

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 January 21, 2016

ROLL CALL: President McDermott chaired the meeting calling it to order at 6:00 pm. 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. Resident Michael Thompson and Facility Custodian Dennis Crotty were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion of matters concerning the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District under the Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(5) to the already scheduled Closed Session. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: None.

MINUTES:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

-The Board reviewed the Correspondence file which included a thank you letters from Harlem Manner und Damenchor and St Bernardine's Parish for recent fundraiser donations and Charlene Holtz of Tressler LLP on her retirement , a letter from St. Luke's School requesting a donation, a letter from PDRMA congratulating us on Level A Accreditation through their Loss Control Review.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-None.

ANNIVERSARY AWARD PRESENTATION:

-Facility Custodian Dennis Crotty was presented with a plaque in appreciation and \$200 check upon his recent completion of 20 years of service with the Park District of Forest Park.
-Facility Coordinator Vicki Stisevic was unable to attend, but Director Piekarz noted that she has recently completed 15 years of service and is being awarded a plaque and \$150.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

-Treasurer Murray reviewed the lists of computer checks totaling \$75,522.46 and manual checks and electronic transactions totaling \$4,816.66 for a grand total of \$80,339.46 in disbursements for December 2015 and January 2016. Motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Entler, to approve the disbursements for December and January. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: None.
-Joe reported that fund balances for the close of December 2015 totaled \$4,454,368.50. The investments schedule as of January 19, 2016, showed \$4,357,656.27: \$36,408.68 in a Money Market account at Forest Park National Bank yielding 1% interest and \$3,896,759.23 in the Illinois Park District Liquid Asset Fund Bond Account, with an additional \$424,488.36, in the DCEO Grant Account with IPDLAF. Motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Doss, to accept the financial statements for the close of December 2015. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: None.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS REPORT:

-Superintendent Buckley reported on the activities of his staff over the past month, stating that all vehicles have been inspected and holiday decorations taken down. The maintenance crew has been working on the ice rink, however there is a hole in the liner so it will probably need to be replaced next year. He said that the new mower was delivered last week.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Assistant Director Thomas reported that the Winter Brochure was mailed to residents in December. He reminded the Board that the Kids Triathlon will be held in May this year rather than September. The Administration Building and the garage are now connected to the internet via cable through Comcast and the Community Survey will be going out to Forest Park residents next week.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Director Piekarz reported that he is continuing to work with Tressler LLP on updating Personnel Policy and Conduct Ordinance manuals, however there's been a slight delay due to their changes in staff. In updating the Personnel Policy he made recommendations adjusting the holidays allowed to full time staff. His suggestions included adding half days on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and removing Columbus Day and also adding Independence Day and Martin Luther King Day. After discussion the consensus of the Board was to remove Columbus Day and Presidents Day and add Independence Day and Martin Luther King Day, but leave the Christmas and New Year holidays as is. New days will go in effect on 5/1/2016.

-Larry reported on a recent meeting of the Roos Development team and the MWRD. There was a misunderstanding with regard to our "grandfathered" status with the MWRD. If we build a gym on the Roos Property it must be **completed** within three years of our September 2015 start date so it would need to be done by September 2018. While we do have time, we will need to begin making decisions about how to proceed with the property and he believes that the Community Survey will be instrumental in making these decisions. The status of the state grants will also have an impact on decisions and, if grant funds are not released, the building plans may need to be scaled down. Substantial changes in plans will require that we resubmit them to the MWRD.

-Director Piekarz reported that the Community Survey will go out to 1700 residents on January 26th and the completion deadline will be February 26th. Staff members will meet with seniors at the Community Center next week with paper copies of the survey. President McDermott suggested making copies available at the Library in addition to the planned outlets. Analysis will take place during March and a Special Master Plan Meeting will be held on March 19, 2016.

-Larry said that we will be expanding our 16" softball league to 14 teams this summer. More field time has become available do to the unfortunate decline in Little League participation.

-WSSRA will hold a 40th anniversary banquet at the Center on February 27th.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS REPORT:

-None.

FOREST PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT:

-None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-President McDermott said that there are two openings on the Foundation Board. She said that she feels that the Board of Commissioners needs to do a better job in communication with the Foundation Board. She believes there needs to be a defined process for filling the seven positions on the Foundation Board and also mentioned that the Board representative is a 2 year term so someone may be interested in relieving Eric whose term is up this year. She also recommended that a Foundation report be added to the Regular Board Meeting Agenda each month.

-Motion was made by Commissioner Doss, seconded by Commissioner Entler, to appoint Rory Hoskins to the Park District of Forest Park Foundation Board for a two year term effective January 1, 2016 Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: None.

-Motion was made by Commissioner Doss, seconded by Commissioner Entler, to appoint Dino Constantine Dussias to the Park District of Forest Park Foundation Board for a two year term effective January 1, 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-None.

CLOSED SESSION:

-Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone at 6:37 pm, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, 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. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: None.

-The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:02 p.m. No action was taken on matters discussed in Closed Session.

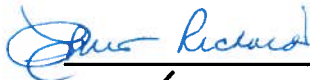
NEW BUSINESS:

-None.

ADJOURNMENT:

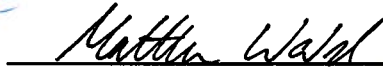
-Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sansone at 7:02 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Walsh. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0; Absent: 0.

Submitted by:



Secretary

Approved:



Board of Park Commissioners



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Date:

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