

STOCKTON TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT STOCKTON ILLINOIS 61085

September 19, 2018 Regular Board Meeting 6:30pm

Stockton Township Park House

Meeting called to order @ 6:30 pm by President Townsend.

Those present were: Jack Townsend, Steve Jordan, Susan Schamberger, Denny Young, Ron Mapes, Dennis Kuhl, Kevin Pierce and Ann Coppernoll.

Approval of the August 15, 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 of the Financial Statements for August 2018: Motion made by Schamberger and seconded by Townsend 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 park house is in need of a new air conditioner. He presented the board with a bid from Gene Wire "Total Air Care" for \$9313.85 which includes the York unit and 1 set- supply & return air duct adapters, electric and drain installation.

The swimming pool needs to have the diving board replaced and Denny stated the cost will run somewhere between \$7,000 and \$9,000 for a new board.

Denny stated he applied for a matching grant from Cunningham Recreation GameTime Products and our park district was awarded the grant! He explained if we spend \$75,000 dollars; GameTime will give us an additional \$75,000 credit for a total of \$150,000 dollars in new playground equipment!! The grant would cover new playground equipment, but not the prep work or installation costs. Denny would like to target a playground for younger kids in the age groups of 2-5 and 6-12. He would remove all of the old ancient equipment that is now in our park and have the new placed west/southwest of the park house. The board was shown several playground options that would fit in the area where the old equipment will be removed.

Game Time Products also has aluminum bleachers. Denny asked the board to consider six, five row high each with seating for 70 adults and would be permanently placed with concrete bases at the baseball and softball diamonds. This is 3 bleachers at each diamond with seating for 210 adults.

Denny also told the board he has not seen Haylen Scott or heard anything about his Eagle Scout park project, Lighted Lamp Posts.

New Business: General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) consideration

Steve Jordan made the motion to approve \$200,000 dollars in General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the District for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of taxes sufficient to pay the principle and interest on the bonds, and authorizing the sale of the bonds to the purchaser thereof. Jack Townsend seconded the motion as stated by Steve Jordan. With all commissioners voting yes, the motion carried.

Steve stated the \$200,000 would be used for new playground equipment that should not exceed \$100,000. Six new bleachers not to exceed \$75,000 and the remaining \$25,000 to go towards replacing the pool's diving board, the park house air conditioner, security cameras, helping with the lamp post project and any other incurred costs.

Guest: Ron Mapes informed the board he would pay for and place in the local newspapers, the Notice of Special Election, to be held Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of the Stockton Township Park District, County of Jo Daviess, State of Illinois.

SHALL THE STOCKTON TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT REORGANIZE AS A GENERAL PARK DISTRICT UNDER THE PARK DISTRICT CODE? YES/NO

Ron Mapes will also put in the newspaper an explanation as to what the reorganization actually does for the park district.

Susan Schamberger stated the concept is a good idea to have more commissioners on the board, but getting enough people to actually run for the 6 year term has been a problem in the past. It has been an issue just to fill three commissioner seats, so five or seven really concerns her.

Guest: Kevin Pierce asked the board to look into increasing our taxing district beyond just Stockton Township. He presented us with info on all the townships in Jo Daviess County including those that do have park districts and those townships that don't. Kevin also presented to us a firm out of Vernon Hills IL that only works with park districts. This firm could look into all of the townships in question to see if it is a possibility to annex districts into Stockton. President Townsend said he would look over Kevin's request.

New/Old Business: Decker Aqua Sod Acres – Nothing new

The Heritage Museum – Ann Coppernoll said that with the recent storms the museum's current office does get water and hopefully the office can be moved into the annex building soon. There also is a need for some outside work on the building and the board is waiting for an estimate of costs from Bruce Marcure.

Any Other Business: President Townsend hearing none, made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm. The motion was seconded by Jordan and was passed with all voting yes.