

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 21, 2016.

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, Superintendent of Parks 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 Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott ; Nays: None; Absent: None.

-Motion was made by Commissioner Entler, seconded by Commissioner Doss, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2016 Special Board Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott ; Nays: None; Absent: None.

-Motion was made by Commissioner Doss, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2016 Special Board Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott ; Nays: None; Absent: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-The Board reviewed the Correspondence file which included a copy of Director Piekarz' letter to Village Administrator Gillian confirming matters discussed at their March 21, 2016 meeting concerning the Roos Project, a letter from IAPD informing us that we have received a PowerPlay Beyond School Grant for After School Sports and Nutrition programming of \$1000.00, a letter from Michael Thompson of the Forest Park Memorial Day Committee inviting the Board to participate in the services for Memorial Day at the Park on May 30, 2016 at 2:00 pm., and thank you letters from St. Luke's Parish School, Cub Scout Pack 109 and WSSRA for donations to recent fundraisers, as well as a letter from Forest Park Chamber of Commerce & Development thanking us for our membership renewal.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-None..

TREASURER'S REPORT:

-Treasurer Murray reviewed the disbursements for March and April 2016: computer generated checks totaled \$107,075.46 and manual checks totaled \$6,763.00 for a grand total of \$113,838.46 in expenses submitted for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Doss, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to approve disbursements for March and April. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott ; Nays: None; Absent: None.

-Joe reviewed financial statements for the close of March 2016 noting that the balance on account as of March 31, 2016 was \$5,570,494.36. The Money Market fund shows a balance of \$676,495.62 as of 3/15/16 and the Illinois Park District Liquid Asset Fund shows a balance of \$4,348,659.22 in the Bond Account with an additional \$424,690.31 in the DCEO account. Motion was made by Commissioner Entler, seconded by Commissioner Walsh to approve the financial statements for the close of March 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott ; Nays: None; Absent: None.

-Joe told the Board that according to a recent press release from the Illinois Department of Revenue, we will be receiving a notice of overpayment of 2014 Replacement Taxes in the amount of \$4,280.64. Director Piekarz provided a copy of the release, along with an article about Replacement Tax.

-Treasurer Murray talked about possible transfers of funds and/or expenses to adjust fund balances to to the most favorable positions for the close of the fiscal year this month. Director Piekarz will contact legal counsel to determine what Board action is necessary.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS REPORT”

-Superintendent Buckley reported the resurfacing of the In Line Rink will begin as soon as the weather is expected to remain steadily in the 60's. A copy of the quote of \$12,550 for the project was included in Board Packets. He also has received a quote for \$10,960 for resurfacing and striping of parking areas from New Life Sealcoating. The maintenance crew has been preparing the pool and all areas of the Park for summer activities and the Skate Park has been power washed.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

-Assistant Director Thomas was not in attendance, however his written report outlining the past month's as well as upcoming activities was included in Board Packets.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

-Director Piekarz reported had included an outline of projects that the Board has discussed at recent meeting and a priority chart for commissioners to complete. He asked that they do so within the next few weeks and he will compile the results so that they can continue development of the Master Plan.

-Larry said that the Roos Development Team has resumed meeting and plans are being drawn up for a building on the Roos Property that is more affordable considering the loss of expected grant funds. Most of the funds on hand for the project will be used for the building so plans for the grounds are being modified as well and are being called an events field. There is a meeting being held that will include representatives of Ferrara Pan Candy's charitable works department to discuss possible sponsorship for the project. Director Piekarz has asked Frank Parisi from William's Associates to attend the next Board Meeting to present revised plans. He also said that, after receiving more information, he is recommending that we continue pursuing an NFR letter from the State. The project is beginning to move along and he is hoping that we will be going out to bid for the project by July and begin construction in September.

-Director Piekarz said that he will not be able to attend the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting on May 5th and Commissioner Entler may not be there either. After some discussion it was decided that, with the extensive Roos Project discussions scheduled to take place, the meeting be cancelled and the next regular Board Meeting on May 19th be extended to begin earlier at 5:30 pm.

-Larry reminded the Board that the Family Garage Sale is Saturday April 23rd and the WSSRA Derby Gala will be held on May 7, 2016. Commissioner Entler, Assistant Director Steve Thomas and Recreation Supervisor Rachell Entler will be attending the Legislative Conference and Parks Day next month.

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

-Commissioner McDermott reported the annual State of the Schools address will be held on May 18, 2016 at Betsy Ross School. She encouraged Commissioners to attend.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS REPORT.

-Commissioner Entler reported that IAPD has begun meeting for planning of next year's Conference programming. This years conference attendance was 4269. He also said that IAPD has awarded \$50,000 in Power Play grants to sixty-two applicants.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-Motion was made by Commission Entler, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to accept the proposal from U. S. Tennis Court Construction Co., not to exceed \$12,600.00 for the resurfacing and coating of the InLine Skating Rink. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott ; Nays: None; Absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-None.

NEW BUSINESS:

-President McDermott distributed the Director's evaluation forms and said that she would like to see the review process completed by June this year.

-Director Piekarz said that Comcast would like to tape the championship game of our Tournament. He has asked for some compensation, however they have replied that they don't have the funds to do that. Larry said that the public relations would be good for the tournament and the Park and asked for the Commissioners' thoughts on the matter. After some discussion the consensus of the Board was to allow the televised championship game regardless of whether or not Comcast can compensate the Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

-Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sansone at 6:50 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Entler. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent:0.

Submitted by: Donna Rickard Secretary

Approved: Matthew Wahl Board of Park Commissioners

Carrie McDermott Board of Park Commissioners

Date: 5/19/16