

WEST SIDE RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
500 Cascade Place
Taft, CA 93268

Minutes
April 27, 2020

Call to Order:

Director Orrin called the regular board meeting of the West Side Recreation and Park District Board of Directors to order at 7:05 p.m. in the District's Conference Room in the Admin Building.

Roll Call:

Director Jorgensen-Present (by Zoom), Director Heimiller-Present, Director Orrin-Present
Director Swearingin-Present, Director Davis-Present (by Zoom)

Staff Present:

Les Clark, District Administrator
Christy Cloud – Business Services Supervisor
Jason Epperson - Attorney

Guests Present:

Public Presentations and Comments

Approval of Minutes- March 23, 2020

A motion was made by Director Swearingin and seconded by Director Heimiller to approve the minutes.
All Ayes – Yes Motion Passed - Yes

Approval of Cash Disbursements- March 2020

A motion was made by Director Swearingin and seconded by Director Heimiller to accept the Cash Disbursement Report as presented.

Roll Call: Director Jorgensen – yes, Director Heimiller - yes, Director Swearingin-yes,
Director Davis – yes, Director Orrin - yes
Motion passed – Yes

Old Business:

- a. **Franklin Field Lights Update** – We are dealing with 3 difference insurance agencies in relation to the FF light issue. Director Orrin asked at the last board meeting to research the bond information for the original company that installed the light poles. There is 4-month statute of limitations on bonds for public works projects and the poles were put in years ago. Les will continue to communicate with the insurance companies to get a resolution to this issue.

New Business:

- a. **COVID-19 Response/Funding** – The Taft City Council met today and discussed the possibility of opening back up. It seems the majority would like it to open up with common sense measures but back in the hands of business owners. Economic stability is important. We are still unsure of what we could do in regards to our insurance coverage. The City will draft a letter to the County asking to open May 4th. Our maintenance and office staff are staggering throughout the week. We don't know the financial impact this will have when we do open back up and the extra safety precautions that will have to be taken.

Attorney Comments: None

District Administrator Letters, Announcements or Requests: There is a meeting with the Kern County Public Health Department next Wednesday to discuss Summer activities (specifically the pool). We are trying to decide what to do with our Summer 2020 activities – we have a deadline of May 15th in order to be able to complete preparation for the pool. We are researching new business ideas (District operating as a DBA). We have an opportunity to begin a sanitizing business which would be a revenue increase for the District. Strategic plan overview will be presented at the May board meeting.

Board Member Announcements or Requests: Director Jorgensen gave kudos to staff and Both Director Jorgensen and Director Davis are anxiously waiting to see the direction from the County. Director Heimiller thanked Les for all of his

work on the FF light pole issue. Director Swearengin is concerned with the mental health and financial stability of the community. Director Orrin agrees this situation creates a snowball effect but all we can do is just wait.

Items for Future Agendas: Franklin Field light poles update (closed session), COVID-19 update (closed session), Strategic Plan Overview

A motion was made by Director Heimiller and seconded by Director Swearengin to adjourn the meeting and enter into closed session.

Adjournment: Regular meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Closed Session: At this time the Board will go into closed session to discuss anticipated litigation.

Return to Open Session: The board returned to open session at 8:00 pm – Direction given to staff.

A motion was made by Director Heimiller and seconded by Director Swearengin to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8 :24 pm

Next regular meeting is May 25, 2020

Board Member

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District Administrator