

# BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Village of Brighton Board Meeting

206 S. Main

Brighton, IL 62012

**Monday, May 18, 2015 7:00 PM**

1. Pledge of Allegiance:
2. Roll Call: Mayor Schafer called the meeting to order. Trustee's present-Kent Scheffel, Bill Oertel, Chris Seniker, Paige Beilsmith, Mike Roberts. Trustees absent- Jamie Boyd. Also in attendance, Treasurer, Laura Doll, Steve Mount-AmWater Manager, Chief Pete Levertt, Attorney Watson and Clerk, Billie Laubscher.
3. Audience Comment: Discussed ball diamond lights at Betsey Ann. Currently have a bid from Pointer Electric and that would be 2 outfields South Diamond 40940 and 2920 for poles and 6980 for fixtures. North \$39,980, with poles 2920, plus 6780. Plus 3420 for meter re-location and concession stand. Matt Seymour and Billy Timpe from BAA gave estimate from Quality Electric. Currently the lights have bad seals which replacing with new halogen bulbs will only last until it rains. Currently spent on bulbs to go into existing fixtures \$209.00 The bids received from both Quality and Pointer, only include North and South Diamond. Discussed grants that might be available. Billy Timpe suggested Cardinal Care \$3,000. Ameren is community relations grant, as an employee, he cannot apply for this grant. Mayor asked what had been done in past with BAA and the lights. The lights at Betsey Ann are in such bad shape and current members are new to BAA. Discussed if some games could be played at Schneider but no pegs in grounds for bases. Matt Seymour discussed 7 lights work out of 29 on North Diamond. Mayor discussed this is first year Village of Brighton has heard of any light issues at the parks especially of rain hitting the lights and taking them out with figures of \$9,000 as a quick fix, with bids from \$40,000 to \$50,000 per diamond and no money budgeted for this. Discussed 2 years ago BAA members collected fees saying that the money was going to Brighton to cover the expenses for lights which Brighton has never seen any support from BAA other than thru volunteer work and donation of labor of dugouts out and stuff like that. Matt Seymour discussed BAA had purchased bulbs in past and they had put them in. Matt Seymour just took this over and doesn't know where the lights came from before. Discussion of how these fixtures have eroded over the years. Most of the lights are missing the glass panes and rubber gaskets, plus wiring has eroded thru the years. These are halogen lights, can the glass plate and gasket be replaced at a better price than replacing the entire light? Billy Timpe will work with Winn Electric and see if the glass or gasket can be replaced. If we can get the \$5,000 to \$8,000 to replace the glass or would it be better to start trying to get new lights in both parks? Baa is doing some fundraising as selling Cardinal Tickets. BAA looking at sponsorship with signs on fences. Discussed that BAA pays for umpires and other items in park. 21 or 22 fixtures are bad per Billy Timpe. Games started May 20 thru July 16 with a large tournament at end of July. Discussed that 35-36 lights work at Betsey Ann with 45 lights not working. The bid of \$8,000 would be for light fixtures in one field that would be permanent fixtures but if Billy separates them, he can get two diamonds outfields done. Mayor discussed if a new halogen could be cheaper than new

lights. BAA is down to 15 teams and \$8,000 would triple their light output. Mayor discussed getting new halogens that when it rains it doesn't blow out would make him more comfortable than spending \$10,000 on one field. Billy Timpe will call and see what it takes to change out the halogen fixture to a new halogen fixture. Discussed that grants would not be available before the May 20 games in two days. Kent Scheffel agrees something needs done but before it all snow balls. Billie Laubscher said most grants are for non-profit agencies and for agencies involved in ball league and the kids. Mayor suggests someone from BAA get with Billie and to look at these scholarships. The first \$209 in bulbs just purchased would Band-Aid it to get thru the first 2 weeks. Billy Timpe discussed if \$8,000 fixtures are bought, they would be used in future. Mike Roberts asked what BAA could contribute monetary. Matt did not know what BAA could contribute today but with fundraising in the future they think up to \$10,000 with no guarantee for this. Discussed what donor could do, \$6,500 to go with previously approved \$1,500. Chris Seniker made a motion to contribute up to \$8,000 to replace with new style bulbs taking us thru this season to replace with new style bulbs to get us thru the season if no donor, then motion includes taking out from savings, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Oertel. Roll Call, All ayes, no nays, Motion Carried.

