



Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District
A Special District
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, May 19, 2022
David Head Building
10300 San Diego Street
Lamont, California 93241
(www.bearmtnprk.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, April 21, 2022, 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: Chairman Perez, Vice Chairwoman Villanueva, Director Alonso, and Director Pimentel, Director Jimenez hasn't arrived yet.

Staff Present: District Counsel; Nathan Hodges and District Manager, Lorena Cervantes, Maintenance supervisor Mr. Zamora, and Recreation Coordinator Mrs. Gonzalez and Shannon Miller.

3. **FLAG SALUTE**

Meeting called to order at 6:31 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 Villanueva. Approved 3 ayes, 0 noes and 2 absent.

5. PRESENTATIONS

a. None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

a. None

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

a. None

8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

a. None

9. 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).

9.1 Minutes

9.2 Pre-signed Vouchers

9.3 List of Bills

Director Alonso motioned for approval of consent agenda. Seconded by Director Villanueva. Approved 3 ayes, 0 noes and 2 absent.

10. DEPARTMENTS REPORTS:

General Manager Report:

Director Jimenez arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Director Pimentel arrived at 6:36 p.m.

10.1 Maintenance -Mr. Zamora- we have finished the soccer field now we are just waiting for the grass to grow I think it will take around 3 weeks to month grow **Mr. Alonso-** I know that in the past we had issues when we taped the soccer field did, we have issued this time **Mr. Zamora-** they have been respecting it this time **Mr. Jimenez-** its looking great my question is are the sprinklers working cause in the past we've been told that they weren't **Mr. Zamora-** we went through all the sprinklers changed them and fixed them **Mr. Jimenez-** how much longer to reopen the soccer field **Mr. Zamora-** it should be 3 weeks to a month **Mr. Jimenez-** cause the summer is along the corner and the Weedpatch park is looking good **Mr. Zamora-** thank you ill let the workers know **Mr. Perez-** I would like to know if the pools are ready for the summer **Mr. Zamora-** we have been keeping up with them they have been breaking into the Lamont Pool cutting the fence so that does take time from us, but before the pools are open we will be vacuuming them but there pretty much ready to go **Mr. Jimenez-** we talked about improving the quality of the camaras in the pools that way we can see who is breaking in and make a police report

- 10.2 Recreation- Mrs. Gonzalez-** Easter Egg Hunt I want to start by saying thank you to Anthony for all his help and thank you to the girls for helping me put together those 6,000 eggs they did such a good job putting everything together and Union Popular did an awesome job we had two different days that they came out to help with the eggs and help with crowd control they did a lot it was a good partnership with them and the City of Arvin they got a lot of donations I made sure to send emails to everyone and thank them, next year I'm planning to have more vendors out here and make it bigger and get more donations for eggs and candy **Mr. Perez-** you can count on 250 or 500 dollar donation from Couches office I think we didn't ask this year he did expressed that for us Mrs. Gonzalez- for Jr. Giants we start June 4th we are going to get really nice jerseys we had pants donated Jr. Giants decided to donate pants I haven't got the jerseys in but I'll bring them to the next board meeting they are double sided were not going to have other colors just double sided jerseys, Grimmway donated 500 dollars for soccer I'm still working on more donations **Mr. Jimenez-** I just want to say I saw the pictures and it seems that the two events were a big success I saw that there were bicycles for the kids, like Mr. Perez mentioned next year we should reach out to our elected officials, we did an event through the Iguanas Club and we were able to get the food donated through David Couch we were able to get some money through Rudy Salas so we should reach out to them you can also reach out to Walmart they can donate candy and eggs and for Jr. Giants when are we going to start promoting **Mrs. Gonzalez-** in the Easter Egg Hunt we had our Jr. Giants flyers and our applications in Arvin it has been a challenge to get a park to use for Jr. Giants **Mrs. Cervantes-** I will be meeting with Megan from the City of Arvin **Mr. Jimenez-** I hope that with that meeting we will be able to come out with a place for the kids to play **Mr. Perez-** I really encourage you to work with our district manager **Mrs. Cervantes-** yes she is going to give me all that information **Mr. Perez-** yes the Easter Egg Hunt was a great success I was impressed with the amount of people that attended.
- 10.3 District Manager- Mrs. Cervantes-** I've been working on getting everything ready for this year's audit if you guys received the letter, please mail it back from the auditors ill see if I can email it to you guys the audit is going to be the week of May 9th and I been working with the CDBG Grants regarding the specks and plans I forward them to Mr. Hodges for review he already reviewed them and I already sent them to Mr. James his going to review them and if his okay with them then we can go to the next step that would be the agreement between them and us and follow through with that, the project had went up close to twenty five thousand dollars and they approved the additional twenty five thousand dollars so we should be okay with the playground, we have also been working with the PerCapita bids we finally finalized them this week and we sent them to Mr. Hodges and his going to work on it this month and bring them next month for approval and after that we can put them up to bid and we will be hosting a future commissioners meeting here since I'm on the board of the Kern County Parks they want each district to host a meeting so in the future we will be doing that here hosting a commissioners meeting sometimes Capri does that too they find one of the recreations and we host one of there meetings too **Mr. Jimenez-** the faster that we approve the better because the prices are just going to be going up and also Director Perez and myself are in the AB167 there 3 million

