The Board of Commissioners of the Sandwich Park District met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Board Members: Shaun Legge, Eric Terlep, Brad Knepper, Dan Hoyt, and John Fincham

Board Members Absent: Diane Scents

Staff present: Executive Director, Bill Novicki and Board Secretary/Treasurer, Angela Seville

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES: Copies of the Board meeting minutes from August 9, 2023 were made available to all Board Members.

A motion was made by Dan Hoyt and seconded by John Fincham to accept the minutes of the August 9, 2023 Board meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Shaun Legge, abstain Eric Terlep, aye Brad Knepper, aye Dan Hoyt, aye John Fincham, aye 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you card was received on behalf of the Novicki family.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Theresa Jourdan was present and introduced herself to the board members and expressed her interest in the vacant board position.

TREASURER REPORT: The following ending cash balances for August, 2023 were presented.

| Corporate | \$156,843.33 |
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| Recreation | \$179,069.22 |
| Paving & Lighting | \$ 18,800.37 |
| Audit | \$ 3,667.81 |
| Liability Insurance | \$ 25,861.64 |
| Social Security | \$ 12,812.83 |
| Unemployment/Workman's Comp | \$ 37,504.34 |
| IMRF | \$ 36,207.30 |
| Special Recreation Fund | \$ 61,348.04 |
| 2020 Bond (funds in checking) | \$ 10.81 |
| 2020 Bond Debt Service Fund | \$ 70,232.76 |
| | \$602,358.45 |

2020 Bond (Capital Projects) in Money Market

\$ 258,709.54

A motion was made by Brad Knepper and seconded by Dan Hoyt to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented subject to audit.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Eric Terlep, aye Brad Knepper, aye Dan Hoyt, aye John Fincham, aye Shaun Legge, aye 5 ayes, 0 nays MOTION CARRIED

BILLS: The following bills were presented for approval.

| Corporate Fund | \$ 16,201.74 | |
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| Recreation Fund | \$ 12,630.17 | |
| Audit Fund | \$ 5,500.00 | |
| Social Security Fund | \$ 2,163.18 | |
| I.M.R.F. Fund | \$ 1,955.58 | |
| Special Recreation Fund | \$ 790.17 | |
| 2020 Bond-Capital Proj. Fund | \$ 881.88 | _ |
| | \$ 40,122.72 | Total Bills |

A motion was made by Dan Hoyt and seconded by John Fincham to accept the bills as presented subject to audit.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Brad Knepper, aye Dan Hoyt, aye John Fincham, aye Shaun Legge, aye Eric Terlep, aye 5 ayes, 0 nays MOTION CARRIED

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: A copy of the Director's report was made available to all Board Members. Executive Director, Bill Novicki reported that fall soccer and softball have begun. Staff volunteered this past week at the Sandwich fair. Some seasonal staff have finished for the year and maintenance staff are finishing up placing Fibar around play sets. The splash pad is closed for the season and we are working with a contractor to determine what repairs are needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECREATION: None

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: None

FINANCE: None

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT: None

RISK MANAGEMENT: None

LAW AND ORDER/SAFETY: None

PERSONNEL: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

<u>Dog Park</u>: The restoration and seeding have been completed, and we are waiting on the water fountain to arrive and be installed. The dog park sign will be installed closer to the grand opening date for the unveiling. A date for the grand opening has not yet been set, but will plan on sometime in early October. All rules, policies, and registration costs have been approved and a handout will be available during registration. During the grand opening we will have the availability to register on site; once registered, a dog tag will be given that allows park usage for the remainder of 2023 through 2024. There will also be a couple vendors on site the day of the grand opening.

<u>Electric Issue at Milestone Park</u>: The contractor and the sub contractor are working together to get this issue resolved with the city.

<u>Sealcoating Update</u>: The sealcoating has been completed at Knights Park and Memorial Park and looks very nice. Next year the sealcoating will be a larger project, so will keep that in mind when reviewing the tax levy and budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

<u>Sidetrack'd Fundraiser Update</u>: Sidetrack'd Bar hosted their annual rib fest this summer and had donated their profits to the park district to be used towards the dog park. The amount received was \$2,352.00 and was put into the dog park revenue line.

<u>Update to Electronic Attendance of Public Meeting Policy</u>: An update was made to the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/7) on July 28, 2023 to include an additional means that a member could attend a meeting other than physical presence to include unexpected childcare obligations.

A motion was made by John Fincham and seconded by Dan Hoyt to update the Sandwich Park District Electronic Attendance of Public Meeting Policy, Section 2 (b) to include item #4 Unexpected Childcare Obligations.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dan Hoyt, aye John Fincham, aye Shaun Legge, aye Eric Terlep, aye Brad Knepper, aye 5 ayes, 0 nays MOTION CARRIED

<u>Mower Replacement Discussion</u>: Discussion took place on the replacement of our fleet of mowers as we continue to have repairs on the 1600 mower. Quotes will be obtained for different size mowers and we will look at trading in our current mowers. Will need to check with the dealers on a replacement plan.

<u>Ice Rink Discussion</u>; Discussion took place regarding the ice rink. This is a joint venture with the City of Sandwich and the ice rink will be put up again this year. Executive Director, Bill Novicki will get the ice rink liner ordered.

<u>Soccer Shed Discussion</u>: Our soccer shed was recently damaged during a storm along with our portable marquee, lamp post and a couple roofs. A claim was submitted to our insurance company which we are awaiting final breakdown. Discussed having a larger shed that would hold additional sporting equipment and possibly have a small concession area. A foundation would be needed and will check with IVVC for availability at that time.

At this point members felt there would be three options;

- 1. Purchase a shed to hold the current items,
- 2. Purchase a larger shed to hold the current items plus additional equipment,
- 3. Look at putting up a pole barn type shed that would hold all equipment and a potential concession area.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dan Hoyt and seconded by John Fincham to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

5 ayes, 0 nays

MOTION CARRIED

The next regular board meeting will be held on October 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm.