

**Bel Pre Recreational Association
Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting of November 1, 2016**

CALLED INTO SESSION/ROLL/AGENDA

1. The board convened at the Bel Pre Elementary School at 7:47 p.m. Board members present were President Chabot, Secretary Spelman, Bechtol, Pak, and Wright. Vice President Greg Miller, Treasurer Larry Vaught, Lou Ann Rector, and Billy Ruppert were absent. BPRA members Chris Jennison, Chris Swann, and Patrick Welteroth were present. Spelman took the minutes.

2. Spelman called the roll.

3. The board unanimously approved the agenda with Chabot, Spelman, Bechtol, Pak, and Wright in favor.

STATEMENTS FROM ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

4. Welteroth introduced himself and said he was a new BPRA homeowner with a house on Rippling Brook.

PRIOR BOARD MINUTES

5. The board moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Chabot, Spelman, Bechtol, Pak, and Wright in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

6. With Vaught, absent, the board decided to defer the Treasurer's Report to the next meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING

7. A motion was made to amend § 12(f)(v) of the Plan of Organization so that at the annual meeting, BPRA members could vote for board member candidates immediately after the start of the meeting, rather than having to wait until after all of the candidates delivered speeches. A motion was made to amend the proposed amendment so as to delay implementation of the rule change until the 2017 annual meeting. Both motions passed unanimously with Chabot, Spelman, Bechtol, Pak, and Wright in favor.

8. The board discussed the logistics and required tasks for the upcoming annual membership meeting, including provision of chairs, ballots, membership list, room set up, ballot box, food, and check-in judges.

MOVEMENT OF TOWN HALL MEETING

9. Chabot explained that the annual BPRA Town Hall meeting, originally sited at the Bel Pre Elementary School, had been "bumped" by the school, and thus they would need to find another

location to hold the meeting. He proposed moving it to the Strathmore Elementary School. The motion passed unanimously with Chabot, Spelman, Becthol, Pak, and Wright in favor.

FRIENDS OF ASPEN HILL LIBRARY REQUEST

10. Chabot explained that the board had received a request from the Friends of the Aspen Hill Library to store metal book carts under the pool pavilion for the winter, due to remodeling at currently-closed library. BPRAs member Chris Swann, representing the Friends of the Aspen Hill Library, said that the carts would be removed before pool opening on Memorial Day, 2017. She also said that the Friends of the Library would not hold BPRAs in any way responsible for safeguarding the carts during the winter, or for any damage to the carts that might occur. A motion was made to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously with Chabot, Spelman, Becthol, Pak, and Wright in favor.

PHYSICAL FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE

11. Gutter improvement update: an item to discuss a proposal to obtain gutter helmets for the pool facilities was deferred due to Rector's absence.

12. Security cameras: Pak reported that the pool security camera system, which had not been accessible online, had been repaired and was now visible via the web. The board asked Pak to obtain proposals for what it would cost to add security cameras to the system so as to cover the BPRAs tennis courts and basketball court. Pak said he would obtain two proposals and report back.

13. Rain tax rebate program: discussion of the rain tax rebate program was delayed due to Ruppert's absence.

WEBSITE REPORT

14. BPRAs webmaster Chris Jennison reported on BPRAs website usage. He said there was nothing unusual to report. The board discussed a possible problem with the website in that contractors asked to bid on projects were currently able to review the board minutes and authorizations and thereby find out how much money had allocated for a particular project before they submitted a bid. This may have resulted in several bids coming in just below the full amount authorized for the project. The board discussed whether there was some way to conceal the authorization figures while maintaining transparency, such as redacting authorization figures and providing them to members on request, or displaying the figures only on a confidential password-protected portion of the website.

15. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

16. The next meeting is the annual General Membership meeting scheduled for November 17th at 7:30 pm at the Bel Pre Elementary School. The next regular board meeting is December 8th at 7:30 at Strathmore Elementary School, just prior to the Town Hall meeting.