dollars available for Lamont and Arvin to reduce air pollution we should see how the district can benefit from those programs **Mr. Perez-** when I did my propose budget I did include irrigation for both the City of Arvin and Lamont

11. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 11.1 Committee Meetings- Mrs. Cervantes-** I met with Mr. Pimentel and Mr. Perez on the Grant Committee and went over the PerCapita and the CDBG Grant on just the follow up that I gave you guys that they did approve the twenty five thousand dollars for the playground and he had been working on prices for the fences those prices have goon up but I've been having communication with the officer of the PerCapita Grant and she said that all that we have to do is to redo the application if the numbers don't match.
- 11.2 Events-Schedule for David Head Center- update**
- 11.3 Events-Senior Center- update**

12. DISTRICT BOARD MATTERS:

- 12.1 Discussion:** 2022-03 Resolution Zoom Meeting pursuant to AB 361.
Potential Action: Approve 2022-03 Resolution Zoom Meetings.

Director Alonso motioned for approval of 2022-03 Resolution Zoom Meeting. Seconded by Director Jimenez. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

- 12.2 Discussion:** Agenda and Scheduling of upcoming Committee Meeting.
Budget/Salary Finance Committee- Date/Time and place to be scheduled at the regular board meeting.
Potential Action: Approval of upcoming Committee Meeting and Agenda

Director Alonso motioned for approval of upcoming Committee Meeting, May 13, 2022, at 5:30p.m. Seconded by Director Jimenez. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

13. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- 13.1** Review of District's Financial Accounts- Action
- 13.2** QuickBooks Reports- Aged payable, balance sheet, profit, and loss

Director Alonso motioned for approval of Financial Reports items 13.1 and 13.2. Seconded by Director Villanueva. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

14. DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION:

- 14.1** Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6)
Unrepresented Employee-District General Manager

Director Alonso motioned to approve going into closed session at 7:27 p.m. Seconded by Director Pimentel. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

Mr. Perez- the time is 8:18 p.m. we are now out of closed session **Mr. Hodges-** during closed session the board discussed the one item the board gave direction to the district attorney this item should remain on the agenda for the next meeting no further action was taken.

15. DIRECTORS TIME:

Fernando Alonso- thank you everyone for coming and drive home safe

Fernando Pimentel- thank you for coming and have a great night

Yovani Jimenez- no comment

Petra Villanueva- thank you for coming and goodnight

Jesus Perez- I had an opportunity to speak to the California State Treasure Fiona I related the struggles that we have with prop 68 that if we don't have the money we cant apply for the project because we cant show a way of financially meeting the project scope, if you guys are thinking of small district like ours just give us the money upfront they need to figure that out if they have money and want to give us money the second item that I discussed with her the ERAF educational revenue augmentation fund we get about 37 percent of our money every year gets taken out before we even look at it, ERAF takes that money and supposedly reallocates those funds to educational entities right now in the Sate of California has 60 billion dollar surplus the are not hurting for cash so one of the things that I mentioned to her how do you guys determent that our small district in a low income area has the obligation to pay 37 percent of the annual portion of the property taxes to ERAF, they are not hurting for money, ERAF is affecting us, I want to complement our staff and welcome Shannon Miller and I am very happy of this district and were its come and thank you to each of our directors showing your love and passion to our community.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Director Villanueva motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Seconded by Director Alonso. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.