

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2018

Commissioners present: Conry, Hogan, Ludwig, Patterson, and Vincer.

Commissioners absent: none.

Staff present: Brunner, Gerke, Gramer, Henkel, Herman, McCammond, and Tucker.

Guests present: none.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

President Hogan added Jarrett Prairie Center Renovation Discussion under New Business. Commissioner Patterson added Acknowledging Mark Cameron under New Business also.

VINCER MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

LUDWIG MOVED AND CONRY SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2018. PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – ABSTAIN.

Correspondence was noted and discussed briefly.

LUDWIG MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 2018. Shawn noted that the Golf Fund revenue is up \$45k compared to last year at this time. VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

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President Hogan reminded the board of the special board meetings scheduled for October 1, 2018, at 4:30 pm and October 10, 2018 at 5:30 pm. State conference was discussed briefly. He updated the board on the progress of the Planning Committee. Staff and commissioners have been gathering names for establishing the focus groups to discuss and develop the District's master plan. Addresses must be compiled and the expectation is to have invitations mailed by mid-September.

President Hogan opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports. Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:18-7:31pm; Mark Herman, Education Department-7:31-7:37pm; Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:37-7:47pm-President Hogan noted that with the new kayak launches installed at Hamas Park and at He-Leo, the District should promote kayaking between the two parks. Matt Henkel, Golf Operations-7:47-7:55pm; Andy Gramer, Clubhouse Department-7:55-8:05pm-He informed the board that Saro Costa resigned effective August 31, 2018. He stated that the current clubhouse staff will be filling in where needed until the end of the season. Commissioner Vincer commended Andy on the junior program. Commissioner Conry questioned Andy on the amount of complaints received from passholders regarding the number of playdays at PrairieView. Andy stated that there are complaints but it's not too bad especially since we have reciprocal agreements

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with Silver Ridge, etc. Commissioner Conry asked about the status of the John Kuss memorial bench. Andy stated that it's not completed yet.

VINCER MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OPERATIONS MANUAL AS PRESENTED. CONRY – YES, LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

The Jarrett Prairie Center lower level renovation was discussed. President Hogan questioned spending that much on renovating a banquet facility that the golf course can't really utilize. Director Tucker noted that the same amount of money (\$3M) could be used to build an actual banquet facility at the golf course where revenue is more necessary for the Golf Fund. He suggested the possibility of spending \$500k to do a minor renovation to the lower level, fix the irrigation on the golf course, and build a bigger shelter at the main site. Would accomplishing all of this be more of a service to the community? Commissioner Vincer stated that other departments shouldn't suffer because of this project. Commissioner Ludwig stated that the Board should let it go to bid to see where the actual costs are. The Board generally agreed.

Commissioner Patterson stated that some citizens approached him regarding acknowledging Mark Cameron at the clubhouse by naming the lower level, Cameron's Cave, or something like that. President Hogan stated that he would be okay with allowing it. Commissioner Conry noted that Mark Cameron influenced golf in the Byron community for over 20 years. Commissioner Ludwig

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stated that it's difficult to name a public facility after an individual because many people donate their time, money, etc. but may not get any recognition. He would be okay with hanging a recognition plaque on the wall. Commissioner Vincer agreed with the plaque idea. President Hogan suggested that the citizens group should come up with a proposal and present it to the board. Establishing a leadership award in Mark Cameron's name was also discussed. A graduating boy and girl could be chosen each year to receive the award. Commissioner Patterson stated that he would go back to the citizens with all of the suggestions and would like to have it on the October meeting agenda since he won't be at the September meeting.

LUDWIG MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION AT 9PM TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER SECTION 2(C)(1) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT INCLUDING HEARING TESTIMONY ON A COMPLAINT LODGED AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY, UNDER SECTION 2(C)(5) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE DISTRICT, AND UNDER SECTION 2(C)(11) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF PENDING, OR

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PROBABLE AND IMMINENT, LITIGATION AGAINST, AFFECTING OR ON
BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT. LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER –
YES, CONRY – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

VINCER MOVED AND CONRY SECONDED A MOTION AT 9:21 PM TO
COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES,
CONRY – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

CONRY MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION AT 9:22 PM TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING. VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, LUDWIG – YES,
PATTERSON – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Ludwig, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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