

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 March 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 Assistant Director Steve Thomas, Treasurer Joe Murray and Secretary Chris Richards..

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**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.

**-APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

-Motion was made by Commissioner McDermott, seconded by Commissioner Doss., to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2015 Regular Board Meetings. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Entler; Nays: None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

-The Board reviewed the Correspondence File which included letters requesting donations from St. Bernardine Women's Club, South Forest Park Parent Teacher Organization and the Catherine O'Connor Trage Foundation and two letters from NRPA with regard to our award of the Walk With Ease grant for \$4000.00.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

-Treasurer Murray reviewed the lists of computer checks totaling \$137,849.81 and manual checks and electronic transactions totaling \$8259.25 for a grand total of \$146,109.06 in disbursements for February and March 2015. Motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to approve the disbursements for February and March 2015. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Entler; Nays: None.

-Joe reported that fund balances for the close of February 2015 totaled \$4,966,263.02.. Reports show that the balance invested in the Money Market fund at Forest Park National Bank as of March 17, 2015 was \$506,654.72 and \$4,721,004.65 remains invested in the Illinois Park District Liquid Asset Fund. Motion was made by Commissioner Doss. seconded by Commissioner McDermott, to accept the Financial Statements for the close of February 2015. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Entler; Nays: None.

-Treasurer Murray reported about his discussions with a representative from Moody's with regard to maintaining our rating.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

-In Director Piekarz' absence, Assistant Director Thomas reported that the PARC and OSLAD grants totaling \$2.9 million that were awarded to us for the Roos Project have been suspended and we are waiting to find out what will happen. In the meantime a meeting was held with representatives of the Village on March 12<sup>th</sup> at which a number of issues were settled. Larry, Jerry Aulisio and other members of the Roos Development Team have met and a memo outlining the status of various aspects of the project, as well as the effect of the grant suspensions was included in Board Packets. Larry's recommendation at this time is to "stay the current course, proceed with the PUD submittal and approval, file for the MWRD permit, begin remediation of the site and implement the rough grading work that is required as part of the on-site remediation and foundation removal." The team has further recommended that we wait on authorizing the full construction documents and bidding until the funding is confirmed. Steve also provided a copy of the press release that Larry intends to send to the Review pertaining to the grant suspension.

-Assistant Director Thomas announced that we received an NFL Play 60 After School Kickoff Program Kit that we will use for our Flag Football program and we are continuing to seek out grant opportunities for programs.

-Director Piekarz and Commissioner Sansone will be attending the Legislative Conference on April 28 and 29. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 28, 2015 at 10:00 AM.

**ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS REPORT:**

-None.

**FOREST PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 91 CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT:**

-The State of the School Address will be held in April.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

-None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-None..

**NEW BUSINESS:**

-None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

-Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner McDermott at 6:16 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Doss.. Ayes: 5.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Park Commissioners

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_