

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisors
March 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Board Room, Courthouse

Present: John Pluth, Chair
Jeff Quastad Vice-Chair
Roger Hash
Tim Schumacher
Todd Glasnapp

Absent:

Pluth, Chair, called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Glasnapp, seconded by Quastad, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Pluth stated he had attended a County Social Services (CSS) meeting in Black Hawk County last Wednesday. Schumacher and Quastad attended an Emmet County Council of Governments (ECCOG) meeting last week. Schumacher attended the Third Judicial District meeting last Friday.

Also during public forum, Barb Bohm, Assessor and Zoning Director, asked the Board if their office should still log odor complaints. The Board agrees that the Citizens Advisory Group would like a paper trail. The odor hotline that is currently available is controlled by Central Bi-Products. Quastad and the Board members stated that we would still need a paper trail of some sort. Hash stated he would speak with Toby Pockinghorne, Complex Manager for Central Bi-Products, to send a weekly odor report to the Assessor's office.

Brenda Moore, Emmet County Treasurer, discussed the online tax sale. She was approached last week by a company that performs online tax sales. After researching it, she is deciding not to partake in the online tax sale. A couple of her local investors have requested that it stay local. By going online, you have the possibility of getting many out of state investors. She stated that most of her tax sale properties do get sold. Right now, tax sale bidders have to pay \$25 to register for the tax sale. For online, bidders would have to pay \$40 to register. Quastad and Moore discussed beforehand if the \$25 to register would be added to the \$40 online amount to register. They both stated that there is the same amount of work involved, so it probably would be added. The Board agreed with Moore to keep the tax sale locally.

Bob Grems, Regional Wellness Center Director and Jen Hough, Assistant Director, came before the Board to discuss the splash pad that will have an attached playground that is scheduled to be completed around June 1st. Hough went on to say that, there is zero standing water with a splash pad, so a lifeguard is not needed. It is not continuously running water unless a user is utilizing the splash pad functions. There is also 4 ½ acres of green space surrounding the splash pad location. All families and business can use this facility and the surrounding green space. The splash pad capacity is 200 plus people at any time. This will be a special attraction for our community. This is a way for us to give back to the community that support us. This new addition will help to keep our families in town, instead of traveling to other cities. This is not in replacement of the outdoor swimming pool.

Grems took the floor stating the splash pads are growing leaps and bounds and are a free activity that our children can participate in. With the green space we have available there, so many other activities can be held on that space. We are using the company, Commercial Recreational Specialists. He went on to say in ten years from now; features on the splash pad can be changed to change the look of the splash pad. This splash pad involves a recirculation system, which has a 1" pipe and a water storage tank is buried. Water goes into the drains, then the water goes back in storage tank, is recirculated and ready to use again, and comes back for use at a temperature of 65 to 75 degrees. This recirculation adds to the costs of the project but is more environmentally sound. Total cost will be about \$525,000 project for the splash pad and playground project. Quastad asked about the surface of the splash pad, Grems stated that the company utilizes brushed concrete.

Glasnapp asked the question if you have no lifeguard would you have staff out there. Grems stated no, these splash pads are not staffed. The new facility will be handicapped accessible. It is a community project. Grems stated that the RWC has been in operation for 15 years, without any tax support. We are asking the community to help us, since this is a community project, but stated we do have reserved funds available that the RWC's Board has given them permission to use for this project. Grems stated that the excitement is high. He stated that this is their 14th presentation for this new facility. Schumacher had a safety concern and a concern about vandalism. Hough stated that they have limestone boulders surrounding the facility for both seating and protection. These limestone boulders stay cool, so they can be sat on. This facility will also have a security camera and outdoor lighting.

Grems stated that they are doing the presentations at this time and then will reconvene with their Board and decide a contribution amount to be asked of entities. When this is done, he will revisit with the Emmet County Board, asking to be a contributor for this project. The Board may contribute using LOSST (Local Option Sales and Services Tax) dollars. A decision will be made at a later date.

Sathoff, Auditor, requested the Board for cell phone reimbursement for custodian, Jeff Enderson. It was moved by Glasnapp, seconded by Hash, to grant the \$20 cell phone reimbursement to Jeff Enderson, Custodian.

The Board reviewed the MMP for owner Summit Pork 1 LLP, Facility name Swan Lake 34, Facility ID #67654.

A motion was made by Quastad, seconded by Hash, to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Colleen Anderson, Clerk to Board of Supervisors

John Pluth, Chairman