

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 April 16, 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, Secretary Chris Richards and Owners Rep Jerry Aulisio. 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 McDermott, 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 March 19, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Entler ; Nays: None; Absent: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-The Board reviewed the Correspondence file which included thank you letters from WSSRA and the Catherine O'Connor Trage Foundation for recent fundraiser donations and a thank you note from the family of Cornelius Vandenbos (Director Piekarz' father-in-law) for our expression of sympathy.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

-Treasurer Murray reviewed the disbursements for March and April 2015: computer generated checks totaled \$ 135,626.85 and manual checks and debit card disbursements totaled \$2,529.78 for a grand total of \$138,156.63 in expenses submitted for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, to approve disbursements for March and April. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Entler ; Nays: None; Absent: None.

-Joe reviewed financial statements for the close of March 2015 noting that the balance on account as of March 31, 2015 was \$5,640,208.20. The Money Market fund shows a balance of \$656,980.84 as of 4/14/15 and the Illinois Park District Liquid Asset Fund shows a balance of \$4,502,673.71 with an additional \$424,411.54 in the DCEO account. Director Piekarz explained that there are two IPDLAF accounts as the State required that we open a separate interest-bearing account for deposit of the DCEO grant funds. Motion was made by Commissioner McDermott, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to approve the financial statements for the close of March 2015 Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Entler ; Nays: None; Absent: None.

-Treasurer Murray told the Board that Moody's has lowered our bond rating, as it has all Cook County agencies, primarily due to our reduced EAV, however they indicated that they would review the decision when new EAV figures are released in June.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Director Piekarz turned the floor over to Owner's Rep Jerry Aulisio who spoke on the status of the Roos Development Project. He provided a schedule and said that we will be going out for bid on the remediation work and should have bids for consideration at the June Board Meeting. The work is expected to take about 20 days. We would then do a grading plan, but we must wait until the PUD is approved, hopefully at a planning commissioner meeting in the beginning of June. He said

that a critical issue is the Metropolitan Water Reclamation Department permit. The Village has approved our application subject to comment and we are hoping that final approval will be received by the end of the month so do not lose our "grandfather" status. Larry said that, when he and Commissioner Sansone are in Springfield for the Legislative Conference they will be meeting with legislators to try to determine the status of our grants. Jerry said that the work that we have planned over the next two months is work that will need to be done regardless of whether or not we are able to continue work on the building. Jerry said that Larry and he will be meeting weekly and that he will be attending monthly meetings to report on progress of the project.

-Director Piekarz reported that he has arranged for landscaping with McAdams on the corner of Desplaines and Harrison at the Hall of Fame Museum. Superintendent Buckley said that work will begin as soon as the chosen flowers are available.

-Larry told the Board that we have received a \$1000.00 Power Play Grant from IPRA for after school programming.

-Larry discussed Commissioner McDermott's request that the pool stay open later for evening swim and said that they have come up with the idea of "bonus night" that would allow for the pool to stay open later on evenings when there are no pool rental's scheduled so that we would not lose rental revenue for the entire summer. There will be "flash" advertisement on Facebook and Twitter.

-Director Piekarz said that we applied for a grant to through the US Soccer Association to resurface the multipurpose field and we get the results by the end of the month. The grant is for 10% of the cost of the resurfacing, which is \$437,000.00. He said he feels it's important to continue to keep our facilities in good repair while working on the new Roos project so he recommends that, if we get the grant, we take advantage of the help and resurface the field. The field is at a year over its life expectancy of 10 years. The project would be done in the summer when there is the least use. Some discussion was also held concerning the resurfacing of the inline rink which will also be needing work soon. Superintendent Buckley also talked about the tennis court lights and installing a "push button" system so that the lights are not on when the courts are not in use. He will get quotes. He also said that the key for the lights on the batting cages has been lost over the years so he will also have those changed.

-Our attorney is continuing to work on tax objections and has informed us that the case has been continued again.

-Larry outlined upcoming events: May 2 is Little League Opening Day and also the WSSRA Derby Gala; our spring Garage Sale will be held on April 25th; the IAPD Park District Kite Fly is May 3rd and the Kiwanis Soapbox Derby will be held on May 9th.

-Commissioner Doss asked about the electronic sign that was going to be installed on the corner. When the new company took over the billboard, they would still have installed the sign, but the terms changed and we would have been obliged to include more advertising than he was comfortable with, so Larry said he put the sign on the "back burner".

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

-Commissioner McDermott reported that the State of the School District address was taking place this evening and that she would, if possible, attend after leaving this meeting and report back next month.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS REPORT.

-None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Mr. Thompson mentioned concerns with regard to staff driving the truck over the area at the Hall of Fame Museum causing ruts. Superintendent Buckley explained that they had to do some work that couldn't wait until after the ground dried out. Mr. Thompson also expressed concern about water bottles and trash being thrown on the ground after field use on Saturday and Sunday evenings.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion was made by Commissioner Doss, 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 of matters concerning personnel and the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:50 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

-No action was taken on matters discussed in Closed Session

-Resolutions honoring Mary Drent and David Weinstein were presented for approval and will be presented to these teachers upon their retirement

Motion was made by Commissioner Doss, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to adopt a Resolution Honoring Ms. Mary Drent upon her Retirement from the Forest Park Public Schools District # 91. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Entler ; Nays: None; Absent: None.

Motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to adopt a Resolution Honoring Mr. David Weinstein upon his Retirement from the Forest Park Public Schools District # 91. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Entler ; Nays: None; Absent: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

-Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sansone at 6:51 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: _____