

HUNTLEY PARK DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
September 28, 2016

President Jerry Nepermann called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Commissioners present included; Jim Blasky, Keith Wold and Melissa Kellas. Commissioner Awe was absent. Also present were Thom Palmer, Laura Pisarcik, Paul Ostrander, Debbie Kraus, James Hess, Christine and Sam Hoffman, Reporter; Hannah Prokop, and Liz Genzel.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Blasky and seconded by Commissioner Kellas. All ayes. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors/ Public Comments

Christine and Sam Hoffman began the questions and comments. They asked the board if they had the best interest of the golf course in mind by hiring KemperSports. The questions asked with the board's comments are as follows:

- Can the Park District a management company without putting it to a Referendum vote by the taxpayers? Attorney James Hess answered that the park district was in their full rights to manage the property to the best of their abilities. A Referendum vote is not necessary to hire a management company.
- What is the Park District paying for the management services? Executive Director; Thom Palmer answered the five-year contract includes management fees of \$96,000 per year and after gross revenues total \$2.2 million, KemperSports would receive 10 percent beyond that point. Christine Hoffman requested a copy of the contract be sent to her.
- Why are good people not being retained? Thom explained that it is KemperSports goal as well as the park district's that most, if not all, employees will transition over. When questions of staff changes were raised, attorney James Hess advised the board not to speak on personnel matters, and said no decisions had been made.
- How much of a loss has the restaurant sustained, and what has been done to rectify that loss? Thom answered that Pinecrest golf course and restaurant combined operated at a loss of about \$240,000 in 2015, \$225,000 in 2014, and \$150,000 in 2013. The majority of the loss in the past two years is from the restaurant.
- What rate changes will be forthcoming with the new management company? Thom said that green fees were not changing, and if KemperSports did want to raise them, it would have to come to the board and be approved.

Christine Hoffman requested that the park district supply emails for all Board members and said the Board should not be able to approve the contract with KemperSports with such limited information.

James Johnson; ranger/starter at Pinecrest Golf Course spoke to the board and said the club would lose loyal customers if there were any radical price increases. He mentioned that Pinecrest is a neighborhood golf course; a park district golf course. He is afraid that the park district will destroy it by bringing in a management company because the public will not be able to afford a higher greens fee.

A motion to approve the September 14, 2016 Board Workshop meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Blasky and seconded by Commissioner Kellas. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Commissioner Kellas and seconded by Commissioner Wold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Purchase Orders

A motion to approve purchase order #20160201 to Hagg Press for the brochure to be mailed out in December was made by Commissioner Wold and seconded by Commissioner Kellas. Roll Call: Yes – Wold, Kellas, Blasky, Nepermann. No – None. Motion carried. Laura Pisarcik submitted bills and additions totaling \$273,545.36.

A motion to approve the submitted bills and additions listed above was made by Commissioner Wold and seconded by Commissioner Blasky. Roll Call: Yes – Wold, Blasky, Nepermann, Kellas. No – None. Motion carried. The following Department Reports were reviewed:

Finance & HR: There were no additions to Laura Pisarcik's submitted report.

Parks: In addition to Paul Ostrander's submitted report President Nepermann commented on what a great job Paul and his crew did for a great Fall Fest weekend. Paul also commented that the new trail is almost complete.

Facilities: In addition to Gary Zierer's submitted report President Nepermann commented that the floors at the Deicke Park Community room look like new!! Good job.

Recreation: In addition to Debbie Kraus' submitted report Debbie commented that the Dogtober Fest was very successful. They also raised \$3,700 for the basket raffle at Fall Fest.

New Business:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda approving the August 24, 2016 regular Board meeting minutes and the contract with KemperSports for golf management was made by Commissioner Kellas seconded by Commissioner Wold.

Roll Call: Yes –Kellas, Wold, Nepermann. No – Blasky. Motion carried.

Surplus Fitness Equipment

Our fitness equipment line is almost complete with the exception of the Assisted Dip/Leg Raise. The current one we have is actually off the floor as it is old and we want to have new equipment on the floor. I am working on quotes for a new assisted dip/leg raise and request that the old one be listed as surplus.

A motion to approve the dip/leg raise as surplus fitness equipment was made by Commissioner Wold and seconded by Commissioner Kellas. All ayes. Motion carried.

Emeritus Status

As KemperSports begins the management of operations at Pinecrest Golf Course on October 1, 2016 the Pinecrest staff will no longer be employees of the Huntley Park District. This action triggers eligibility for the bestowment of staff members to receive emeritus status.

A motion to approve Mike Yackle, Director of Golf Emeritus with all the rights, responsibilities and benefits as outlined in HPD policy Section II, Number 2.8 as presented was made by Commissioner Wold and seconded by Commissioner Blasky. Ayes: Commissioner Wold, Blasky, Nepermann. Nay: Commissioner Kellas. Motion carried.

2016 Amendment to the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

Attached is a proposed amendment to the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for 2016 fiscal year. One significant action occurred after the budget was passed is a parks building and recreation renovation project. One minor item needs to be adjusted in recreation fund for pool wages, is the FICA and Medicare taxes were understated in the original budget.

An amendment of the budget and appropriation ordinance requires the same procedures as passing the original budget. The ordinance will be placed on display, in tentative form, for the public inspection for 30 days prior to final action on October 26. A notice of public hearing will be published on or about October 12, at least one week prior to the hearing which will also be held at the October 26 board meeting.

The net change in budgeted estimated cash on hand at fiscal year-end is (\$7,750).

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Wold commented that he appreciated the public's comments, and said the board needed to keep an eye on the green fee rates.

Commissioner Kellas commented things like customer service, rates, etc. are all things that the Board will not going to let go.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wold seconded by Commissioner Blasky. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Alyce Johnson
Recording Secretary