

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 December 15, 2016.

**ROLL CALL:** President Walsh chaired the meeting, calling it to order at 6:02 pm.. Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone and Walsh answered present. Commissioner Entler was an excused absence. Also present were Director Larry Piekarz, Assistant Director Steve Thomas, Treasurer Joe Murray and Secretary Chris Richards. Resident Michael Thompson was also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**-APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

-Motion was made by Commissioner Doss, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2016 Regular Board Meetings. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone and Walsh; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Sansone.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

-The Board reviewed the correspondence file which included holiday cards from Tressler, LLP, Frederick Quinn Corp., IPRA, Soeer Financial and Special T Unlimited as well as a donation request from St Luke's Parish School in River Forest.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

-Treasurer Murray reviewed the lists of computer checks totaling \$135,494.72 and manual checks totaling \$3,267.27 for a grand total of \$138,761.99 in disbursements for November and December 2016. Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, to approve the disbursements for November and December 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone and Walsh; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

-Joe reported that fund balances for the close of November totaled \$5,263,193.10.. Reports show that the balance invested in the Money Market fund at Forest Park National Bank as of December 13, 2016 was \$430,923.94 and \$4,788,765.23 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 December 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone and Walsh; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS' REPORT:**

-None.

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

-Assistant Director Thomas reported that the Candy Cane Lane Craft Fair that was held on November 19 was successful with 36 vendors and over 300 shoppers attending. Another craft fair is planned for June 3<sup>rd</sup> and will, hopefully, be held outdoors. We also participated in the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Walk on December 2<sup>nd</sup> where we provided smores for visitors to our tent. Finally the December 10<sup>th</sup> Breakfast with Santa was successful with over 100 attendees.

-Discussion ensued concerning problems with the elevator during the craft fair and other events and Larry explained that we are working on getting it consistently operational.

-Steve outlined some upcoming meetings and events and said that the Winter/Spring Brochure is currently being distributed to residents. He reminded the Board that this year's holiday party is being held at RPlace this Saturday.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

-Director Piekarz' reported that he has been unable to get everyone together for a meeting regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration before the holidays, but that he is scheduling a meeting with the Mayor along with police and fire officials soon after the start of the new year and will keep the board informed.

- Larry said that he has received questions from the Village engineers and planners and he intends to get them answered and hopefully be on the agenda for the Village Planning Committee meeting in January. He has met with Frank and Jerry and will be looking for a teen "obstacle course" that may fit in the Roos plans. This type of equipment may also be conducive to programming opportunities. He will be checking into it at the conference.

-Larry reported that, while he had planned on having Jeff provide an online demonstration at this evening's meeting, he asked him to postpone since we do not have a full board. He said that he will also be looking at software vendors at the conference and would be happy to schedule a special demonstration before the next regular Board Meeting should the board be interested.

-Director Piekarz said that Southern Bus did now get the state bid for the school bus. Larry and Steve have placed the order for a bus at the cost of \$51,400.00.

-Larry reminded the Board that the Holiday Party will be Saturday at RPlace.

**ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS REPORT:**

-None.

**PARK DISTRICT OF FOREST PARK FOUNDATION REPORT:**

-Commissioner McDermott expressed her disappointment with the Foundation. She said that they seem to be doing very little except for making more work for the staff. The new brochure lists a donation program through which anyone donating \$25,00 will receive 8 free passes to the pool, but no where does it limit the number of \$25.00 donations so the program, in effect, is discouraging the purchase of pool passes. Director Piekarz said that it appears that the program was not conveyed very clearly, but that the office staff will be instructed to explain and honor the restrictions. They have also not been attending the Board Meeting each month to report their plans and activities.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

-None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-Mr. Thompson complimented the staff on this year's holiday decorations throughout the Park.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

-Ordinance 161215 Levying Taxes for the Park District of Forest Park, County of Cook and State of Illinois for the Year 2016 was presented and motion was made by Commissioner Doss, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to adopt Ordinance 161215 Levying Taxes for the Park District of Forest Park, County of Cook and State of Illinois for the Year 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, McDermott, Sansone and Walsh; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler. Treasurer Murray commented that the Roosevelt Road TIF is done and that will mean some additional tax money for us next year.

-Commissioner McDermott said that she was disappointed in the new brochure and asked Commissioners to review it so that discussion can be held at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

-Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sansone at 6:36 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Doss.. Ayes: 4.

Submitted by:

Dee Ransom Secretary

Approved:

Mattie Wald Board of Park Commissioners

Carla McQuinn Board of Park Commissioners

Date:

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