



Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District
A Special District
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, April 18, 2024
David Head Building
10300 San Diego Street
Lamont, California 93241
(www.bearmntnprk.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, March 21, 2024, 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 Denise Loza, Director Fernando Alonso, and Director Robert Rodriguez.

Absent: Chairman Mr. Perez and Mr. Hodges

Staff Present: District Manager Mrs. Cervantes, Maintenance Supervisor Mr. Villalpando and Recreation Coordinator and Mrs. Gonzalez.

3. FLAG SALUTE

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m. Flag Salute: Chairman Mr. Perez

4. APPROVE AGENDA AS FORM

Director Alonso motioned for approval of agenda as to form. Seconded by Director Rodriguez. Approved 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.

5. PRESENTATIONS - None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT- None

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Items are considered routine, non-controversial and 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

Director Rodriguez motioned for approval of the consent agenda 7.1-7.7. Seconded by Director Alonso. Approved 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.

8. DEPARTMENTS REPORTS:

General Manager Report:

- 8.1 Maintenance -Mr. Villalpando-** here at Bear Mountain Park we have repainted some of the benches, I'm also getting estimates for a new sign to go across the building our nets and goals are up in the tennis area we are just waiting on an opening day, in Weedpatch Park we are taking care of a lot of the gophers I'm looking for different machinery we can use so we don't have to spend that much money on the poison and it's a lot of time consuming as well and we are having issues on the people taking the grills, I'm replacing them, and the pools aren't as clean as usual with the new energy saving pumps they put in it seems that it saves a lot of power but in return we are spending more money on chemicals and more maintenance on the pool being there and in order for the pool to run at its full potential I have to bypass that energy box to the regular energy that we used to use so it makes no sense to have the new pumps because the chemicals are more expensive than the few bucks will be saving on electricity, I've also talked to Eran from Lighting Electric who has had one of those installed in one of his pools and he suggested to stay away from it and the pools have been at there worst when the energy pumps were installed I don't know if there is something we can do to get them removed **Mrs. Cervantes-** Mr. Hodges and myself have been working on looking at the agreements that we signed and the contracts cause they are not working for us like they were supposed to be working so right now he is trying to see if there is any way that we can get out of the contract since it's not working for us **Mr. Villalpando-** in everything else were taking care of everything else **Mr. Rodriguez-** is there any way that you can weld the grills down **Mr. Villalpando-** they are welded down I just think that because they are so close to the road its easier for them to take it I just think we should not put one on there

anymore **Mr. Alonso-** what is the status of the restrooms Mr. Villalpando- there still closed.

- 8.2 Recreation- Mrs. Gonzalez-** tonight we were going to have some coaches coming in but the coach that was going to speak had to leave to the hospital, there is a travel team that was made after our soccer league what we wanted to see if they can use our park and our insurance to continue playing travel ball with the kids we got from our league **Mrs. Villanueva-** Mr. Hodges recommendation is that we can't provide insurance because the team is not one hundred percent ours and for that reason our insurance in this situation, the other recommendation that he suggested that you guys look for an organization that will provide insurance and respect to the gentleman that is out here being vulgar is that we go to the county to report him **Mrs. Loza-** correct me if I'm wrong are these coaches the same coaches that we have during the season **Mrs. Gonzalez-** yes they are **Mrs. Loza-** so why can't we support them **Mrs. Cervantes-** it's a policy that we have to follow we just can't do it our insurance wouldn't allow it maybe we can find another way but our insurance will not allow it, what we need to do is get rid of that man that is taking over our park **Mrs. Villanueva-** this situation is not new in the past we wanted to do certain things in benefit to the park and we couldn't use the insurance the insurance has its own rules that doesn't allow us to use it **Mr. Rodriguez-** so this has been going on for a long time him taking over the park **Mrs. Cervantes-** yes it has been going on for years what we want to do is come up with an ordinance that what is done at our parks without permission they will be fined, Mr. Hodges is already working on a draft were his putting everything is going to get fined for he drives his truck on the park, he sells food sales jerseys as well it's starting to look like a swap meet **Mr. Rodriguez-** if this has been going on for so long why haven't done anything to take care of this problem **Mrs. Cervantes-** Mr. Hodges recommended that anytime he was doing anything to call the cops so we have called the cops on him we have gotten security when we had the security she kept him off the fields but we can't have security all year around we do it when she has her season so she can feel safe when we don't have anything he feels like he owns the park and he does everything he wants **Mr. Alonso-** in regards to this situation it has been going on a while we have talked about it in our meetings, it's a good idea to report this every week **Mrs. Gonzalez-** our Easter Egg Hunt will be next week in Arvin it will be on Friday March 29th, from 4pm-6pm and in Lamont it will be Saturday March 30th, 12pm-2pm if you guys want to join us and on April 1st we will start our Junior Giants registrations **Mrs. Cervantes-** I just want to make a comment regarding the Arvin Easter Egg Hunt it almost got cancelled because we are having problems with the City of Arvin with Cecilia she's been making it difficult for us to have our event she's asking for stuff that she hadn't asked before she's even making difficult for the city of Arvin they are working something out so we can have it this year but if she keeps doing what she's doing we might not partner with them anymore and do it on our own like we used to **before Mrs. Gonzalez-** that's also for Junior Giants she makes it very difficult for us to get the parks even if we request it ahead of time she always puts Arvin Little League first so we don't have any rights what we will be doing this year will be having practices in Arvin but all games will be here in Lamont some parents are not going to want to travel over here but that's the way we are going to have to do it, last year we had to call the cops because there

was another league coming in when we had it booked we can't be having coaches fighting so to prevent that we will be having are games in Lamont **Mr. Rodriguez-** does this Cecilia have more authority than the City Manager if she's doing wrong you need to contact the city manager and let him know what's going on **Mrs. Cervantes-** I'm pretty sure his aware **Mr. Rodriguez-** maybe you should get in touch with the new mayor and with the boards permission I can go see the city manager **Mrs. Cervantes-** I will talk to the Mr. Hodges and I will let you know

8.3 District Manager-

a) **Written Communications- None**

b) **Oral Communications- None**

Mrs. Cervantes- we posted the walking path bid on March 7th and we are going to have a Prebid meeting on March 27th if anyone wants to show up, we had a couple of people calling, we are scheduled to open the bids on April 11th if everything gets turned in and we choose one of those bids hopefully by the summer we have the walking path, we received the check from David Couch \$54,220 that had come out of pocket from Bear Mountain Recreation for the tennis courts renovation we also received the final check from the state for \$37,666 so state has paid everything from the grant and like Juan mentioned everything is up and ready to go whenever you guys decide on a grand opening we can do that

9. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

9.1 Committee Meetings- None

10. DISTRICT BOARD MATTERS: None

11. DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION: None

12. DIRECTORS TIME:

Denise Loza- I want to thank everyone for coming tonight.

Robert Rodriguez- nothing tonight

Fernando Alonso- I just want to thank everyone for coming tonight and I want to also thank our board, the staff and our volunteers and the council for keeping everything in order.

Petra Villanueva- thank you everyone for being here and I want to thank everyone for their support.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Director Alonso motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Seconded by Director Loza. Approved 4 ayes, 0 noes 1 absent.