

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
ZOOLOGICAL BOARD MEETING
LINCOLN PARK ZOO
EDUCATION BUILDING
Wednesday, September 11, 2013, 4:00PM**

MINUTES

Members Present: Doug Koch, Edward Vetting, Brian Schultz, Rich Krumel, Al Hrudka

Staff Present: Jason Sladky, Denise Larson, Dan Koski, Kathy Schema

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.
2. A motion was made by B. Schultz, seconded by E. Vetting to approve the Zoological Board Minutes from Wednesday, June 12, 2013. The motion carried all in favor.
3. Trust fund balance
4. Old Business
 - a. Zoological Society Update – D. Koch stated the Society requested a meeting with J. Sladky, Mayor Nickels and D. Larson regarding management changes.

D. Koch did a walk through of the light show with C. Scheinoha to update him and show him the list of things that need to be done yet this year. The light show is 2 times the length of last year with 3 times the lights.
 - b. Update on installation of deer & wolf pen fence – J. Sladky stated the deer pen improvements proposal came in at 2 times what we have budgeted. He called Betsy Winga of the Zoo Society to see if they want to get together and work out the costs. J. Sladky expressed frustration with nothing getting done at the zoo. J. Sladky will speak with the Mayor. After fence contractor came in, the estimate was approximately \$63,500 just for the fencing. A. Hrudka stated they need to start with the Department of Agriculture which is in charge of deer farms. J. Sladky stated the DNR person told him he was in charge of this. B. Schultz stated donations have been made to this project by deerhunter groups. It's time to move on it. If we need more money, we need to fundraise for it. We have to get deer in there so people can see them. People want to see the finished product.

Discussion was held regarding the spacing of the deer and wolf areas and what is being done to block one from the other. B. Schultz motioned and D. Koch seconded to use up to \$30,000 of the donation tube money for this project. Motion passed all in favor. 2013 budgeted money (\$25,000 + \$1,500) will be rolled over into 2014 budget. Along with the fencing, you would need a 3-wall shelter and water line. B. Schultz mentioned that a high school shop class or some eagle scouts could build the shelter. A. Hrudka stated you could get some slab wood that is rustic looking possibly donated. K. Schema stated Dr. Katz would like a chute or coral for darting

for TB testing.

5. New Business

- a. Discussion of By-Laws – D. Koch stated they could not find the by-laws yet. NEGLSF does not have a seat on the zoo board. Revise (when found) to add them to the board and Zoo Society. Check if there are other groups to add. Also update 5-year plan.
- b. Leopard/Cat Area Issues – The Zoo Society is going to front \$70,000 to update these areas. They are working with the Cost of Wisconsin to set up new areas (dig out ground infestation and put in rock around perimeter, fencing if needed, adding a hot rock {heated rock so they stay outside more during winter}, add tree trunks and kids viewing area.) All of this to be done by snowfall. D. Larson stated they will be taking trees down tomorrow.
- c. Water Leakage Problem – D. Koski updated the group. For the past 20 years they have been spending approximately \$50,000 a year on water. G. Minikel, D. Koski and MPU checked it out. Main water meter for the whole zoo is at the fieldhouse. Their summation is that they do not believe there is a leak. There is a lot of continuously flowing water we are wasting. There is also a waterfall by the deer pen that is completely grown over. So, if we are not going to be utilizing that, we need to turn it off. D. Koch asked about the water for the fish pond. D. Koski stated it is on its own well. D. Koski stated another option (with a variance) would be putting in a potable well. J. Sladky asked if we were incurring a sewer charge. D. Koski stated the water is coming out before the deduct meter so we are incurring this charge. K. Schema showed a picture of the Nelson System which is used by Bay Beach. They are looking into installing watering devices that fill up when needed and shut off.
- d. Future Direction of the Zoo – D. Koch opened the floor to the zoo board. We need to fundraise for a male Dahl sheep or ask the Society. D. Larson went over improvements in the last 5 years. D. Koch stated we need to determine what animals to get at the zoo. J. Sladky stated the Society would like to keep them native to North America. K. Schema to check into getting new animals.
- e. Introduction of new Director and Zoo Manager
- f. Dan to present new org chart – D. Koski stated that K. Glaeser's job was split up throughout the departments. D. Larson – zoo, Jim Muenzenmeyer – buildings. Dan presented some handouts for perusal.

6. Next meeting will be October 9, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Park Zoo Education Building.

7. A motion was made by E. Vetting, seconded by B. Schultz to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. Motion carried all in favor.