Discussed that Brooke Seymour, a member of BAA will work with Billie on grants. Billie suggested that most grants are for non-profit entities and that the BAA will have to be the one that secures these types of grants. That at this point, Illinois State does not have any funding for parks. Discussed that the parks might be better off if they were a park district.

#### **New Business:**

- Lights at BAA-see audience comment.
- Schneider Park Playground, informational item, Mayor discussed the new playground equipment had been ordered many months ago and presented with costs associated of having it installed, but no motion was made about having playground installed. So thru a donor he has secured funding to put the playground in, however though originally thought to install this in the old playground area, when Mayor and Steve went into the playground, the unfortunate thing is the sliding board was ready to fall over and it is in major hazard and extremely dangerous. The other thing is since it's in a low area, when it rains, we have playground equipment sitting in water, therefore he made an executive decision, the old equipment will be removed, clearing that area out, and resodded. The new equipment will go between South Schneider Park diamond and the restrooms. There's a ditch that goes down thru there, so it will be to the west of that ditch, and 63 x 27 is the tentative measurement for that area of new playground equipment. His donor that will pay for the cost of putting this in, it will be very similar to the Betsey Ann one that our public works installed without the swing set. Mayor went back down to Schneider today and looked at everything, diamonds, bathroom, everything. Since this new playground set does not have swings, he believes his donor will come thru with the cost of a new swing. Mayor said discussion is informational and equipment is being erected. And since previously they had the figures in front of them, but chose not to pay to get this done and it was silly to have this new equipment sitting in the warehouse. He has secured the funding for this, therefore this is how he has decided to get playground equipment installed. Discussed new playground area is 50 to 60 feet off main entrance, it's accessible by all and not too close to South diamond. Billie will work with supplier to see if they can get swing set at a reduction since they have ordered in past. Chris Seniker made motion to add \$750 toward the

purchase of swing set along with donor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paige Beilsmith, Roll Call, All ayes, no nays, Motion Carried.

- Schneider Park Entrance Road Estimated Costs, discussed in last meeting coming off the road and heading back to the back parking lot doing some repairs. Steve Mount submitted costs estimate for 325' x 17' Option #1 CA6 Emulsion mix (like cold patch but has larger gravel for a base coat but will stay reasonably pliable at cost of \$6,304 ). Kent Scheffel discussed since this was reasonably pliable, would oil and chipping be cheaper? Steve discussed if we went in there and cored it out, put down at least a 6' base, compact it, then prime it. Then give minimum of A2 base application, in another words, sealcoat twice, and this would be for this year and next year we would want to shoot it one more time. To him this is the cheapest way to get this done. The CA6 emulsion was used on E. City Limits where the road has held up extremely well. Option 2 core road to 4" depth of 4" Depth, replace with 4" of CA6 Gravel Base, Finish with minimum of 3" of CA6 Emulsion mix. , at cost of \$6,304. Discussion of oil and chipping. Discussed road dimension and widening to 22' and adding this to the costs up to about \$8,500. Mayor discussed this is wise to widen this area to accommodate the traffic coming in and out of there. The other issued that was brought up in past meetings was the truck traffic in there. Mayor discussed today there were 3 Ameren trucks in Schneider Park today which Mayor discussed with them that he as much as he appreciates the Ameren trucks working in the area, we cannot have them using the back parking lot as a meeting place and that he asked them to have their manager to call Mayor. He discussed with Sanders Waste that there was an abandoned truck in park and they can no longer exchange or transfer trash nor abandon vehicles at Schneider Park nor at Betsey Ann or in subdivisions. Head Start has used the parking lot also as a pick up and drop off place. Head start is not under the school at this point. But SW will take control of Head Start later this year. Paige Beilsmith asked if the costs would be out of the park budget? Mayor discussed he will go back to his donor. This figures to about \$1.14 per foot. Discussed if Village of Brighton went to a Park District. Chris Seniker asked if there was a benefit of becoming a Park District and doesn't this take care of a lot of problems we seem to be having and running short, that our parks are great now but need so much work. Mayor discussed that we cannot stay ahead of the maintenance costs right now, we honestly can't. That's why you got a copy of the Betsey Ann Park contract from 2002. They released this to us with perpetual mowing and up keep for diamonds and park area but they maintain the Betsey Ann Park area. Mayor would like to see releasing this back to Betsey Ann and concentrating on Schneider and put all our money and financial efforts in that. He has asked the past and was very frank about this that we need to go to Park District. Discussed this has to go on ballot and this would go up for vote. We have a beautiful large 32 acre park at Schneider. Discussed if the mowing could be bid out and if the costs could be decreased allowing us to do more in the park. That becoming a Park District would allow for grants. But short term until we can get there, the entrance is horrible and he feels we need to get this done. This is only for entrance for now to ball diamonds, not the parking lot, nor towards the water tower. It doesn't start at the highway, but at the road entrance that goes back there. It's a start for now. Discussed that the parking lot needs done also. It needs a good base to start on it and then go back and maintain it every year with oil and chip which will last us a very long time. This would handle going back into the ball diamonds. Discussed the entire park needs cored out and chipped. Mayor has a donor for the 135' area Bill Oertel made the motion to continue this project at 22' with donor only, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kent Scheffel, any further discussion. Discussed cannot put a sewer line in there since the elevations are not known yet. Roll Call All ayes, no nays, Motion Carried.
- Park & Rec Profit & Loss, information item: This is from January 01, 2014 to current year and half. Discussed wages for park are for mowing, Laura Doll discussed this is an adjustment made by the auditors in June 2014 and anything we have done in the park.
- Kidd Cadillac Band Contract, Discussed the requirements the band sent back and requested are stage with drum riser and camper which will be provided by Mike Roberts. And that the time they played would run into the fireworks. Mayor discussed the Mike Roberts has

