

STOCKTON TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT STOCKTON ILLINOIS 61085

April 18, 2018 Regular Board Meeting 6:30pm

Stockton Township Park House

Meeting called to order @ 6:31pm by President Townsend.

Those present were: Jack Townsend, Steve Jordan, Ron Mapes, Greg Thoren, Denny Young, Heather Tessendorf, Rich Tenpas and Susan Schamberger

Approval of the March 21, 2018 board minutes: Motion by Jordan and seconded by Townsend to accept as written with no additions or corrections needed. Motion carried with all voting yes.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report Financial Statements for March 2018: Motion made by Townsend and seconded by Schamberger to accept as presented by Jordan; with no additions or corrections needed. Motion passed with all voting yes.

Manager's Report: Denny Young stated the wooden train is almost finished being repaired. It will be re-stained this summer. The purple kids play toy needs repairs and Denny has asked Ray Wonders to look into fixing the slide. Older kids abuse the younger children's play area and cause most of the damage. Should the park district get cameras to help with vandalism? Denny said he will look into costs of cameras. Denny has also asked the board to look into bleachers that would be permanent behind both diamonds. Aluminum bleachers five rows high by 21 feet long seating 70 people costs \$68,000! Eight rows high by 24 feet seat 107 people and run \$124,000! He stated the school has also started a fund for purchasing bleachers in the near future. Mullen Tree Service will be trimming dead branches again this year. Denny said he has a maintenance plan for the park utilizing Mark Mullen's service. All trees will be mulched using the free mulch that is just southeast of the park house given to us by the state. The month of April has been very nasty and hopefully May will be warm. The pool is scheduled to be filled on May 7th for the summer season. Denny stated the school has set August 13th for the first day of school for the next calendar year. This will really hurt the park district since August is our best month for revenue!!!

Steve Jordan asked about the signs on the fence, wanting to know costs and where does that revenue go? Denny said he has nothing to do with the advertising. Jeremy Tucker takes care of all the signage. Steve will talk with Jeremy about his questions.

Guest(s) Ron Mapes asked about increasing the park board size to five. The question would need to be on the ballot in November to the Stockton Township taxpayers. Ron previously gave the board the contact info needing to inquire about successfully getting this on the ballot. We have discussed this among ourselves as commissioners; stating to Ron that originally each one of us was appointed to the park board. It is extremely hard to get people to run for the board to fill each six year term. Both Jack

and Susan ran unopposed for their term in their last election as did Jim Arnold. We see that all boards have difficulty filling the open seats every election. Jack agreed to look further into this matter.

Greg Thoren said he wants the board to give back the Decker Aqua Sod Park to John and Judy Decker. He believes it is just an expense the park district can't afford. He is also upset with the fact that the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation will help monitor the property under the conservation easement. Mr. Thoren also stated he believes the park district is not the owner of the donated property and we should check with the county.

New Business:

Next month the board will look at employee salaries and wages. Steve Jordan made a motion to give all returning life guards a quarter raise and any new hires would start at the minimum wage rate for the summer. Jack Townsend seconded this motion and it carried with all voting yes.

The park walk around was postponed till next month do to snow!

Old Business:

Decker Aqua Sod Acres – now open to the public

The Heritage Museum – nothing new

Any Other Business: none

President Townsend made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm. Schamberger seconded the motion and it carried with all voting yes.