

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 October 15, 2015.

ROLL CALL: President McDermott chaired the meeting calling it to order at 6:00 p.m.. Commissioners, Doss, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott answered present. Also present were Director Larry Piekarz, Assistant Director Steve Thomas, Superintendent Larry Buckley, Treasurer Joe Murray 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 Entler, to approve the agenda. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: None.

MINUTES:

-Motion was made by Commissioner Entler, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Abstained: Commissioner Doss; Nays: None; Absent: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board reviewed the correspondence file which included thank you note from Laurie McAndrews for the gift of tournament tips.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

-Treasurer Murray reviewed the lists of computer checks totaling \$90,384.11 and manual checks and electronic payments in the amount of \$19,448.43 for a grand total of \$79,832.54 in disbursements for September and October 2015. Motion was made by Commissioner Doss, seconded by Commissioner Entler, to approve the disbursements for September and October 2015. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: None.

-Joe reported that the financial statements for the close of September 2015 reflect a balance of \$5,492,175.15. Motion was made by Commissioner Doss, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to approve the financial statements for the close of September 2015. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: None.

-Director Piekarz said that he has talked to legal counsel regarding the discontinuation of the Working Cash fund and that the Board will need to adopt a resolution to close it and transfer funds to the Corporate Fund. We will then be unable to initiate a Working Cash fund for ten years.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS REPORT:

-Larry Buckley reported on tasks completed over the past month including the Fall and Halloween decorating of the Park, winterizing of the sprayground and power washing of the inline rink. Commissioner Entler asked about the Tennis Court light settings and was told that they had been reset today. Superintendent Buckley also explained the scheduled leveling of walks in response to President McDermott's questions.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Assistant Director Thomas outlined activities at the Park the past month, all of which he felt were successful. He told the Board that he has a meeting scheduled with Comcast tomorrow morning with regard to faster internet access for the Administration Building.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Director Piekarz reported that there was a body found at the Park on October 4th. It is not believed that foul play was involved, however the body was sent out for a toxicology report.

-Larry said that he felt that the Fall Fest went well despite the weather. The "Touch a Truck" was particularly successful for kids. Staff is already working on improvements for next year.

-Director Piekarz asked the Board to begin thinking about working on a Five Year Master Comprehensive Plan for the Park. He is contacting an IAPD endorsed facilitator and would like the Board's input on dates that they would be available for meeting. The consensus was that they could find a Saturday in November to begin. In addition the Village has asked us to provide a revised plan for the Roos property by spring, so the Board will need to decide what the options are and how to proceed in the likely event that approved grant money is not received.

- Larry also asked the Board to let him know if they have any ideas for the holidays. Since we held a pool party for volunteers this year, we will not be hosting a volunteer party at the holidays so he asked whether the Board would like to resume the practice of having a commissioner/staff party and, if so, when.
- Larry announced that he and Commissioner Walsh will be attending the IAPD Legal Symposium on Oct 29.
- He also noted that remediation work has begun on the Roos property and that 9 loads of dirt or 191 tons have been removed. He also provided a copy of the schedule for the project.
- Larry announced that rules and fees for parking in the Lathrop lot will be changed effective in January. He said that there will now need to be a commitment to either daytime or night time parking or both. He is also still looking for a replacement to S & S Towing.
- Larry announced that we have two new tournament sponsors: Tito's Vodka for \$3000 and Pepsi for \$1,500. He is not sure what effect, if any, the merger of Anheiser Bush and Miller Brewing will have on Miller's involvement in our tournament.

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

- None. Meeting was cancelled for lack of quorum.

IAPD REPORT:

- Commissioner Entler provided OSLAD Grant data from IAPD and said that they are hopeful that suspended grants will be reinstated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Director Piekarz reported again that the Personnel Policy Manual and the Conduct Ordinance of the Park District are being reviewed and revised by our attorneys. Motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to authorize Park staff and attorneys to continue to work on revisions of the Personnel Policy Manual and the Conduct Ordinance. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None..

NEW BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Sansone complimented the Firefighters 5 K event saying it was very well organized and run and commenting that the Park District representatives did very well.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Doss, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, at 6:28 p.m.
.Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 1.

Submitted by: _____ Secretary

Approved: _____ Board of Park Commissioners

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Date: _____