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Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

May 17th, 2017

1. Call to Order: 6:32pm
2. Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag
3. Roll Call: Jacki Schneider- present
Gerrin Narcisse- present
Antoinette Wright- present
Al Hamauei- present
Lenny Schmidt- present
Michelle Cusimano- present
4. Approval of April 19th, 2017 minutes- Minutes were approved. Antoinette motions to approve April 19th, 2017 minutes. Al seconds the motion. All board members are in favor.
5. Financial Report- Discussion on checks written in the month of April through May 14th. Michelle suggested that we stop writing the petty cash checks before every game. It will save on checks, and will stop the back and forth of money at the bank. She suggested to keep a total of \$150.00 in each opening draw for gate and concessions, and deposit the profit the following day. Motion to

accept the financial report. Lenny motions to accept the financial report. Michelle seconds the motion. All board members are in favor.

6. Director's Report- Jordan mentioned, the baseball season is doing well. He suggested that we wait until baseball season is over before adding the fence around the bleachers. Discussion about possibly getting a projector instead of the T.V. The plus side on getting a projector is larger viewing area that could be used at family movie night, vendors that rent the gym can use it for meetings etc., and possibly could last longer than a T.V. As of now all activities classes have been cut except for Zumba on Tuesday evenings. Jordan presented a list of future projects for the community center and Keller Field that himself and Fabian felt were most important. We will be offering cheer camp & Basketball camp this summer as well as swimming lessons. Jordan stated, that he did not care for the current mission statement for Recreation District #4, he wrote a new mission statement and shared it with the board members. He will send each board member a copy for them to review. Jacki mentioned, we are going to apply for a grant to help get the LED lights in the gym. The Louisiana Legislature Auditor will be coming next Tuesday & Wednesday to make sure we have implemented everything that they suggested and to give us the final report.

Old Business

1. Bayou State Football Association discussion- Richard Bentley Smith director from Coquille Park talked about the new football league. He explained how the league offers the 5/6 & 11/12 age group to play, which is the reason some of the others recreation districts are switching to this league. In previous years Recreation District #4 played in the West St. Tammany football league. This current football season they will be eliminating the 5/6 and 11/12 age group to play football. The Bayou State Football Association has so much to offer from grants, safety classes for coaches, also helping with equipment. This league is tailored for the children, to help them learn new skills and to become a stronger player. All makes a motion to proceed with switching to the Bayou State Football Association. Gerrin seconds the motion. All board members are in favor.
2. FL & WB Contract- Discussion about bill from FL & WB. Al stated, he is not sure if we can legally pay the complete bill without some sort of agreement. Laurie Pennison, rec district 4 lawyer recommended to pay the initial amount of \$5,650.00. Al makes the motion to pay the \$5,650.00 bill with legal opinion in writing from our attorney and the parish attorney (DA). Gerrin seconds the motions under the same conditions. All board members are in favor.
3. First NBC bank and Capital One accounts- First NBC bank went under, and has now switched over to Whitney bank. We have opened a new account at Capital One that will

be used for our operating account. Our money market account will stay with Whitney bank with a balance of \$185,000.00.

4. Millage meeting announcement in newspaper- We have put two announcements in the newspaper, Farmer & Advocate. The meeting is June 19th, 2017, 6:00pm at the Council Chambers.
5. Lawnmower- Discussion about our current lawnmower that we have now. The lawnmower is in and out of the shop getting repaired. This past week we had to spend roughly \$500.00 for an emergency fix. It is not reliable, sometimes it starts sometimes it don't. We need a reliable lawnmower at the rec center to make sure everything runs smoothly, especially during baseball season and the summer season. The trailer is also a safety hazard. On several occasions the lawnmower has almost fell off the trailer. Lenny makes a motion not to exceed \$12,000.00 for purchase of a new lawnmower & trailer together. Al seconds the motion. All board members are in favor.

New Business

1. Recap of Board Retreat May 15th, 2017- Board members meet to discuss & prioritize improvements around the community center & Keller Field.
2. Batting cage nets- Jordan mentioned that the batting cage that we have now at Keller Field is falling apart and is an eye sore to the public at Keller Field. Jordan shared proposals to the board for new batting cages. He will be moving forward to purchasing the new batting cage. Calvin and Fabian will install the new batting cage to cut back on installation cost.
3. Scoreboard and PA system at Keller Field- The PA system at Keller Field is out dated and broken and will need to be replaced.

Comments from the floor

- Comment from the floor (resident of Oak Mill subdivision) asking why was Oak Mill & Brier Lake pulled out of the rec district. She asked if we can do something about bringing them back into the district. She mentioned that she was never asked about pulling out of the rec district. She also mentioned she asked her neighbors, and they also were not asked to be pulled out of the rec district. Jake Groby stated that the HOA of Brier Lake and Oak Mill sent e-mails out to all residents, and it had to be a 90% vote favoring to be pulled out. She stated that they do not have a HOA in her subdivision. She also mentioned that she got billed last year from the rec district.

Antoinette motions to adjourn. Gerrin seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourn: 8:05pm

