



Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District
A Special District
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, July 15, 2023
David Head Building
10300 San Diego Street
Lamont, California 93241
(www.bearmntprk.com)

MINUTES

1. REGULAR SESSION
2. CALL TO ORDER

The regular board of directors meeting of Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District was held Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the David Head Center at 10300 San Diego Street, Lamont, California. The district is a political subdivision in the State of California.

Present: Vice Chairman Petra Villanueva, Director Alonso, and Director Pimentel, absent Chairman Perez and Director Rodriguez.

Staff Present: District Manager Mrs. Cervantes, Legal Counsel Mr. Hodges, Mr. Zamora and Mrs. Gonzalez.

3. FLAG SALUTE

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. Flag Salute: Chairman Mr. Perez

4. APPROVE AGENDA AS FORM

Director Villanueva motioned for approval of agenda as to form with the modification to move item 10.4 under consent agenda. Seconded by Director Rodriguez. Approved 3 ayes, 0 noes and 2 absent.

5. PRESENTATIONS- None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) **Armando-** I'm one of the coaches of the Junior Giants League we are asking for support from the board for a program that was approved which was the Junior Giants League and we take time as volunteers, the program has been growing we have over 18 teams this year and as you know we need access to the park, apparently we have a member of the community that does not belong to this board or to this park or to the organization he did not join to be a coach or has participated in anything that remotely helps the community, us as coaches we sign a weekly sheet giving us access to the park as required reserving the park access to our position and he plays soccer here apparently his name is Gabriel and one of our coaches when up to this man to take the park in he was very disrespectful in a very meaningful matter he feels intitle I don't know why I don't know who is supporting this man not only that but his part of illegal activity his charging vendors to sell in the park, nobody should be selling here anyways because the liability falls on the park anyone getting sick that is something that can be brought up to the sheriff's department, he also sells beer in the property we don't need that we have kid out here, we need you as the board to support that the rules that are already in place and that we have your full support that if we have to call the sheriff's department and enforce these rules that we have you support and I'm assuming that all the coaches feel the same (all coaches responded, yes) **Alex Garza-** another thing I want to add, I've been coaching for nine years volunteering my time, how I see it is that we have a group of adults who are trying to be athletic but there a group of adults that are picking on kids on our time and not only that they are coming out on our woman coaches and intimidate them that's already against the Jr. Giants we have a code that we coach by we ask for the board support to back us up and ley down some rules on them let them know that months in advance we reserved that field we have other people of the community heling with the fields what are they doing there providing alcohol there providing drugs that brings more criminal activities we are asking for your help **Armando-** last year we had an incident and as it is this community is already violent we have a murder every month or couple of months and as members we are tiered of it we want to do something about it and the best we know how is donating time and helping the kids as well as you, you are here for the same reason so we really need you guys to step up and help us legally or what can we do or were do we have to go to have legal support **Director Pimentel-** what are you guys requesting **Armando -**that when we are out on the field that you move him out **Director Pimentel-** during the week **Armando-** we don't have games on the weekend **Director Pimentel-** I know that he is very active on the weekends he brings out a large crowd and he does have a youth and adult teams **Armando-** does he have access to the park like we do **Director Pimentel-** Jr. Giants should come first I'm just asking what you are requesting **Armando** – we are requesting that the Jr. Giants coach comes first and we are here to make sure we have your support **Mr. Hodges-** I was called by staff about this and I'll give the recommendation that the days that Jr. Giants reserve the field if he shows up and is interfering with the practice or the games that he will be asked to leave by a district staff and if he doesn't comply with that they call the sheriff to have him removed **Armando-** Mrs. Gonzalez has done that she's gone out there and she's been hounded

