



Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District  
A Special District  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**Thursday, May 16, 2024**  
David Head Building  
10300 San Diego Street  
Lamont, California 93241  
(www.bearmntnprk.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, April 18, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the David Head Center at 10300 San Diego Street, Lamont, California. The district is a political subdivision in the State of California.

**Present:** Vice Chairman Petra Villanueva, Director Denise Loza, Director Fernando Alonso, and Director Robert Rodriguez.

**Staff Present:** District Manager Mrs. Cervantes, Maintenance Supervisor Mr. Villalpando, Recreation Coordinator Mrs. Gonzalez, and District Counsel Mr. Hodges.

3. **FLAG SALUTE**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. Flag Salute: Chairman Mr. Perez

4. **APPROVE AGENDA AS FORM**

**Director Villalpando motioned for approval of agenda as to form. Seconded by Director Rodriguez. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.**

5. **PRESENTATIONS - None**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT- None**

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

Items are considered routine, non-controversial and 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).

- 7.1 Minutes
- 7.2 Pre-signed Vouchers
- 7.3 List of Bills
- 7.4 Review of District's Financial Accounts
- 7.5 QuickBooks Reports- Aged payables, balance sheet, profit, and loss.
- 7.6 Events- Schedule for David Head Center
- 7.7 Events- Senior Center

**Director Rodriguez motioned for approval of the consent agenda 7.1-7.7. Seconded by Director Loza. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.**

## 8. DEPARTMENTS REPORTS:

### General Manager Report:

- 8.1 Maintenance -Mr. Villalpando-** our mower is not working we have it a BSE trying to get a new deck fabricated cause the deck that we have now they don't make any more they are going to do what they can to get it repaired, meanwhile we found a rental, we have also opened up the tennis court to the public, and we have been on top of the graffiti at Weedpatch Park, I also have the estimate for the restrooms provided to you **Mr. Rodriguez-** is it only one estimate that you got **Mr. Villalpando-** yes only one estimate but I will provide two more and in the pool we have an issue with the eco box not allowing to read the chemicals correctly, I reached out to our previous maintenance supervisor to make sure everything was been done correctly and he suggested to have Knorr Pool come out and already set up a meeting with them next week and I'm going to have the eco box checked out as well **Mrs. Loza-** on the mower is that monthly **Mr. Villalpando-** no that's as needed we are trying to cut back on the water so it doesn't grow so much **Mrs. Loza-** and the mower that you have in the shop is it an old one **Mr. Villalpando-** yes we have had it along time and been having a lot of issues with it **Mr. Rodriguez-** I noticed that you got rid of that old van at the Arvin Pool **Mr. Villalpando-** yes it looks better it was an eye sore **Mr. Rodriguez-** I noticed that the small fence in the pool area has been tore down ad there's and there is a big hole on the south side of the bleachers, how long has that been like that **Mr. Villalpando-** I have tried to knot it up as best as I can but they just keep tearing it up, we have people camping out in the front I think it might be them cutting it up and going inside the pool to shower in there **Mr. Rodriguez-** that hole needs to get fixed we don't want kids going in the pool **Mr. Villalpando-** I will take care of it **Mr. Rodriguez-** and that trailer is an eye sore too is there any possible way to contact the City of Arvin the have a lot of areas that you can park it **Mrs. Loza-** when I've gone by the park there's like ten homeless people out there **Mr.**

**Villalpando-** there's people out there as well giving out food and they got permission from the city of Arvin to do that

- 8.2 Recreation- Mrs. Gonzalez- for** Jr. Giants we have 171 kids registered our registration ends at the end of next month and we are having a senior division this year, I'm currently working on registrations online, hopefully by September we start registrations online, and I have been doing research on a batting cage **Mr. Perez-** how many bats and balls do we have do we have more than 100 **Mrs. Gonzalez-** no we have around 60 to 70 bats and we have a lot as helmets as well, this will be an awesome and a good way to generate money, we can start of small we can start up at Arvin first **Mr. Perez-** will 40 thousand cover both Arvin and Lamont **Mrs. Gonzalez-** no it will only cover one site **Mrs. Loza-** how much would you charge **Mrs. Gonzalez-** I did a little bit of research and they charge \$1 for 13 balls and **Mr. Villalpando** had seen that they have \$5 for 30 minutes **Mr. Perez-** I would really encourage that this item to be discussed **Mrs. Cervantes-** they have already damaged the Tennis Court **Mr. Villalpando-** it's from people hanging on the net **Mr. Alonso-** how bad did you say it was **Mr. Villalpando-** right now is just a slit lean on it I gave it a push to see how much it's going to hold **Mr. Alonso-** you've seen people hanging om it **Mr. Villalpando** – no I haven't seen but with what I have seen on the playground it looks similar **Mr. Alonso** – question for District Counsel in what point do we feel that we need to take it down before it becomes a liability **Mr. Hodges-** I don't know what it look like so unless it's going to collapse and hurt someone

