates Ronnie Woodworth's effort into the league.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **MOTION:** by Commissioner Plahm to approve the Installation of Comcast Cable at the Terrace Centre not to exceed \$642.00, second by Commissioner Lukacek.

A roll call vote followed:

Ayes: Commissioner Plahm, Commissioner Lukacek, Commissioner Goy, Vice President Mysliwicz and President Werner

Nays: None

- b. **MOTION:** by President Werner to approve playground equipment display #2 in the amount of \$6,481.72 for Homerding Park, second by Commissioner Plahm

A roll call vote followed:

Ayes: President Werner, Commissioner Plahm, Commissioner Goy, Vice President Mysliwicz and Commissioner Lukacek

Nays: None

- c. **MOTION:** by Commissioner Plahm to approve a second playground equipment not to exceed \$7,500.00 including freight with the design approved by the maintenance committee, second by Vice President Mysliwicz.

A roll call vote followed:

Ayes: Commissioner Plahm, Vice President Mysliwicz, Commissioner Lukacek, Commissioner Goy and President Werner.

Nays: None

- d. **MOTION:** by Commissioner Goy to approve Lock Tech to re-key the Terrace Centre, Bus Barn and Annex building in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, second by Commissioner Lukacek.

A roll call vote followed:

Ayes: Commissioner Goy, Commissioner Lukacek, Commissioner Plahm, Vice President Mysliwicz and President Werner

Nays: None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

9. President Steve Werner

- a. Communications: None
- b. Public Safety & Insurance: President Werner reported no issues.
- c. Inspection of Homerding and Peaks Park: President Werner reported due to fall there are leaves on the ground.
- d. Inspection of the Terrace Centre and GaleMoore Park: President Werner was concerned with Service Master's performance. Director Capalbo stated if were not satisfied by November 30, 2007 then a 30 days notice will be given to cancel service. Director Capalbo stated then we need to rearrange how we work with the night time maintenance on making sure this gets done in a different fashion from before by setting up a cleaning system for the entire building.

10. Vice President Ann Mysliwicz

- e. Recreation: Vice President Mysliwicz reported that the Itty Bitty Sports class was cancelled due to low enrollment and four customers received a refund. Director Capalbo stated that we did make efforts in trying to make the class go. Instructor Julie ran it for the first week and promoted it to the parents that 2 or 3 more participates were needed.

Joe Smith, Athletic Supervisor introduced himself and discussed girls basketball. The Board welcomed Joe Smith to the Worth Park District.

- f. Inspection of Stahlak and Smile Park: Vice President Werner reported that the parks look good and the garbage is picked up.

11. Commissioner Jim Plahm

- g. Finance & Administration : No report
- h. Inspection of Veteran's Memorial and Penny Park: No report

12. Commissioner Phillip Lukacek

- i. Building & Grounds: Commissioner Lukacek reported that Director Capalbo, Ray Bogard, President Werner and himself had a committee meeting last week. Commissioner Lukacek stated that they discussed Service Masters, Comcast Cable and future planning. Director Capalbo stated that the fencing will be installed after the permit and inspections are complete. The project should be completed by next Friday. Commissioner Lukacek stated that after the fence is put up then the concrete blockers should be moved

- j. Inspection of Baldwin and Worthwoods Park: Parks are good, fall season.

13. Commissioner Helen Goy

k. Museum & Senior Citizens: Commissioner Goy stated that she met with the senior pinochle club at Peaks and noticed that the bathrooms need cleaning. Commissioner Goy also met with the seniors at the Terrace Centre. The seniors were curious if they could go in and out the side door of the Terrace Centre because it is a long walk. Director Capalbo stated that he will look into it. Commissioner Goy stated that she will meet with the other group on November 20, 2007 at Peaks Park.

Curator Brooks, President Werner and Secretary Redmond signed the museum bylaws agreement.

Museum Curator: Christine Brooks report attachment "D"

14. Director of Parks and Recreation: Report, attachment "E"

15. CITIZENS & VISITORS COMMENTS:

Mark Wilson past resident of Worth and is a district representative from the Softball Association of America. Mark stated that he is working with Ronnie Woodworth with the softball program and stated that rainouts will destroy a softball program. It's important that the Board initiate a rainout policy and stated that he is working to get more teams involved in your softball program which means more revenue. The Board thanked him.

16. MOTION: by President Werner to go into executive session at 8:11 p.m., second by Commissioner Plahm

- a. The collective negotiations between public employers and their employees and deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees;
- b. Litigation when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the district has been filed and is pending in a court or administrative tribunal, or when the district finds that such an action is probable or imminent;
- c. The employment, dismissal, performance or personal status of employees or officers

A roll call vote followed:

Ayes: President Werner, Commissioner Plahm, Commissioner Mysliwicz, Commissioner Lukacek and Commissioner Goy.

Nays: None

17. **MOTION:** by President Werner to reconvene the Board Meeting at 8:47 p.m., second by Commissioner Goy
A roll call vote followed:
Ayes: President Werner, Commissioner Plahm, Vice President Mysliwicz, Commissioner Phil and Commissioner Goy
Nays: None

18. **ACTION TO PURSUE AFTER CLOSED SESSION PROCEEDINGS:** None

Director Capalbo discussed field procedures and possible fee structures and stated that he would also be contacting the youth groups in regards to open discussion in establishing set rental policy.

Director Capalbo also requested that the Commissioner establish committee meeting dates.

19. **CITIZENS & VISITORS COMMENTS:** None

20. **MOTION:** by Commissioner Lukacek to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:52 p.m., second by Commissioner Plahm.
All in favor: All
All oppose: None

Sarah Redmond, Board Secretary

Steve Werner, President