

**HAMPSHIRE TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 8th, 2018**

Called to Order: At 6:30 p.m., President Nathan Looman called the Board Meeting to order on Monday, January 8th, 2018.

Commissioners Present: Nathan Looman- President, Jamie Herrmann- Vice President, Bill Hornbeck- Commissioner, Jennifer Reid- Commissioner, Aaron Kelly-Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Laura Schraw- Executive Director

Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Reid made a motion to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Kelly. Motion passed with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain.

Citizen's to be Heard: None

Director's Report: Executive Director Laura Schraw reported RecTrac training was completed. The Park District received a check from the Village for the Lights from the Impact Fees.

President's Report: Board President Nathan Looman spoke about the concession stand project, and discussions about the development of the park with the Northwest Little League.

Board Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Kelly commented that he is reaching out to NIU regarding a Public Administration Intern to assist Director Schraw in some of the future projects.

At this time the Board elected to hear a resident who had come to speak and re-opened the Citizen's to be Heard.

Citizen's to be Heard: Mr. Joseph Schaul from the American Legion presented a Initial Feasibility Proposal to Hampshire Park District for the Hampshire Veterans Memorial. He is the HVMC Secretary representing the three Veteran's organizations in Hampshire. Mr. Schaul explained the design of one large pavilion (14'x20') and contemplation area and the 6 branches of the services off of that central pavilion that include a paver area, monument, and 6 additional gazeobs (12' octagons). Eight foot wide sidewalks would lead to each of the gazebos. The main gazebo would cost around \$16k, and the smaller ones at \$8k-\$9k each. This design was originally proposed for the Veteran's Memorial area on the Village property, but he does not know when the earth will be moved and they can begin on the project. He provided a brochure from Gazebos.com, (Leisure Woods, Inc.) a company out of Genoa, IL.

Mr. Schaul wants the project to not just be a memorial for Hampshire, but to draw people in and he wants it to be a tourist site, that is why it is a grandiose design. It should be somewhere to go and spend a few hours. With the grades at the site, he commented that ADA Accessibility will be an issue, and that a retaining wall might need to be located on the east side. Under the main pavilion, the seating would be oval in the center facing out or the outside facing in.

Additional areas they could also use help is with Fundraising. Director Schraw talked about the Hampshire Park District Foundation and their previous fundraising efforts for the Fire Truck Project.

The Board was receptive to expanding the memorial area and Director Schraw said a conceptual drawing could be prepared for the space around the existing memorial and presented to the Veteran's groups in the future.

New Business:

Resolution #2018-01 amendment to the Agreement with the Northwest Little League: *A change had been made to the purchase price from \$398,900 to \$390,000. The amendment was to recognize that the monthly payment was changing in a formal document. Commissioner Kelly mentioned that the amortization amount was incorrect and wanted clarification. Executive Director Schraw recommended that the agenda item be tabled at this time.*

Commissioner Hornbeck made a motion to table the amendment until final numbers are received. Seconded by Commissioner Kelly. 5 ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain.

Old Business: *none.*

Executive Session: *none.*

Adjournment: *At 8:15p.m., Commissioner Reid made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Herrmann. Motion passed unanimously.*