Farmersville/Jackson Township Joint Park Board October 5th Regular Meeting

Meeting started outside due to not being able to access inside of the building the President of the board was running late.

Jessica Kurtz called the meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Kurtz, Martin, Kolrieser, Mazzucco

Visitor comments:

Mr. Brook noted the meeting was on board finally

No visitor comments

Minute notes for last meeting were not finished and cannot be approved yet.

Mr. Brook wanted a breakdown of money coming through the door and money for employees, not the updated stuff not for a full tank of propane the current operation cost for the pool only.

Email was already sent to Lisa about getting that information.

Josh Kohlreizer stated that the number looks the same as previous years.

Mike Moyer showed up to let committee inside. Meeting moved inside.

Financial Reports:

October 25th, 2026, rec account:

Pool Revenue $63,270.59 Expenses: $77,466.25 with a loss profit of $14,194.66

Concessions Revenue $21,083.19 Expenses: $39,925 with a loss profit of $18,841.84

Total loss for the pool $33,036.50

These amounts do not include other updates, repairs or salaries expenses.

Pool salaries: $53,519.42 include lifeguards, assistant managers, and managers

Concession salaries: $22,368.37

Pool rentals: $2050

Pool repairs: $ 2864 for heater

Pool Manager was $11,000

Question: Did we pay above and beyond for the pool manager? Since it was stated that we paid $11,000 to a pool manager for 10 weeks at 20 hours a week. Was stated that it seemed excessive but was recommended and voted on by Jackson Township Trustees.

Thaxton arrived

- Was stated that the Township and council do not know what the staffing for the pool legally must be. However, there was no one there to micromanage the number of employees that were being employed per day. That we should have done this because of the budget being so small. We don't need 4 concession stand workers working at one time.
- There is not a reason our pool cannot potentially make more money or break even with simple updates such as adding shaded areas, more seating, cabanas that could be rented.
- Dog swimming at the end of the season was a huge success. Families were charged $5.00 to bring their dogs to swim.
- The council has a job next year to market the pool to groups, so we do not see a similar loss next year.
- The council does not think we should throw the towel in yet on the pool to give it 1 more year and see if we can't make it better.

Other repairs not out of the 2171 but out of the 2191 (pool account)

Pool fund paid out: $61,663.00 includes

- Baby pool demolition
- New gate by baby pool
- Landscaping
- Teaching the lifeguards and getting them certified
- Allstar Wraps for sign with hours on it

Question: August and September this year the expenses in August were $59,000 in September the expenses were $74,500 why they went up almost 25% in one month and the revenue went from $60,000 to 63,000. What caused this increase since the pool closed 3 days after the August 3rd sheet was given to us? The poo rec accounts this year were what the expenses are. 2024 pool lost $13,000 this year and lost $34,000 when it should be the same when we understand that inflation is a factor.

70% of the pool's cost was on pool salaries in the approximately amount of $75,000-76,000 this amount out of the $117,000 cost of running the pool.

- Need to find out what happens to the money for the product that was sold to the Germantown pool.

Park expense sheet was requested for 2025 since the pool was not open for the season of 2025.

Under 2025 was section with expenses:

- Person who upkeeps the community center
- Pay the village for mowing the grass and doing upkeep around park

Expenses: Parking lot

Parking lot replacement on October 21st was said to be paid out of park fund for $220,526.76. Bid was originally quoted at $200,000. When the company started to remove parking lot, they found brush that was buried 10 feet down and had to be removed to ensure the parking lot base structure was sturdy and didn't sink again. This required the Township to have to take $60,000 out of the general funds account.

Propane Tank's

The park has 2 sperate propane tanks, 1 for the community center and 1 for the pool that are 1000 gallons each.

Paid $1,200 for the pool propane that was bought in July: Issues with bill the propane service gave the pool the bill, the bill was never received by the Township and the bill went without being paid until September causing the bill to charge interest that bill ended up being $1,640 for 800 gallons they used 40% of what they had and only have 40% left.

Used 1200 pounds of propane to heat the pool this summer

Current Levy:

Park levy: 85 mil give or take

Pool levy: 1 mil give or take

How much interest does Star Ohio Account Make?

Township does not keep separate interest amounts for the different accounts made. They put all the interest amounts into the General Fund.

Question: Is the interest being made for the stars account mainly from the pool fund since it sits with $300,000 every year and has not been spent? No, because they already have $2

mil sitting in that account to draw interest. They make $6,500 per month from that interest occurred. The Prime is constantly going down 2 years ago they made $12,000 per month from those accounts now they make almost half that.

Question: If the 300,000 in pool funds is included in that amount of interest being retained, why is it not being placed back into the pool/park fund to help offset the cost being lost?

There was no reason to have 3 mil in one account Township placed some of the money into Star Ohio Bank that is owned by the State of Ohio, and they could draw money within 24 hours if they needed it. The township has been doing this for 5 years now and it has been working well for them.

Question: If the funds are all supplying the star Ohio account, should they have a sperate breakdown?

Stated by Trustee that they do not have to legally do that.

