

**PARK BOARD
CITY OF WABASHA**

Minutes of the Wednesday, February 18, 2015 meeting:

BOARD MEMBERS: Mickey Nelson
Sue Gillespie
Larry Udstuen
Betsy Wharton
Dan Aitken
Sylvia Klas
Lynn Schoen

STAFF: Mike Mroz
Patty Heraty
Park Superintendent
Deputy Clerk

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at City Hall and was called to order by Mike Mroz at 4:30pm.

Roll call found members Nelson, Aitken, Wharton, Klas and Schoen present. Members Gillespie and Udstuen were absent.

Board Members Schoen and Nelson moved to approve the January 21, 2015 regular minutes with the following change: correct approval of 10/15/14 minutes. Adopted unanimously.

Additions/Changes to the agenda – None.

Public Comments

Elaine Miller was present to discuss item 5.1, swimming pool.

General Business

Item 5.1 – Swimming Pool discussion

Elaine Miller from Big River Resort was present to discuss the swimming pool and ways to get information out to the public about pool hours and fees. Board members were provided with a summary of pool revenues for the last few years, Mike stated that the pool revenues have historically only covered about half of the expenses. Ms. Miller stated that she has summer camping residents that would like to use the pool, however are unaware of the pool hours and that when they did visit the pool, many times it would be closed. She also stated that the pool season is short and inquired about having it open longer. Staff stated that the pool hours are posted on the city website and that there is a brochure available. Mike also stated that the pool will close early if there are less than 10 patrons for a period of time or if there is heavy rain and/or lightning. Having the pool open longer in the summer has not been a possibility since lifeguards go back to school or college, the pool must have an adult there at all times so when the older guards return to college it is not possible to keep the pool open. It was decided that staff would provide Big River Resort with pool information for this season when available and would also research ways to have the pool open for at least weekends thru Labor Day.

Item 5.2 – WSI Training Reimbursement

Because of the difficulty in recruiting WSI lifeguards, Mike Mroz is requesting the board change the current policy of reimbursing ½ of the cost of WSI Training to reimbursing the full cost to those that make a commitment to working at the pool for the summer. Board members discussed the request and after all discussion board members Nelson and Schoen moved to approve changing the current policy from ½ to full reimbursement of WSI Training to lifeguards working for the Wabasha Pool. Adopted unanimously.

Item 5.2 – Reschedule March Meeting.

Due to recording secretary being absent for the next meeting, staff is requesting to change the meeting date. After discussion it was decided not to change the meeting date and Member Schoen would take notes in place of the secretary and the meeting would be recorded as usual.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 4:30 at City Hall.

Having no other business, members Schoen and Wharton moved to adjourn at 5:00 pm. Adopted unanimously.

Patty Heraty, Deputy Clerk