**8.3 District Manager-**

- a) **Written Communications- None**
- b) **Oral Communications- None**

**Mrs. Cervantes-** the office manager has been submitting to the health department weekly reports on the gentleman that has been out here, she made a report over the phone and they gave her an email to send pictures, I don't know how long is going to take for them to come out, and I been working with Nathan on the bids for the walking path, we have also been working on the ordinance and like Mr. Villalpando mentioned we had meetings regarding the problems that we have been having with the pools, the possible dates for the pools to open from 6/11/2024-07/21/2024 that's depending on the report that we get on Monday to make sure that everything is running okay, I did get a report on the loss that I had last year on the pools it was around 34,000 dollars, I'm also starting to work on getting everything ready for our financial audit we should be having it in the next couple of months and in July we will be having our insurance audit

**9. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

- 9.1 Committee Meetings- None**

**10. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 10.1** A Public Hearing to Consider Introduction of an Ordinance of the Board of Directors of the Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District Governing Use of Parks, Recreation Areas, and Facilities and Correlating Fine Schedule

Staff recommends the Board consider introducing the Ordinance to be read by title only, open the hearing, allow for public testimony, close the hearing, waive first reading of the Ordinance, and approve the introduction of the Ordinance.

**Director Loza motioned for approve, to wave the first reading of the ordinance and its entirety and by title only and approve the introduction of the ordinance. Seconded by Director Rodriguez. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.**

**Mr. Perez-** I would like to direct our District Manager to place this item for our next regular board meeting.

#### **11. DISTRICT BOARD MATTERS:**

**11.1 Discussion:** Extreme Heat Grant- Kern County would like to know if Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District would be interested in partnering with us to build some shade structures in the Bear Mountain Recreation area.

**Potential Action:** Approve partnership with Kern County for submittal of the Extreme Heat Grant application.

**Director Rodriguez motioned for approve partnership with Kern County for Submittal of the Extreme Heat Grant application. Seconded by Director Alonso. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.**

**11.2 Discussion:** Scheduling Committee Meeting/Agenda

**Budget/Salary/Finance: Date: May 14, 2024, Time: 5:30 p.m.**

- 1. Petra Villanueva**
- 2. Fernando Alonso**

**Five Year Plan/Steering Committee: Date: May 6, 2024, Time: 5:30 p.m.**

- 1. Jesus Perez**
- 2. Fernando Alonso**

**Director Rodriguez motioned approval of both committee meetings as scheduled. Seconded by Director Loza. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.**

**11.3 Discussion:** INCH DECK MULCH KIT INCLUDED \$21,655.92

**Potential Action:** Approve purchase of new mower 72" INCH DECK, MULCH KIT INCLUDED \$21,655.92

**Director Loza motioned for approve purchase of new mower 72' Inch Deck, Mulch Kit Included. Seconded by Director Rodriguez. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.**

**11.4 Discussion:** Consideration and Approval of a Resolution of the Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District Board of Directors Accepting and Awarding Bid and Authorizing the District Manager to Execute a Project Agreement with D.O.D. Construction for construction of the Walking Path Project in the amount of \$ 82,424.00.

**Potential Action:** Staff recommends approval of the Resolution.

**Director Rodriguez motioned for approval of Staff recommendation approval of the Resolution. Seconded by Director Villanueva. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.**

## **12. DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION: NONE**

## **13. DIRECTORS TIME:**

**Denise Loza-** I just want to thank our Maintenance Supervisor Mr. Villalpando and Mrs. Gonzalez for going that extra mile and I would also like to thank Mr. Perez for the lunch provided the day of the Easter Egg Hunt it went great in both places in Arvin it was a little out of hand, but we were able to manage it thank you Mr. Villalpando and Mrs. Gonzalez keep up the good work our District Manager amazing she was out there supporting us and thank you to everyone for being here tonight.

**Robert Rodriguez-** these meetings went smoothly, and I would like to thank our district attorney.

**Fernando Alonso-** thank you everyone for coming out tonight. I would like to thank staff as well for their hard work and for their recommendations and all the board members here are doing a very good job and Mr. President is doing a good job as well.

**Petra Villanueva-** I want to say something regarding the Easter Egg Hunt, Mrs. Gonzalez is one of our staff that works and the community of Arvin think the City of Arvin and that is not fair that they are taking the credit for it that should clarify that we are the ones having the event no the City of Arvin and I want to thank you unfortunately our city we are a little bit unorganized and don't want to respect orders from members of Lamont and I want to thank you for everything you have done and I see that we are going in the right direction but I would like to see that in social media we put that the grills are being stolen form the Weedpatch Park and I want to thank everyone for working hard and dealing with everything.

**Jesus Perez-** I want to acknowledge the success that we had in our Easter Egg Hunt, I think this was the first year that we did not ask for help from Supervisor David Couch and I would like to direct our General Manager to seek potential opportunities to recognize our district council on all the good that his done for residents of Lamon, Arvin and Weedpatch all the various donations that he has done throughout the years for our baseball programs and various so I would really like for our District Manager to provide him with that recognition

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

**Director Loza motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Seconded by Director Rodriguez. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes 0 absent.**