Questioned: The funds that are in the account are not going back into the pool and park it is going back into the general funds? Yes, they are going into the general funds.

Question: Then why can't the money being made from the park and pool amounts not be placed back into the park and pool accounts to offset the losses? If the pool funds had 300,000 just sitting in them and it's earning 10 % of that 2 mil then why can't we use that to offset those losses? The township used to get a percent of inheritance tax the state has taken away. They had no money being generated into the general fund and needed to pull it from somewhere.

Council is not faulting the Township for being smart with their money however it is not right to say the park and pool have no money when it is generating money from the interested being occurred. That is not being placed back into account to begin with.

Trustee stated that legally they can take the excess money and put it into a savings account and then be placed into the general fund. That they do not have to tell anyone what percent they are getting from the park and pool funds.

Council was stating that the money could be used to offset the loss of money generated from the park and pool if that money was simply placed back into those accounts. It rightfully belongs to the park and pool accounts. Maybe not all the money generated but some of the money that was generated. It is not fair to keep stating that the park and pool, especially the pool, are losing money when that is not entirely the case.

Was asked how much the park and pool generated in interest last year and they did not have an answer to that question.

Was brought up that even if the pool was gone to the park is still going to be losing money because the walking path does not make money and someday it is going to need to be repaired or replaced, the pond does not make money and we restocked it this year at $5,000 dollars, the volleyball and basketball courts do not make money and we have to upkeep them. The baseball diamonds do not make money but do have a contract with the baseball league that all upkeep and updated are the responsibility of the baseball league since we do not charge them to play on the diamonds. The community center does make money however it needs some serious updates including the remodel and repair of the bathrooms, paint, trim and siding on the building that is 30 years old. This will cause the community center to lose money.

From what the council has heard from the Trustees is that anything that doesn't make money needs to be removed coming back to the pool issue. Trustee responded that we should just close the park then? The council stated by his logic yes, we should just shut down everything and close the park. That the council is just stating that by the trustee's logic everything needs to shut down. Even if we take the pool out of the equation the park levy cannot generate enough money to keep the upkeep of the park and make major updates that need to be done.

If the levy does not pass, we are going to lose our park not just the pool. Without the levy the park will be in a serious predicament.

Was asked to move on.

Trustee stated that on Facebook it was shared that we had 1200 people enter the pool from July 1st to the 5th that if that was stated that it needed to be backed up with evidence. Thaxton stated that he does have the evidence to back this up and will send that over to trustee via email.

Trustee check with attorney about buying signs and organizing groups to talk about passing the levy it cannot be done on township property, and they cannot help put signs out. Committees can do it at the park but not at the township building. Park and Pool Council cannot promise something that cannot be delivered.

Park:

New play equipment: DW rec who is in partnership with game time they met with him a week and half ago came out looking at exercise equipment throughout the park it was suggested putting that by the playground in the back by shelter. We have someone who may remove the playground for free.

DW is offering match pricing but there must be a signed proposal by end of October. They also offer splashpad, pool equipment, etc. The playground equipment grant has not been signed yet. Trustee suggested not signing any contracts until we know if the levy passes or not. The council thinks it would be silly not to sign the contract to at least put a bid in for the playground grant money so we can get the matched pricing benefit.

OLD BUSINESS

- The dog poop bag stations have not been placed up yet we have had them for years. For some reason they have not been placed. Was stated that it was because they needed to find placed out of the mower's way.
- The trash cans that were obtained from a grant could be placed as well while the poop stations are being placed.
- Trash can in the dip needs to be changed, it is completely full.
- Township or village employees need to be the ones to put these in and they have been booked full. They lost 2 crosses over pipes with that 4-inch rain and have been repairing them.
- It was suggested that we need to start a Park department to help up keep the park. Suggested hiring a full-time person and possibly a few part time it would be an park employee paid for by the park levy.
- It would save us money in the long run the employee would be the administrator and do all the maintenance
- The village charges every time they do work in the park
- When they opened the pool, they were doing the plumbing and everything to get the pool running. The township doesn't charge. If it is a joint account, then the work should be 50/50? Originally when the contract was signed one year the township would do the work at the park and the next year the village would do the work at the park and no one would exchange money. This changed and doesn't work that way anymore. Was stated that Derek has a reason for this, and we could ask him for the next meeting.
- When they come to check the water at the park the Township gets charged for it. It was stated that if it is joint account, it should not be solely on township paying out however Derek gets paid by both.
- Was not stated that he doesn't charge the park to do work since he the park administrator.
- Recycle center has been cleaned and is ready to go
- Volleyball did well

- For that tournament was there a fee from the Township? No, they did not charge since it was a charity event.

- Was stated that the Township needs to start charging for non-charity events being help at the park to offset cost of repairs and maintenance.

- If an event includes food trucks or booth fees, then the Township needs to have a price for usage of property. This was only suggested because it should not keep being a loss to the park/pool.

- Metting adjoined kurtz second by Thaxton at 8:04pm.

Next meeting is Nov 2nd at 7pm