secured the camper and drum rise. Paige discussed she is concerned with no rain date coincides with fireworks date. Mayor discussed if cancel, then no payment if cancelled by 10:00 AM, but if band gets on the road and leaves, then Village owes the \$800 deposit plus the remainder of \$800. Chris Seniker discussed his concerns also with rain and cancelling them or not cancelling them and if rains, no people showing up. Not one of the Board wishes to cancel but there are concerns that band does not have a rain date and who would make the call to cancel, the Chair of Park Committee. Mike said if we have reservations then not do this band, that we can find other entertainment a lot cheaper. Mayor said that since we do not know how much money we can take in financial since we have upped the fireworks to \$10,000 up from \$8,000 last year and not knowing what we're taking in at this point. Discussed maybe using this group as a fundraiser at a later date as a nice family night at the park, maybe a music in the park. Bill Oertel discussed there is a rodeo and a circus this year. Mayor asked what Board wishes to do, we have to make alterations to Kidd Cadillac Band contract if we go forward. Mike Roberts made a motion to cancel the contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kent Scheffel, Roll Call, Kent Scheffel, Y, Bill Oertel-Abstained, Chris Seniker-Y, Paige Beilsmith-Y, Mike Roberts-Y, Jamie Boyd -Absent. Motion Carried.

- Mayor Appointments Oertel made motion to accept mayoral appointments for 2015/2016, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Seniker, Roll Call, All ayes, no nays, Motion Carried. (see attachment)

#### **Problems:**

- Discussed if we deed Betsey Ann Park back to the Betsey Ann Picnic Association, will this affect it if this becomes a park district. Attorney Watson said first is that Betsey Ann Picnic Association has to first agree to take back. Paige Beilsmith discussed that nowhere in this agreement does it say we have to maintain the lights. Attorney Watson discusses that currently under the 2002 agreement, Village owns the property with the Betsey Ann Picnic Association provisions, therefore, all maintenance belongs to the city. Maintaining the parks is a financial burden with mowing, parking lot, roads and also Schneider Park walking track needs redone. There is a lot a head of us, that's why we're giving so much information now. We know there's a revenue loss in the future from the State with a loss a revenues of about \$100,000 in 17/18 budget. Discussed if Betsey Ann Park District could deed the ball diamonds to Betsey Ann Ball Associations. Discussed that the teams are down to 15 teams down from 35 to 40 teams years ago. Mayor discussed this is why going forward we are going to have to make many tough choices and unfortunately that includes the Parks financially. Just maintaining alone is huge financial burden. We have to learn to answer the questions. Discuss if BMX is still active since parking lot is fully grown up with weeds. Another thing is walk track. We need to go back in oil and chip it. We are trying to give you detailed info as we can to look at this in future and we have to be proactive, not reactive.
- Mayor discussed that as board members that we respect each other and for the positions they're in. Talk to the individual chairman of that committee with any issues you wish to discuss. Mayor thanks all of for the positions you're sitting in as Board Members and Committee Chairman's and members, and it's a thankless job but it is moving this city forward and he thanks you.

**Adjournment:** Chris Seniker made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paige Beilsmith, Voice Vote, All ayes, no nays, Motion Carried.