by them pretty bad **Mr. Hodges-** and the next step that I have told to the district manager today if that happens call the Sherriff immediately have them come out and take care of it **Armando-** and band him from the park because there is people that have been banned from the park, so we are all on the same page thank you so much for your support we are just trying to make the league better all the parents and coaches are amazing people and when they feel disrespected that pushes people from coming and participating there's people that just don't want the problems , this is a free league for under privilege kids verses a league that charges the kids, we are here to help and his just here to benefit himself **Andres-** I totally agree with the coaches I'm a coach as well and I have encounters with this individual and I look very young for my age and when someone comes up to me and has this encounter with me but my main thing is the safety for the kids for example when he came up to me not knowing that I was a coach and was trying to bring that fear imagine how these kids feel his only preaching hate my main concern is the kids **Monica-** example yesterday and he went right throw our practice he didn't ask his children to go around us and I keep trying to walk up to him to address the fact that they were running right throw our game, just have respect for each other **Armando-** if this continues is really going to damage or league we have coaches that have been here for up too 12 years and you have this young woman that is doing an outstanding job that has 18 teams that has never been heard off we have kids that are excited to come and its free nobody cares of competitiveness it's a great time for these kids **Mirna-** I thank you for listing to our suggestions and I hope you can do somethings in regards to our urgencies I've lived in this community for 18 years I am a volunteer for Dolores Huerta foundation and I'm also a volunteer for Union de Campesinos and I'm also a volunteer for many other activities in this community and I'm here giving my opinion and the opinion of a lot of other people in the community we are having a lot of difficulty regarding the restrooms that are here in the park they are always closed that is a big problem because a lot of families come to the park I have seen and been told that they have to stop there gatherings because they have o leave because the restrooms are closed and I'm asking to resolve this **Maria-** I'm here to get information regarding the pools if they are going to open because the kids are in vacation and they went to go to the pools **Mrs. Cervantes-** the pools open this week in Lamont they are open Wednesday, Friday and Sunday from 1pm-5pm a d in Arvin Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 1pm-5pm **Ashly-** I'm here representing the Dolores Huerta Foundation we work with a lot of community members here in Lamont the concerns in having restrooms during park hours has been brought up **Armando-** in respond to the restrooms as a community is we see something say something we have kids put grenades and blow up those toilets if we are so concern on having those restrooms we need to start calling the cops on them and get the problem solved because last year we had a little girl in the restroom and a kid throw a firework in there and scared her so I agree we shouldn't have the restrooms open until you guys are behaving so if we all as a community can all come together and I agree the restrooms are vey important even for us but we also need to have community co-operation post it email it to the sheriff's **Alex-** I understand it's a safety issue as well, there was a kid and I guess that there was an adult involved and that's why the restrooms were closed we have lack of sheriff's patrol so for my well been and my kids well been I don't mind the restrooms being locked because I know if I can't protect them or if someone else in

the community can't protect them I wouldn't want them to be in a situation that we can't see them so I don't mind stepping away going to a McDonalds going somewhere lese to us the restroom I know it's an inconvenience but when it comes to a safety of a child I chose the safety of a child **Alex-** these organizations should get funds to get more sheriffs to patrol our parks **Armando** – help raise the money I don't have a problem getting out there **Mr. Hodges-** what we can do as a special district is create our own law enforcement for the parks like NOR has Park Rangers Bear Mountain Recreation can have Park Rangers if there is funding for something like that you can have your own department for the parks **Armando-** all the members and the community like us we can all raise money

Mr. Perez arrived at 7:07 p.m.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Items are considered routine, non-controversial and generally approved in a single motion. A board member may request to have an item removed from the consent calendar for discussion of to be deferred. (May include Minutes, Financials, Resolutions, and Policy & Procedure matters).

- 7.1 Minutes
- 7.2 Pre-signed Vouchers
- 7.3 List of Bills
- 7.4 Review of District's Financial Accounts
- 7.5 QuickBooks Reports- Aged payables, balance sheet, profit, and loss.
- 7.6 Events- Schedule for David Head Center
- 7.7 Events- Senior Center
- 10.4 Lamont Chamber of Commerce wants to partner with Bear Mountain Recreation to sponsor the David Head Center Building on July 19, 2023, from 12pm-8pm.

Director Alonso motioned for approval of consent agenda and to add item 10.4. Seconded by Director Pimentel. Approved 4 ayes, 0 noes and 1 absent.

8. DEPARTMENTS REPORTS:

General Manager Report:

- 8.1 **Maintenance -Mr. Zamora-** we have been getting the pools ready and cutting the bushes that are in front of the pool and they started the construction on the tennis court, and we decided on three courts instead of four.
- 8.2 **Recreation- Mrs. Gonzalez-** my coaches were really excited about is that for the first time all these fourteen years that I have ran the J. Giants League we have 8 teams for majors, and we have 7 teams minors and 4 teams foe T-ball which is the total of 280 kids and we have never had that amount so we do have a full park and this is the reason that they came cause we are not able to share this park with anyone we don't fit and this gentleman and other adults as well don't understand and I did reserve the park for Monday-Friday because I didn't want to have any issues with him, and here at Bear Mountain Park we do need to have all the park we only have one major field

and one minor field and our t-ball is at Alicante so we don't have any conflicts I try to find solutions and I am going to start Arvin soon I have 130 kids and if I'm in Arvin I'm not going to be able to handle the situation and call the cops how I'm I going to do that and I use my personal vehicle the district is not providing me with one but his is the reason we don't keep our new coaches because they don't want to deal with this not just dealing with our own parents but other parents from other leagues we need to find solution were we can fix it for example the bathrooms we had situation with kids bombing the bathrooms smoking weed and doing inappropriate things one of the way we are going to fix the solution with us all of our coaches are going to receive a key are parents are aware so if they need to go to the restroom is sad that we have to do this but we have to do it, we don't have any security and its understandable is not in our budget this is the reason we have to find a solution because we can't be having this and I don't want to deal with people having alcohol or harassing our kids and is just me I don't have another recreational worker **Mr. Perez-** would a solution be to close the soccer field **Mrs. Cervantes-** they know is close and they don't respect it **Mr. Perez-** how do they know is closed **Mrs. Cervantes-** we tell them that during our baseball season the soccer field is not available

