



Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District
A Special District
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, November 19, 2020
David Head Building
10300 San Diego Street
Lamont, California 93241
(www.bearmtnprk.com)

MINUTES

1. REGULAR SESSION
2. CALL TO ORDER

The regular board of directors meeting of Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District was held Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 6:30 pm in the Senior Center at 10300 San Diego Street, Lamont, California. The District is a political subdivision in the State of California.

Present: Chairman Perez, Director Horton, Director Villanueva, Director Jimenez, and Absent, Director Rodriguez

Staff Present: District Counsel; Nathan Hodges, District Manager, Lorena Cervantes, Maintenance Supervisor, Anthony Zamora and Rosalva Gonzales

3. FLAG SALUTE

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. Flag Salute: Chairman Jesus Perez

4. APPROVE AGENDA AS FORM

Director Horton motioned for approval of agenda as to form. Seconded by Director Jimenez. Approved 4 ayes, 0 noes and 1 absent.

5. PRESENTATIONS-

- 5.1 **United Way of Kern County- Soccer Mini Pitch in the Tennis Court area-**
Sidney- from United Way of Kern County we were approached by the US Soccer Foundation that someone has donated a soccer mini pitch and they have reached out to

us to figure out were in the Kern County area would benefit from that and we feel that Lamont would benefit from this soccer mini pitch **Perez-** by when would you be finalizing the decision what location would be the best **Sidney-** that decision would be made at the end of the year and construction would begin in March 2021 **Perez-** we are looking into having a special meeting on October 21, 2020 to make a decision

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. **Gabriel Chavez-** I am here to see if it is possible to get a key to use the restrooms on Sunday **Mr. Hodges-** Mr. Chavez would have to do a volunteer application and get fingerprinted **Gabriel Chavez-** I'm willing to fill out an application and get fingerprinted **Mr. Jimenez-** if Mr. Chavez can gather signatures that the community needs a soccer mini pitch that would be a great help **Mr. Hodges-** that is a great idea and a great help **Mr. Perez-** the list of signatures should include name phone number and if they are residents from Lamont or Arvin and if they use this park

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- a. None

8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- 8.1 Uncontrolled Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Project-
Mr. Hodges- the County contacted the District that they will be putting a cross walk out here and in order to put that cross walk in they would have to take a portion of Bear Mountain Recreation property they would have to pay the fair market value of the property no offer has been made yet once the County makes the offer for the fair market value I will present that to the board the board can either accept it or negotiate is a pretty straight forward process they are not taking a huge portion according to the drawings and in the description that they sent
- 8.2 Land Dedication Fees for new development
Mr. Hodges- we were contacted by an engineer that is working for a developer they are putting 184 new homes in the corner of Panama and Weedpatch Hwy 50 acre development and they are required to pay a fee to the district, there's basically two options that a new developer has they can either dedicate land or pay a fee if the district would have a park in that location they would have to dedicate the land but since the district does not have park there they have to pay a fee and they would have to negotiate with the District for that fee

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Items are considered routine, non-controversial and generally approved in a single motion. A board member may request to have an item removed from the consent calendar for discussion of to be deferred. (May include Minutes, Financials, Resolutions, and Policy & Procedure matters).

- 9.1 Minutes
- 9.2 Pre-signed Vouchers

9.3 List of Bills

Director Horton motioned for approval of consent agenda with changes. Seconded by Director Jimenez. Approved 4 ayes, 0 noes and 1 absent.

10. DEPARTMENTS REPORTS:

General Manager Report:

- 10.1** Maintenance -**Mr. Zamora**- we have been taking care of our regular duties around the parks, and in Arvin we have installed the cameras
- 10.2** Recreation- **None**
- 10.3** District Manager- **Mrs. Cervantes**- I had a couple of meetings we discussed about opening the parks and we also had a meeting with the Health Department and we went over the guidance needed, I also had a couple of meetings with Committee Progreso de Lamont and one of the projects they want to work on is the sidewalk for people to walk on and they came to do a walkthrough to see how they would like for that path to be and they also took measurements and if all that works out they want to work on the baseball fields

11. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 11.1** Committee Meetings- **None**
- 11.2** Events-Schedule for David Head Center- all events have been cancelled
- 11.3** Events-Senior Center- all events have been cancelled

12. DISTRICT BOARD MATTERS:

- 12.1** **Discussion**- Possibly purchasing a manufactured building to store our vehicles and other equipment.
Potential Action: Approve the purchase of manufactured building. Approve transferring \$20,000.00 from Kern County account to Self Help Credit Union bank account to cover the cost of the deposit, building, permits, engineering drawings.

Director Horton motioned to Approve the purchase of manufactures building. Seconded by Director Villanueva. Approved 4 ayes, 0 noes and 1 absent.

- 12.2** **Discussion**- United Way of Kern County-Soccer Mini Pitch in the Tennis Courts
Mr. Perez- for this item we had a presentation at the beginning of our meeting, for our staff we need information gathered
- 12.3** **Discussion**- Bear Mountain Park Issues-
- Park being used while it is closed
 - Unconfirmed reports of beer being sold at the park near the soccer field on Sundays.
Mr. Perez- a community member reached out to me and let me know that beer was being sold at Bear Mountain Park and that aggressive confrontations are taking part in our park, when we are able to open the park maybe we can have staff

document what is going on and bring this to the attention of the Kern County Sheriff's Department

13. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

13.1 Review of District's Financial Accounts- Action

13.2 QuickBooks Reports- Aged payable, balance sheet, profit, and loss

Director Horton motioned for approval of Financial Reports. Seconded by Director Jimenez. Approved 4 ayes, 0 noes and 1 absent.

14. DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION: None

15. DIRECTORS TIME:

Petra Villanueva- we had a productive meeting, and I would like a copy of the new agenda that was made on Monday and if you passed any documents I would like that information and good night to everyone **Mr. Cervantes-** is it okay if I give you that information on October 21, 2020 **Mr. Villanueva-** okay that's fine

Yovani Jimenez- we are going in the right direction

Donny Horton- I think we made the right decision regarding the building

Jesus Perez- I would like to call a special meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 5 p.m. and the items to discuss and possible action and approval would be the United Way of Kern County-Soccer Mini Pitch in the Tennis Court area and second item to review Kern County Public Health recommendations and possible partial opening of our parks and for our third item discussion of prevailing wages with that being said thank you everybody thank you Mr. Zamora

16. ADJOURNMENT

Director Horton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Seconded by Director Jimenez. Approved 4 ayes, 0 noes and 1 absent.