



Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District

May 4, 2021
5:00 p.m.
Remote Online

MINUTES RETREAT MEETING

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Young called the retreat to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Dusenbury, Kasnick, Achziger, and Stender; Aquatics Manager Lauryne Thurmond, District General Manager Deschenes and District Clerk Linda Ray.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Kasnick led the flag salute.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

District General Manager Deschenes mentioned that the pool was experiencing a plumbing issue that would be explained by the Aquatics Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public was asked to submit comments via email for the public portion of the meeting and no comments were received.

BUSINESS

a. Public Outreach Objectives

DGM Deschenes along with Aquatics Manager Thurmond, and Aquatic Coordinator Knox met with the Public Outreach Committee. The Committee has been discussing, developing, and prioritizing goals that will assist the District and pool staff with operations now and in the future.

Commissioner Stender addressed the Board with his goals that included increasing scholarship funding to insure 100% utilization for community based activities; development of multi-lingual standards based on the population of Des Moines; and inclusion of more aquatic stakeholders to ensure financial support.

Aquatics Manager Thurmond presented her goals which included increasing scholarship funds by increasing community awareness. She would like to create a summer event in collaboration with the local fire station. She would also like to establish programs directed at certifying individuals for lifeguarding, re-certifying staff members, and attracting more staff members as education specialists and front desk personnel. She encourages more Board member presence at the pool, and she would like to be a regular attendee of the scheduled Board meetings.

Her hope is to bring in instructors who are WSI certified (Water Safety Instruction) as well as LGI certified individuals in keeping with American Red Cross standards.

Commissioner Achziger stated that the Board needs to be clear on what the vision for goals should be for the District. He advocates universal swimming no matter demographics or disabilities and that swim lessons should be the priority. He would like to adopt school district demographics in accomplishing goals and base all messaging coming from the District to be in English and Spanish.

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District General Manager Deschenes stated that his goals also have operational elements to them. He would like to develop a cyclical plan to increase swim lesson and other programming capacity through outreach to the community, hiring good pool staff committed to customer service, offering quality swim lessons, and attracting new users by talking to members of the community.

The next step is to lay out programming in a GANT chart format for the rest of 2021. The Public Outreach Committee will then bring all of the goals together into a cohesive plan which will be presented to the rest of the Board members at a future meeting.

A recess was called at 5:54 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

President Young turned the meeting over to Clerk of the Board, Commissioner Dusenbury.

b. Quarterly Financial Report

District General Manager Deschenes reported on expenses and revenues in the first quarter of 2021. Payroll and Benefits are at 43% due to Commissioners attendance at committee meetings and the changeover in pool management. An overage in insurance is due to an increase in staffing. New service contracts were established with chemical vendors and water quality vendors. Expenses are increased for janitorial supplies and miscellaneous due to operations during COVID-19.

Revenue has increased due to the pool users return to the pool. We have received \$78K in property tax and interest, and approximately \$18K in over the counter sales and reimbursements. High school swim teams have not been invoiced yet this year for their use of the pool.

Overall, as of 4/27, the District has a balance of \$1.3M which is comprised of General Fund and Capital combined.

It was stated that there will be chlorine shortages over the summer as was reported in the news. To prepare for this shortage, the pool will try to purchase a 6-month supply of tablets and which will be stored off-site for safety.

c. 2020 Annual Financial Report

District General Manager Deschenes will send the Board members a draft of the report for their review and comments to be received no later than noon on Tuesday, 5/11 (*Note: this was updated to Wednesday, 5/12 after the meeting*).

d. Small and Attractive Assets Policy

DGM Deschenes presented a draft copy of Policy 560- Small and Attractive Assets Policy. He will email a copy to Board Members for review and comments to be received no later than noon on Tuesday, 5/11. The policy will be on the Regular Meeting agenda on 5/18 for approval if time permits.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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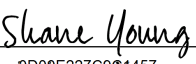
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

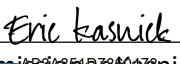
- May 18, 2021, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Location TBD

Respectfully submitted by Linda Ray, District Clerk.

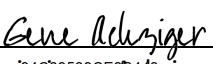
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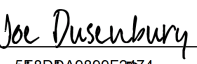
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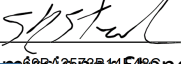
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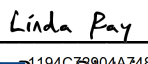
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