

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Greater Muhlenberg Parks & Recreation System**

Tuesday, August 18th

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Muhlenberg Parks & Recreation System was held this day at 4:30 p.m., CST in the Board Room of The Muhlenberg County Park Office, 200 County Park Drive in Greenville, Kentucky.

Members Present:

Steve Wells, Chair
Gail Johnson
Ben Van Hooser
Dean Rowe
Shawn Conkwright
Cassie Reynolds
Preston Hardison, Youth Rep

Staff Present: Tommy Barton, Executive Director

Guests Present: Kathy Jacobi, FEMJ Foundation, Ryan Clark

Members Absent: Matt Perkins, Tracy Hope, Shannon Coombs, Tammy Pipper, EA Gentry

A. Welcome & Call to Order

The Chair, Mr. Wells, called the meeting to order. He welcomed all Board Members and thanked them for attending.

B. Public

No Public

C. Administrative Business

The Chair, Mr. Wells asked the board to review the minutes from the prior meeting and the treasurer's report

Action: Mr. Ben Van Hooser made the motion to accept the minutes from the July 21st and June 16th meeting. Mr. Shawn Conkwright seconded the motion. There being no objection the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the July 21st and June 16th meeting.

Action: Mr. Dean Rowe made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Ms. Gail Johnson seconded the motion. There being no objection the Board unanimously approved the treasurer's report.

E. Commissioners Report

Steve Wells reported on the meeting with KU, county electric inspector, and Tim Pogue regarding switching from one meter to five. (One for each field). It was concluded that the overall cost of moving all electrical panels, and rewiring for the "possibility" of staying on the general rate was not worth the cost. Plus the fact that each field would have separate electrical buildings. The board discussed looking at other parks and discussed other possibilities to lower electrical rates.

F. Director Report

Tommy Barton Reported on Fall Ball number being up and Jr. Pro Football numbers being down. Also asked the board to volunteer for Squash and Gobble because park staff has a huge tournament that day.

E. Unfinished business

Tommy reported that there is a meeting scheduled to review the general contractors obligations regarding landscaping, irrigation. Also still waiting on some security cameras and the electronic sign.

Tommy also reported that they are preparing to finish up the Rails to Trails project and Bremen Park.

F. New Business

Tommy Barton reported on the damage to the tennis courts from high wind. He says this is the second time we have received damage in this area. Tommy's recommendation is to not use the wind screens to prevent wind damage in the future. He is working on an insurance claim and has lined up contractors to do the repair.

Ryan Clark proposed that he would seed and harvest grass in the undeveloped areas of the park (50 acres) for the next 5 years at no cost. GMPRS would still have access and at any time the GMPRS would like to develop the area Ryan Clark would forfeit his crop. This will keep the undeveloped areas looking good for no cost. Ryan would harvest twice a year. In addition he will bush hog the meadow on the top of the hill at a cost of \$800. The normal cost of bush hogging is \$2250.

Action Mr. Shawn Conkwright motioned, provided issues raised in discussion (Insurance, Lease agreement) meet with both parties and the GMPRS additional agreement terms are met, approval of the Maintenance agreement with Copper Creek Cattle Company to maintain undeveloped areas of the park. Ms. Cassie Reynolds seconded the motion. With no objection the Board unanimously approved the maintenance agreement.

Kathy Jacobi reviewed the progress on Old Aidre. The preliminary idea is to have primitive camping, boating and canoeing, and horse riding trails. She presented a few plans to look over of a 200 acre plan and a 350 acre plan. The board reviewed and liked the initial plan. It was decided to discuss the GMPRS involvement in latter meetings as the idea progresses.

G. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn.

Action: Mr. Ben Van Hooser made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Gail Johnson seconded the motion. There being no objections the Board unanimously approved adjournment

The next meeting will be held September 22nd, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at the Muhlenberg County Park Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy Barton, Secretary of the Board