

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 March 17, 2016.

ROLL CALL: President McDermott chaired the meeting, calling it to order at 6:00 pm.. Commissioners Doss, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott answered present. Commissioner Entler arrived at 6:34 pm. Also present were Director Larry Piekarz, Assistant Director Steve Thomas, Treasurer Joe Murray and Secretary Chris Richards. Residents and Park District of Forest Park Foundation Board Members Michael Thompson and Kevin Bartlett were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioners Walsh to approve the agenda. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler..

-APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

-The Board reviewed the Correspondence File which included an email from a FunCamp parent complimenting staff and letters from South Forest Park Parent Teacher Organization and St. Bernardine Women's Club soliciting donations for upcoming fundraising events.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

-Treasurer Murray reviewed the lists of computer checks totaling \$47,665.47 and manual checks and electronic transactions totaling \$8,029.56 for a grand total of \$55,695.03 in disbursements for February and March 2016. Motion was made by Commissioner Doss, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to approve the disbursements for February and March 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler..

-Joe reported that fund balances for the close of February totaled \$4,679,137.49.. Reports show that the balance invested in the Money Market fund at Forest Park National Bank as of March 15, 2016 was \$676,184.66 and \$4,772,511.27 remains invested in accounts with the Illinois Park District Liquid Asset Fund. Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Doss, to accept the Financial Statements for the close of February 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler..

-Director Piekarz commented that we received a check for \$1270.07 from Capital One in rewards for using our credit card. He is going to see if it would be acceptable to pay more expenses with the credit card to.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS' REPORT:

-In Superintendent Buckley's absence, Director Piekarz reported on repair work being done on the multi-purpose field and explained the reason for upcoming replacement of the surge tank valves in the pool, as well as preparation of the ball fields for spring play.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Assistant Director Thomas reported that the Flashlight Egg Hunt and the Easter Egg Hunt are both being held this weekend. He also reported that he will be working on pool staffing this month.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Director Piekarz' reported on the opposition of Senate Bill 2179 stating that it did not go to committee as scheduled and he will keep the Board posted on its status..
- He reminded the Board that a Special Meeting will be held on Saturday at 10:30 am for discussion of the 5-Year Master Plan.
- Larry asked that anyone wishing to attend the Legislative Conference in Springfield May 3 and May 4 let him know. He also will be making reservations for the Chicago 16" Softball Hall of Fame Inductee Dinner and needs to know who will be attending.
- Larry congratulated Mr. Michael Thompson on his involvement in the VetFest event that will be held on July 23rd and offered the Park's assistance.
- Director Piekarz said that the VFW is no longer in existence, but he is contacting the American Legion about Memorial Day. He suggested that in lieu of a service being held here at the Park as in the past, it may be a good idea to contact Woodlawn Cemetery to join with them and assist in their presentation. Mike Thompson and Joe Byrnes will assist Larry in reaching out to the veterans that have been involved.
- At the end of June, we will be holding a Skate Safe event at our skatepark that will be sponsored by Rush Orthopaedics.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS REPORT:

- None.

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

- President McDermott reported that they are embarking on the survey that they had been planning and will be contacting focus groups for their input. Anyone interested can submit their name to be chosen to participate.

PARK DISTRICT OF FOREST PARK FOUNDATION REPORT:

- Kevin Bartlett reported that the Foundation has been working on developing a Communication Plan, as well as a 2 - 5 year plan. He provided a proposed slate of officers for the new two-year term and also recommended the addition of Shannon Wood to the Foundation Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- President McDermott revisited the issue of changing firms for legal representation. Director Piekarz recommendation last month was to continue with Tressler for the coming year for continuity during the Roos construction and to wait to look at other firms until the project is completed or a problem presents itself. President McDermott felt that reaching out to both Tressler and Robbins Schwartz to clarify the reason for the split and to determine skill sets on both sides would be advisable. Discussion ensued, however Commissioners Sansone and Doss felt strongly that no change be considered at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mr. Thompson said that with the onset of nicer weather, there have been issues with bike riding in the Park and suggested that the Park bring rangers back to enforce rules.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Director Piekarz told the Board that he is drafting a policy for the use of Park District Parking Facilities by commercial entities.

- Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Doss, to adopt Ordinance 170316 Abating the Taxes Heretofore Levied for the Year 2015 to pay the Principal and Interest on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2013A of the Park District of Forest Park, Cook, County, Illinois. 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 Shannon Wood to the Park District of Forest Park Foundation Board. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: None.


-Motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to approve the slate of officers for the Foundation Board for the two-year term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017 as follows:


President:	Kevin Bartlett
Vice President	Mike Thompson
Secretary:	Dino Dussias
Treasurer:	Ted Rozmus

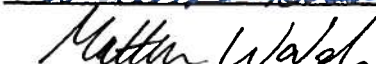
Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and McDermott; Nays: None; Absent: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

-Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sansone at 6:37 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Entler.. Ayes: 5.

Submitted by:  Secretary

Approved:  Board of Park Commissioners

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Date: 4/21/16