

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 May 7, 2015.

**ROLL CALL:** Vice-President McDermott chaired the meeting, calling it to order at 6:00 pm. Commissioners Doss, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott answered present. Also present were Director Larry Piekarz and Secretary Chris Richards. Citizen 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, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**MINUTES:**

-Motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** None.

**REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS FOR OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENT OF EMPLOYEES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2015 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2016 (THE ANNUAL MEETING).**

-Vice-President McDermott opened the floor to nominations for President. Commissioner Sansone nominated Commissioner McDermott for President. There being no further nominations, Vice-President McDermott closed the nominations for President. Motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to elect Cathleen McDermott as President for the Board of Park Commissioners for the Fiscal year May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

-Commissioner McDermott opened the floor to nominations for Vice-President. Commissioner Doss nominated Commissioner Walsh for Vice-President. There being no further nominations, Commissioner McDermott closed the nominations for Vice-President. Motion was made by Commissioner Doss, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to elect Matthew Walsh as Vice-President for the Board of Park Commissioners for the Fiscal year May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

-The Secretary administered the Oath of Office of President to Commissioner Cathleen McDermott.

-The Secretary administered the Oath of Office of Vice-President to Commissioner Matthew Walsh.

-Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Doss, to appoint Chris Richards as Secretary to the Board of Park Commissioners of the Park District of Forest Park for the fiscal year May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

-Motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to appoint Joe Murray as Treasurer for the Board of Park Commissioners of the Park District of Forest Park for the fiscal year May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

-Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to appoint Lawrence Piekarz as Director for the Board of Park Commissioners of the Park District of Forest Park for the fiscal year May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

-Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to appoint the law firm of Tressler, LLC as attorneys for the Board of Park Commissioners of the Park District of Forest Park for the fiscal year May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

-Motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to designate Forest Park National Bank as depositor for the Park District of Forest Park for the fiscal year May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

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**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

-Director Piekarz reported on the status of the Roos Project, stating that things are moving along, We are still waiting for EPA approval from the state, but are hopeful that we will get it within the next two weeks. Village officials and staff have been helpful and we hope to go out for bid on cleanup tasks when the IEPA has signed off on our application. We will be asking the Village to waive the diagonal parking requirement, as well as their request that all utility wiring be buried as the costs of these requirements would greatly impact the project.

-Larry said that the merry-go-round on the playground broke, but we have determined that it is still under warranty so no repair costs will be incurred.

-The pool is now being filled. It is scheduled to open May 23<sup>rd</sup> and a Picnic in the Park with entertainment by the Forest Park Middle School Band will be held from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm that day.

-Larry said that although it appears we did not get the grant to replace the multipurpose field, he is recommending that we go ahead with the replacement. He has received a quote from FieldTurf for \$314,213.29 through a national Cooperative Purchase Network. If we had received the grant, we would have been required to use a different company and their quote was \$387,036.00 after the grant, so we will actually save \$72,000.00 in not getting the grant. The work will take two to three weeks and will be scheduled to be done during August to minimize disruption to soccer schedules and programming. In addition they will be donating a gator and brush for grooming the field. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with the project and a formal vote will be included on our next meeting agenda.

-Director Piekarz said that Assistant Director Thomas will be at the Park this coming Saturday to assist with any needs for Kiwanis Soapbox Derby.

-A scoreboard controller has been ordered to replace the one that is out of order and we are asking Little League to allow only adults to use it. Steve Thomas, Denny Crotty and Ryan Russ all attended a CPO class over the last two days and are now Certified Pool Operators.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

-None.

**FOREST PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

-President McDermott said that the next meeting of the Committee will be on May 20<sup>th</sup> and she will provide a full report at our next Board Meeting.-

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-Mr. Thompson suggested that the Ranger program be stepped up to include after school hours now that the weather is improving. Director Piekarz told him that the police department is beginning to patrol after school with the nicer weather.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

-President McDermott asked the Board to be prepared to complete Director Piekarz' evaluation at the May 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting in Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

-Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Walsh at 6:35 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Doss. Ayes: 4.

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

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

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

