

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
TEHACHAPI VALLEY RECREATION AND PARKS DISTRICT
TEHACHAPI, CALIFORNIA 93561**

MAY 15, 2012

5:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Gayle Stewart, Chairperson
Manuel Avila, Vice-Chairman
Ernie Muro, Director
Nick Cyr, Director
Paulette Rush, Director

ALSO PRESENT

James Wood, General Manager
Debbie Knowles, Administrative Assistant
Carrie Champlin, Office Assistant
Sandy Chavez, Recreation Coordinator
James Franklin
Glenn Baumann
Marget Willer, Kiwanis
Greg Garrett, City Manager
Susan Wiggins, City Councilwoman
Deborah Hand, Tehachapi News
Michelle Vance, Field Rep.

FLAG SALUTE

Director Nick Cyr led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

All Board Members were present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Former TVRPD Board Member and City Councilman James Franklin expressed his concern regarding Little League moving back to West Park from Meadowbrook Park and all the time and money that went into the move. He coaches T-ball and sees how everything that had been at Meadowbrook Park has been torn down. He also stated that Golden Hills still does not have a park because adult softball and T-ball take place at the park. Golden Hills CSD is paying for the water as per the original agreement. Franklin feels Little League needs help in finding a permanent facility and they need to do things on their own.

He is also concerned about the Impact Fees collected by the City of Tehachapi. The City announced they will use \$250,000 from the fees for improvements to the rodeo grounds. While Franklin is not opposed to the project, he is opposed to the use of the Impact Fees being used for the project and feels TVRPD should voice opposition. He stated the he and City Councilwoman Susan Wiggins were on the TVRPD Board when the TVRPD Board approved the resolution to

implement the County and City Rec and Park Fee. He feels the taxpayers who paid the fees would be upset that the money is being used for projects other than what they were originally intended for.

Glenn Bauman stated he is not against the project but also opposes the use of the Impact Fees for the rodeo grounds. He said the legal issues need to be addressed. Also, the money is for capital improvements for the Recreation District. Bauman also brought up the fact that the City has been very vocal about the necessity for TVRPD to have a Master Plan and are now circumventing the Master Plan and not including the Board in the decision making process for the Impact Fees.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Muro/Rush approve Minutes for the April 17, 2012 Regular Board Meeting. Approve Salaries and Wages, Claims, Budget of Revenue and Expenditures and Financial Statement for the month April 2012. Ayes All

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PROGRAM REPORT

Recreation Coordinator Sandy Chavez reported that the Fishing Derby was very successful with approximately 798 people in attendance at the lake.

Cinco de Mayo also had a large turnout. It was reported that Mary and Terry Reed assisted with the ceiling decorations.

Mens softball began yesterday. Darrell Sutton had a crew of volunteers rebuilding the dugouts. Volunteers would like to grade another field so two games can be played at the same time.

Mens Basketball is going well and half way through the season.

A WSI class will be offered with 12 lifeguards taking the class.

We are currently hiring staff for Adventure Camp.

Sally White's Volleyball class went well and the L'il Warriors Soccer Camp has been very successful and will be over soon.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

General Manager Wood reported that irrigation valves are being repaired.

Staff is preparing Brite Lake for the Lazy Days RV club with approximately 60-80 rigs coming in for a week.

Also, the Papule Radio Club will camp at Brite Lake for four days with 15 RV's camping. We anticipate approximately \$4,000 in revenue from both clubs.

LDS Church groups volunteered to cleanup areas at Brite Lake. This is the third time the group has volunteered at the lake. Also, another LDS group headed by Tammy Peterson painted trash cans at Central Park.

MANAGER’S REPORT

General Manager Wood reported that he attended the May 7th City Council meeting where the Council pledged \$500,000 for improvements to the rodeo grounds, \$250,000 will come out of Rec and Park Impact fees. Wood is in favor of the improvements and feels it will serve the community but asked if it served the community under Parks and Recreation. He also questioned how the improvements will serve parks and recreation if the public will be charged to use the rodeo grounds. He also stated that the fees were intended for the development of new facilities and parks but feels TVRPD can partner with the City on improvements to the rodeo grounds and endorses the use of the Rec and Park Impact fees.

