

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 September 15, 2016.

ROLL CALL: President Walsh chaired the meeting, calling it to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone and Walsh answered present. Commissioner Entler was an excused absence. Also present were Assistant Director Steve Thomas, 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 Doss, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, to approve the agenda. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone, and Walsh ; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

MINUTES:

-Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Doss, to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Sansone and Walsh; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler; Abstain: Commissioner McDermott.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-Thank you notes from R. Latham for support of District 91's "Back to School 5K" event and the family of Catherine Novak for a memorial flower arrangement.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-None..

TREASURER'S REPORT:

-Treasurer Murray reviewed the disbursements for 2016: computer generated checks totaled \$106,207.56 and manual checks totaled \$6,299.78 for a grand total of \$112,507.34 in expenses submitted for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, to approve disbursements for August and September. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone and Walsh; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

-Joe reviewed financial statements for the close of August 2016 noting that the balance on account as of August 31, 2016 was \$5,872,318.89. The Money Market fund shows a balance of \$1,043,514.72 as of 9/13/16 and the Illinois Park District Liquid Asset Fund shows a balance of \$4,353,483.62 in the Bond Account with an additional \$425,161.47 in the DCEO account. Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner McDermott to approve the financial statements for the close of August 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone, and Walsh ; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS REPORT"

-Superintendent Buckley reported the maintenance staff has been working on general grounds maintenance and closing and draining the pool. They also spent time cleaning up Building #4 after summer DayCamp in preparation for school-year FunCamp.

-Larry told repeated the circumstances surrounding the SCS pump, stating that after removing it and having it repaired twice, it began leaking. He recommended purchasing a new pump at a cost of \$7500.00 and repairing the leaking pump to keep for a back up as it can also be used in place of other pumps in the filter room should the need arise. Some discussion ensued and the consensus of the Board was to purchase the new pump, however not to spend any more money repairing the leaky pump as it has already cost \$10,000., but to keep it for a spare if the repair shop will make good the original repair at no cost.

-Superintendent Buckley said the pool is also in need of repainting as it was last painted five years ago and that the cost would be \$23,000 for painting and calking. The consensus of the Board was to have the work done asking it would be done in the spring Larry indicated that he will have it done now.

-Larry provided copies of a catalogue showing possible replacement features for the broken feature in the playground. He recommended replacing the feature that has been out of service twice already because it cannot stand up to the use it gets particularly by over-age children. He said we are limited however due to various mandated size requirements. He will continue to look for other replacements to present to the Board next month.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Assistant Director Thomas reported that he provided a breakdown of pool attendance for this past summer stating that the weather was kinder to us this year than last. He said that this year there were only four days that the pool failed to open due to the weather; last year there were about 14.

-Steve reported that there will be a concert in the park tomorrow (Friday, September 16th) and that the Annual Camp Out will be held this Saturday and Sunday (9/17-18). He reminded the Board that the Inaugural Chili and Beer Fest will be from noon until 8:00 pm on October 1st. Commissioner McDermott asked whether Forest Park Youth Soccer play on Friday night and the concert to be held in the pavilion would interfere with each other, but Steve did not feel it would be a problem.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-None.

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

-Commissioner McDermott said she had nothing to report, however she said that she is stepping down from the committee after three years. The appointment was intended to be made annually so the committee is looking for a volunteer to replace her.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS REPORT.

-None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Mr. Thompson commended the Board on their fiscal responsibility as evident in the discussion of the pool pump replacement and repair issue. He also repeated his opinion that the ranger program must be strengthened and that rangers should be more proactive in ousting over-age kids from the playground to avoid the necessity of replacing features.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Board packets included copies of this year's Audit by Wermer, Rogers, Doran & Ruzon, however acceptance was tabled until next month to give the commissioners time to review it. They also felt that a presentation would be helpful so the Auditor will be contacted to schedule the visit.

-Commissioner McDermott shared a copy of the letter that was sent to Director Piekarz with copies to the Board with regard to an incident that occurred at the tournament involving the pushing of an umpire. None of the commissioners were aware of the incident, however the Board asked Assistant Director Thomas to make sure that Director Piekarz had received the complaint when he returns from vacation and left the response to his judgement.

-Commissioner McDermott said that after an incident earlier this summer and a recent nearby event reported on the news, she feels it is important to find out if PDRMA has provided any "lock down" policy or information to guide us if and when it may become necessary at the Park. Steve said he will research.

-Commissioner McDermott said that she felt the new fall brochure is a disappointment and asked that discussion be placed on the October agenda.

-Commissioner Doss said that he believes that Director Piekarz has met with the Village about the potential return of the 4th of July Celebration and that discussion of it be placed on the October agenda as well.

ADJOURNMENT:

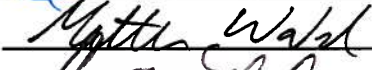
-Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sansone at 6:50 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Doss.
Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1.

Submitted by:



Secretary

Approved:



Board of Park Commissioners



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Date:

