

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 February 19, 2015.

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

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

MINUTES:

-Motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Entler; Nays: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-The Board reviewed the Correspondence file which included a thank you letter from the University of Chicago Department of Medicine & Biological Sciences for our recent donation in memory of Sal Ferrara.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

-Treasurer Murray reviewed the lists of computer checks totaling \$107,446.93 and manual checks and debit card transactions totaling \$7,943.22 for a grand total of \$115,390.15 in disbursements for January and February 2015. Motion was made by Commissioner McDermott, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to approve the disbursements for January and February 2015. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Entler; Nays: None.

-Joe reported that fund balances for the close of January 2015 totaled \$4,698,742.93. The investments schedule as of February 17, 2015, showed \$4,677,456.30: \$306,503.67 in a Money Market account at Forest Park National Bank yielding 1% interest and \$4,000,567.46 in the Illinois Park District Liquid Asset Fund account, with an additional \$370,385.17, the total of our DCEO Grant receipt in a separate account at IPDLAF. Motion was made by Commissioner McDermott, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to accept the financial statements for the close of January 2015. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Entler; Nays: None.

-Commissioner Doss asked whether the recently proposed budget cuts by our new governor would have any impact on the grants we have been awarded. Director Piekarz said that he has been told that those that we have received paperwork for should be OK and that the only one in question would be the OSLAD for \$400,000.00 that Governor Quinn tried to push through at the end. The Brownsfield grants are federal EPA grants and we have already received over \$300,000.00 of the \$1,000,000 Department of Economic Opportunity Grant funds.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Director Piekarz reported that Steve has submitted a grant application to the U S Soccer Federation to refurbish the multi-purpose field, however the grant is for \$44,000.00, only about 10% of the cost of restoring the field. With recent financial concerns with the Roos Project, he is recommending that we put off the restoration for a year. President Entler said that the

Foundation's membership in the National Association of Park Foundations may be helpful in that the President of the Association used to work for the Soccer Federation and one of he specializes in writing and lobbying for these kind of grants.

-Steve and Rachell accompanied him to the Legislative Breakfast where they expressed their concerns about the OSLAD grant status.

-Larry said that Larry Buckley received quotes and is arranging for the resurfacing of the outside washroom floors at a cost of \$3000.00 per washroom. This work will be completed by Sundeck within the next few weeks. Larry said he is also looking into the warranty on our windows as far as fixing the rubber that is buckling in ten of the windows on the second and first floors.

-Our attorneys are representing the District with regard to tax objections and is keeping Larry posted on developments.

-Attendance at the State Conference has made Larry aware of recommended policies that will be brought to the Board in the near future with regard to the use of drones in parks, new eavesdropping laws, e-tobacco and marijuana use and affirmative action statement language.

-The Softball Hall of Fame Dinner will be held on March 28 and WSSRA Derby Gala will be held on May 2.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS REPORT:

-President Entler reported that there were 4200 attendees at the conference this year and a strong showing of exhibitors. President Entler will be working on the exhibit committee this year and helping to plan the 2017 conference.

FOREST PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT:

-Commissioner McDermott reported that District 91 is currently trying certify next year's school calendar. School starts a week earlier in fall this year and they are hoping to be done on June 1, 2016. There will be a program on bullying that will be open to the public on Monday, February 23rd. Spring Fling will be on March 27th.

FOREST PARK PARK DISTRICT FOUNDATION:

-Mr. Thompson reported on behalf of the Park District of Forest Park Foundation, stating that they have \$13,000.00 in the bank and that they held their Heart of Gold Pancake Breakfast last week where they raised \$200.00. They are looking into running more fundraisers with the Board's permission, possibly in the form of a soccer or frisbie tournaments. They are joining the National Association of Park Foundations, which will be helpful in finding new fundraising ideas to help differ the cost of the pony rides for the All School Picnic which they are sponsoring. They are also looking into providing snacks for the FunCamp and DayCamp programs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Mr. Thompson asked that, when Rangers begin for the year, they be instructed to enforce our rules more strictly than in previous years.

CLOSED SESSION:

-Motion was made at 6:26 p.m. by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, to enter into Closed Session under Sections 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion matters concerning personnel and the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District.. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Entler; Nays: None.

-The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:57 p.m. Commissioner Doss was excused at 6:57 p.m. No action was taken on matters discussed in Closed Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

-The Annual Abatement Ordinance was presented. Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to adopt Ordinance 190215 Abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2014 to pay the principal of and interests on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source0, Series 2013A, of the Park District of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois. . Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Entler; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Doss.

ADJOURNMENT:

-Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sansone at 6:59 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Walsh. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0; Absent: 1.

Submitted by: _____ Secretary

Approved: _____ Board of Park Commissioners

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Date: _____