AGENDA ITEMS

A. PRESENTATION BY MARGET WILLER “ONE TREE PROJECT” – DISCUSSION

Marget began by saying she works for the Salvation Amy and thanked TVRPD for the use of West Park Activity Center for their Senior Sack and Commodities program. Approximately 100 low income seniors participate in the Senior Sack program twice a month and 200 families are served once a month. She also thanked staff and Sandy Chavez for her assistance.

Marget explained that she is the Community Service Representative for Kiwanis and started “One Tree Project” and they would like everyone in Tehachapi to plant one tree. She explained that they went to grade schools and worked with the AST group to plant acorns and now have oak trees 2 ½ - 3 feet tall and would like to donate 10 trees to TVRPD. The goal is for this project to be an annual event. The AST group gave 43 - 3 yr old Valley Oaks to Kiwanis and they are donating 10 trees to TVRPD to be planted at Meadowbrook Park or Brite Lake. Chairperson Stewart thanked Marget and said this is a step in the right direction to partner with service groups.

B. DISCUSSION OF BIDS RECEIVED FOR PURCHASE OF NEW COPY MACHINE – REVIEW/APPROVE

General Manager Wood went over the cost breakdown for 2 bids for comparable copy machines. He reported a bid was received for a Konica Minolta C280 from Ultrex in the amount of \$6,618.40 including tax, plus \$38.00 monthly service charge and \$.0095 black and white per copy charge and \$.075 per copy color charge. A bid was also received for a Canon C5030 from American Business Machines in the amount of \$6,318.92 including tax, plus \$45.00 monthly service charge and for over 3,000 black and white copies \$.0098 per copy and \$.08 per color copy. Wood recommended that the Board approve the purchase of the Canon C5030 and explained that we had our current Canon copier for 14 years and have been satisfied with the service from American Business Machines. Funds will come out of the general fund under Fixed Assets.

MOTION: Cyr/Muro approve the purchase of the Canon C5030 copy machine from American Business Machines. Ayes All

C. 2012-2013 TVRPD PRELIMINARY BUDGET – REVIEW/APPROVE

Since we are still working on the Preliminary Budget, it was the consensus of the Board to table this item.

MOTION: Muro/Rush table the 2012-2013 Preliminary Budget. Ayes All

D. TVRPD MASTER PLAN UPDATE – DISCUSSION

Chairperson Stewart reported that the Master Plan process is going well. She gave a summary regarding the last Ad Hoc committee meeting. The first community workshop will take place at the Chili Cook-off on June 16th with a Master Plan booth and a questionnaire for the community. There were corrections on the summary report from interviews with community leaders. Also, since we did not get the Prop 84 grant for the park on Cherry Lane, the project will be removed from the Master Plan. Another round of Focus Groups will meet Friday and Saturday, May 18th & 19th. Summary of reports and meetings are available to the public.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S TIME

Director Rush commented that TVRPD needs to reach out as partners and asked General Manager Wood to reach out to the City so that he stays informed. She also stated that Little League was relocated from Meadowbrook Park to West Park which is a smaller area and with the discussion of a potential new softball field it appears that Meadowbrook Park is turning into a softball park.

Vice-Chairman Avila attended the Cinco de Mayo celebration and said he had a great time. Many long time Tehachapi residents were in attendance. Numerous people donated their time to help with the event.

Chairperson Stewart made a brief comment regarding the partnerships we have with the volunteers who prepared the dugouts for softball and also the group who assisted with cleanup at the lake. She questioned if these items should be on a list for staff to have ready or if we need community support, also what can be done to augment this when facilities look nice. She also said she supports the improvements at the rodeo grounds and agrees that TVRPD needs to build a strong relationship with the City as well as other organizations.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Rush/Avila having no further business to adjourn meeting at 6:08 p.m. Ayes All

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Knowles, Administrative Assistant

