

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS of the Park District of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois was held in the Administration Building of the Park District of Forest Park, 7501 Harrison Street, Forest Park, Illinois at 6:00 p.m. on January 15, 2015

ROLL CALL: President Entler chaired the meeting, calling it to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Entler answered present. Also present were Director Larry Piekarz, Assistant Director Steve Thomas, Superintendent of Parks Larry Buckley, Treasurer Joe Murray, and Secretary Chris Richards. Citizens Michael Thompson was also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Doss, to approve the agenda. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Entler ; Nays: None; Absent: None.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners McDermott, Sansone and Walsh; Abstained: Commissioner Doss and Entler; Nays: None; Absent: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-The Board reviewed the Correspondence file which included letters from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity upon receipt of a grant for \$1,000,000.00 and from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources awarding us with an OSLAD grant in the amount of \$400,000.00, as well as an invitation from WSSRA and Berwyn Park District to the annual Legislative Breakfast on February 10, 2015 and a thank you card from Veteran Tickets Foundation for our donation of tournament tips.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-On behalf of the Foundation, Mr. Thompson asked about the possibility of holding a fundraising event after the Roos project groundbreaking ceremony. While there will be fundraising opportunities, Director Piekarz said that he had planned to have some kind of a free event thanking the community for their support in bringing this project to fruition.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

-Treasurer Murray reviewed the disbursements for December 2014 and January 2015: computer generated checks totaled \$115,527.62 and manual checks and debit card disbursements totaled \$3,078.77 for a grand total of \$118,606.39 in expenses submitted for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Doss, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, to approve disbursements for December and January. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Entler ; Nays: None; Absent: None.

-Joe reviewed financial statements for the close of December 2014 noting that the balance on account as of December 31, 2014 was \$4,490,671.05. The Money Market fund shows a balance of \$365,937.68 as of 1/13/15 and the Illinois Park District Liquid Asset Fund shows a balance of \$4,000,511.50. Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, to approve the financial statements for the close of December 2014 Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Entler ; Nays: None; Absent: None.

-Director Piekarz shared the news that our first grant deposit from the Department of Commerce and Economic Development in the amount of \$370,000.00 was received in our account today.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Director Piekarz reported that we have to date been approved for \$4,066.00 in grants for the Roos project. One more grant has been prepared for consideration: the Brownsfield Clean Up grant for \$200,000.00. He expects to hear results within a month. He told the Board that he is currently meeting bi-weekly with the project team and they have also met with the Village Engineer and Manager. He plans on meeting with Mayor Calderone to brief him on all plans as well. He answered some questions with regard to the Clean Up phase of the project and EPA's involvement.

-Superintendent Buckley reported that, because the quotes on the ceiling tiles for the 2nd floor came in so high, i.e. \$7000.00 for the lowest bid, he and Director Piekarz feel that the job should be postponed until it can be added as an add alternate when getting quotes on the new Roos building. He also said that, according to our rotation, one of the mowers at 7 years old is due for replacement. Director Piekarz will be looking at replacement mowers during the conference next week. Commissioner Sansone asked about the sale of the old dump truck. Larry said that someone had expressed interest and offered \$500.00 for the truck, but the gentleman has not followed through as yet.

-Larry outlined coming events:

- January 21, 2015 is Riveredge Hospital's Forest Park Village Appreciation Luncheon.
- February 10, 2015 is the WSSRA/Berwyn Park District Legislative Breakfast.
- March 28, 2015 is the Chicago 16" Softball Hall of Fame Annual Award Dinner.
- April 28, 2015 is the Triton Colleg 50th Anniversary Gala.

He also reminded the Board that the IPRA/IAPD Conference will be held at the Chicago Hyatt next week and he provided packets of information for them.

-He commented that the maintenance crew did a fine job on the ice rink and it seems to be working out well.

FOREST PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 91 CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT.

-None.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS REPORT.

-President Entler told the Board that he will be visiting Park Districts to talk about the benefits of IAPD membership. He told the Board that we received a \$1500.00 Power Play grant this year and are up for another \$1000.00 grant for the coming year. He noted that IAPD advocacy has been instrumental in encouraging OSLAD grants like the one we have been awarded.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-President Entler and Mr. Thompson said that on February 14, 2015 the Foundation will be holding an Blood Drive and "Heart of Gold" Pancake Breakfast.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Appointments to the Board of West Suburban Special Recreation Association for the year are due. Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Doss, to appoint Assistant Director Steve Thomas as representative and Director Larry Piekarz as Alternate to the Board of Directors of WSSRA for the calendar year 2015. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Entler; Nays: None; Absent: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

-Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sansone at 6:25 p.m., seconded by Commissioner McDermott. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent:0.

Submitted by: _____ Secretary

Approved: _____ Board of Park Commissioners

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Date: _____