8.3 District Manager- Mrs. Cervantes-

a) Written Communications- **Mrs. Cervantes-** I want to let the bord know that we finally heard back from Ken County and they amended our application and they added the funds to hire the consultant management and the design project so they added the 50,000 plus they added 10 percent on contingency so now pour application is 220,986 these are the agreements that need to be sign they are picking them up tomorrow, with that being said its been busy we been working on getting the summer started, hiring staff getting them trained and putting people on payroll and I'm also going to have my audit next week but they still reach to me for a couple of weeks after that for more questions and I also wanted to make you aware that I didn't have time to do the bids for the walking path so we are going to be working on the bids for the walking path, project manager and the engineer I'm going to be working with Mr. Hodges so we are going to be busy on that too, and I have a new accountant that I'm working with our old account had personal problems she had to leave and she referred a new one to me I started working with her last week getting everything ready for the audit.

Mr. Pimentel excused himself at 7:40p.m.

b) Oral Communications- **Mrs. Cervantes-** None

9. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

9.1 Committee Meetings- Mrs. Cervantes- None

10. DISTRICT BOARD MATTERS:

10.1 Discussion: 2023-2024 Budget

Potential Action: Approve 2023-24 Budget

Director Villanueva motioned to approve 2023-24 Budget. Seconded by Director Alonso. Approved 3 ayes, 0 noes and 2 absent.

10.2 Discussion: Resolution 2023-03 Authorizing SitelogIQ and General Manager to complete submit all necessary documents and application for the CEC ECAA Loan program, and finding the activity funded by such loan to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Mr. Perez- Table item 10.2 for next month.

10.3 Discussion: Notice of Exemption for Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District Emergency Efficiency Project.

Mr. Perez- Table item 10.3 for next month.

10.4 Discussion: Lamont Chamber of Commerce wants to partner with Bear Mountain Recreation to sponsor the David Head Center Building on July 19, 2023, from 12pm-8pm.

Potential Action: Approve partnership with Lamont Chamber of Commerce to sponsor the David Head Building on July 19, 2023.

10.5 Discussion: Resolution 2023-04 Property Tax Advance

Potential Action: Approve Resolution 2023-04 Property Tax Advance.

Director Alonso motioned to approve Resolution 2023-04 Property Tax Advance. Seconded by Director Villanueva. Approved 3 ayes, 0 noes and 2 absent.

11. DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION:

11.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation (54957)

Title: General Manager

Mr. Perez- table for next board meeting

12. DIRECTORS TIME:

Fernando Alonso- I want to thank everyone that came out parents, coaches showing us support that are committed to bettering our community thank you to Armando, Alex Garza, Andres Espinoza, Mirna, and Maria Hernandez, De La Rosa and thank you to all the parents that came out to show support because the only way to move forward is working together its really good to see those numbers because it really puts a face in the community it's a wonderful thing to see and like we mentioned before you have our support finding that solution.

Petra Villanueva- I'm looking into finding a solution with the restrooms and the soccer players, but we need to do something call the police or give them the scheduled of when the field is being used so they know the exact time is being used to avoid any problems

Mrs. Cervantes- Mr. Perez will helping us with this situation he will be sending an email that's they way we got through with the problem with the pool **Mrs. Villanueva-** can we put it in the internet as well so the community can know the hours that the kids will be

practicing so we have it in writing **Mrs. Cervantes-** we posted it on our bulletin board and on the door **Mrs. Villanueva-** and for extra information like the signs for no alcohol and the other information that we agreed with regarding the restrooms we had come to an agreement that the restrooms were not going to be open on Sunday because they were being vandalized this year was a year that we had a lot of expenses on the repair for the restrooms and I want to thank everyone for coming and that you join us more often our meetings are every third Thursday of every month I also want to thank our staff I know that they have been having a lot of work, I want to thank Mr. Hodges and our Directors **Mirna-** thank you for hearing our suggestions and I understand that the restrooms are being destroyed and yes giving out the key to organization is a good idea.

Jesus Perez- I was really nice to see the volunteers for our baseball and the community and keep working on solutions to keep our kids safe in the recreational programs that we provide and these programs are ours and these parks are ours our programs are going to take preference if we have to close off certain parts of the parks in order to keep the kids safe, anything for the kids. I do have direction for our is to bring back resolution for a solar ad hock committee and too we might want to acquire property to our district and we might have to utilize or attorney depending on how things happen

13. ADJOURNMENT

Director Alonso motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Seconded by Director Villanueva. Approved 3 ayes, 0 noes and 2 absent.