

Stevensville Special Town Council Meeting Minutes,

THURSDAY, JUNE 01, 2023, 5:30 PM 206 Buck Street, Town Hall

CONDENSED MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Barker, Brown, Lowell and Michalson were all present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comments (Public comment from citizens on items that are not on the agenda)

4. Public Hearings

a. Increase to Stevensville Swimming Pool Fees

No one from the public was present to discuss the public hearing agenda item.

5. New Business

a. Discussion/Decision: Resolution No. 519, a Resolution Establishing User Fees for the Stevensville Swimming Pool

Mayor Gibson: introduced new business item a.

Councilmember Barker: make a motion to approve Resolution No. 519, a Resolution Establishing User Fees for the Stevensville Swimming Pool.

Councilmember Michalson: 2nd

Mayor Gibson: motion and a 2nd. You can see what is attached here, this is a very minor increase, we are safe to say that there have not been any substantial increases since 2013.

Jenelle Berthoud, Town Clerk: and I only went back ten years.

Mayor Gibson: we did not increase seniors, military or church groups. This does not take care of the problem. Everything has increased, lifeguard salaries. Other towns are struggling to keep their pools open. This is a small increase; I think that you are going to have to look at this every year.

Councilmember Lowell: one question, do they still charge the out-of-town kids the \$2.50?

Mayor Gibson: not since I have been here. Steve, do you know?

Councilmember Lowell: it was in a resolution.

Steve Kruse: I think that it is whoever walks through the door it is the same fee.

Councilmember Michalson: my question is how would you know. Would they have to bring their ID with them with an address.

Councilmember Lowell: it was when they wanted a pass or a party there was an extra fee, it was there so that not everything was on the tax payers shoulders.

Mayor Gibson: it makes sense, but it has not been done to my knowledge.

Councilmember Barker: what is the wages we are paying our lifeguards?

Steve Kruse, Public Works Supervisor: 11.00 per hour, pretty much across the board.

Mayor Gibson: not that much but more than they were getting before.

Councilmember Barker: yeah, I think before they were getting 9.00 dollars.

Steve Kruse: Those folks that return get a dollar increase. Most of them will be at 12.00now.

Councilmember Barker: do we have a full staff of lifeguards?

Steve Kruse: I believe so, Stephen Lassiter has taken over the organization of the pool.

Mayor Gibson: we still don't know when the pool is going to open because of the concrete job.

Councilmember Michalson: when does it normally open Steve?

Mayor Gibson: last year it was the 12th.

Steve Kruse: it has to do with when school is out.

Mayor Gibson: it is because of the construction right now; with that Jenelle would you please take the vote.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Lowell: aye.

Councilmember Michalson: aye.

Mayor Gibson: passed 4-0

b. Discussion/Decision: Acceptance of the Trout Spout Splash Pad from the Stevensville Civic Club

Mayor Gibson: introduced new business item b. it is in your packet there is a letter from the construction company.

Steve Kruse: what they did is they sand blasted the original surface to reveal the more abrasive concrete. When they did it there were some kids there and it was substantially better than last year.

Sean Doyle, Civic Club President: the kids that were on it, ran across it like crazy and there was not slipping.

Mayor Gibson: this is to take over the splash pad.

Councilmember Michalson: make a motion to approve the Acceptance of the Trout Spout Splash Pad from the Stevensville Civic Club

Councilmember Barker: 2nd

Mayor Gibson: motion and a 2nd. Any further questions on the splash pad?

Councilmember Michalson: our liability, our deductible?

Mayor Gibson: we checked into that in the past with MMIA, they did not have anything to do with it.

Councilmember Michalson: question for Steve, water usage, power for that over there.

Steve Kruse: it is going to increase power, water use that is not necessarily an expense, the expense there is the pumps. I took a swag and reflected it in this year's operating budget.

Mayor Gibson: we will have to decide how long it will be open, hours. My opinion is whenever we open it, we run it from like ten in the morning until seven at night.

Steve Kruse: that would be good, the way that the pad was engineered it is reusing water and the county is saying to look at it like a swimming pool, I have to do test on it four times a day and it would be great if I could use the pool kids to do those tests and the pool closes at seven o'clock.

Mayor Gibson: that would save some money, I don't think I want people running through there at nine o'clock at night. I would think that we could open it next weekend.

Steve Kruse: yes.

Councilmember Brown: there is a sign with hours down there. I don't remember but there is a sign with the hours, and the rules one thing is that there is no sign do there that says that a child has to be supervised by a parent. It does have a big sign that says no lifeguard on duty.

Mayor Gibson: you can make a motion to put up a sign that says that children have to be supervised by a parent.

Councilmember Brown: is there an age limit or open to everybody?

Steve Kruse: on the signage topic, we posted the signs that were required by the state and the county, and I added one that says no lifeguard.

Mayor Gibson: do you have a sign that says anything.

Steve Kruse: standard rules.

Councilmember Barker: do we have that on the pool right now?

Councilmember Brown: no because there is a lifeguard.

Mayor Gibson: I understand what you are getting at, but I think it would be hard to enforce it.

Councilmember Brown: true, people drop their kids off.

Mayor Gibson: I am not disagreeing that it is not a good idea, I just don't know how we would enforce it.

Councilmember Lowell: can we have a sign that says enter at your own risk.

Sean Doyle: the sign says no running and it says play at your own risk. On the equipment building there are two signs.

Mayor Gibson: the only question that I had Steve, when we have a lot of rain it seemed to puddle up.

Steve Kruse: we have the drains plugged at this time so nasty stuff does not get in it.

Councilmember Barker: reading what they have here in handing it over to us, I see in addition the splash pad will be gifted new park furniture. They have purchased everything; we don't owe anything.

Sean Doyle: off the pad in the grass area there are two large tables on concrete pads, there are three benches on concrete pads. There are four tables that are waiting to be mounted at no cost to the town. Mr. Lassiter will pick out the anchors, I will meet him, and I will pay for them no cost to the town.

Mayor Gibson: to my understanding the only cost is the electricity and the water as Mr. Kruse said.

Councilmember Barker: I do think that it is a great addition for what the Civic Club has done, great addition to the park and the community.

Mayor Gibson: with that, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Lowell: aye.

Councilmember Michalson: aye.

Mayor Gibson: passes 4-0

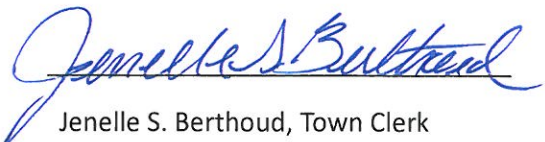
6. Adjournment

APPROVE:



Steve Gibson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jenelle S. Berthoud, Town Clerk