

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 16, 2017.

ROLL CALL: President Walsh chaired the meeting calling it to order at 6:00 p.m.. Commissioners Doss, Entler, McDermott, Sansone and Walsh answered present. Also present were Director Larry Piekarz, Assistant Director Steve Thomas, Superintendent Larry Buckley, Treasurer Joe Murray and Secretary Chris Richards. The following citizens were also in attendance: Foundation President Kevin Bartlett, Commissioner candidate Andrew Johnson, Kiwanis representatives Ron Haddad, Jordan Koehn and Jerry Lordan and Michael Thompson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

MINUTES:

-Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2017 Regular Board Meeting..Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, McDermott, Sansone and Walsh; Nays: None; Absent: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-The Board reviewed the Correspondence file which included a letter from St. Bernardine Women's Club requesting a donation for their annual fund raising event and a letter from Kiwanis Club of Forest Park expressing their interest in operating the beer concession for the 4th of July and asking the Board's consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Kiwanis Club Secretary Jerry Lordan congratulated the Board on the upcoming Roos ground-breaking that and confirmed the Kiwanis' interest in running the beer concession for the 4th of July Celebration. He discussed some of Kiwanis contributions to the community and thanked the Board for their consideration. Commissioner Entler thanked the Kiwanians for their continued support and asked that they consider volunteering during the tournament.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

-Treasurer Murray reviewed the lists of computer checks totaling \$114,036.16 and manual checks and electronic payments in the amount of \$6,062.40 for a grand total of \$120,098.56 in disbursements for February and March 2017. Motion was made by Commissioner McDermott, seconded by Commissioner Doss, to approve the disbursements for February and March 2017. .Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, McDermott, Sansone and Walsh; Nays: None; Absent: None.

-Joe reported that the financial statements for the close of February 2017 reflect a balance of \$5,184,797.51. He commented that tax collections appear to be below those of February of 2016 and 2017, however tax bills are still being paid.. Motion was made by Commissioner Entler, seconded by Commissioner Doss, to approve the financial statements for the close of February 2017. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Doss, Entler, McDermott, Sansone and Walsh; Nays: None; Absent: None.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS REPORT:

-Superintendent Buckley reported that he received two quotes for the pool motor and said that Eastland Industries, who had the lower quote of \$9545, has been in business for a long time and has good references. He explained the work and said it will be taken care of before the pool opens.

-Larry discussed problems with the walk lights and said that he is getting prices on LED replacements. Director Piekarz noted that replacement is in our 5-Year Master Plan and we are only getting prices at this time, but will be making temporary repairs in the meantime.

-He said that the ice rink has been taken down and stored. He has also had the truck repaired.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Assistant Director Thomas reported that summer DayCamp registration is underway and pool passes will be going on sale on April 3. He explained that a clarification will appear on our website with regard to the Foundation 8-pack pass promotion. He announced that we have again been approved for a PowerPlay grant through IAPD and he reminded the Board that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 8th at 10 AM. He announced that rangers will begin this Saturday. Commissioner Entler asked that Rangers be provided with Conduct Ordinance Code booklets so that they are aware of and able to cite Park District rules and regulations. .

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Director Piekarcz said that invitations to the April 1, 2017 Groundbreaking Ceremony are going out this week. He reported that he is working on a grant from the Cook County Transportation Department that we may qualify for due to our walking path and planned bike station. He provided the Board with an updated project schedule and said that we will be issuing the Phase I Invitation at the end of the month and the Phase II invitation is scheduled to be issued in mid June. He initiated discussion of what to do with the Roos pillars that are to be incorporated into the project. The plan has been to install them in the new building, however according to the architects that may not be possible so they are asking whether an outdoor application would be acceptable. Some discussion was held and the consensus of the Board was that either use would be acceptable, but they would like to see drawings of both before a final decision is made. Larry also discussed the grade 2 maple flooring that is being considered for the gymnasium. Finally Larry showed the Board a commemorative piece that was made from the Roos beam and said that these souvenirs will be provided to dignitaries that attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony.

-Larry reminded the Board that the Chicago 16" Softball Hall of Fame Inductee Dinner will be held on April 1st

-The Forest Park National Bank has made a sponsorship donation of \$2500.00 to the 4th of July Celebration. Director Piekarcz briefly reviewed security issues related to the 4th of July Celebration.

-Larry said that he will have security camera proposals for review at the April Board Meeting.

IAPD REPORT:

-None.

PARK DISTRICT OF FOREST PARK FOUNDATION REPORT:

-Foundation President Bartlett reported on the recent Wine and Paint Night that served to provide some awareness of the Foundation. He said that they will be meeting tonight immediately following the Board Meeting. He presented a check for \$2500.00 in partial repayment of the seed money provided by the Park District. He reminded the Board that they are encouraging them to develop a "naming" policy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-None.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Assistant Director Thomas said that some Foundation Board positions have been changed and that Shannon Wood will now be the Secretary and Michael Smith will now be the Vice President. The Board consensus was that the positions were acceptable.

-Commissioner Doss encouraged the continuation of the Dodge Ball Tournament that was held last year. He said he felt it was a popular and worth while event and felt that we should run it if the Rotary Club is indeed defunct and won't be holding it.

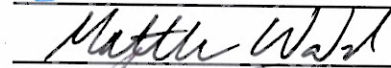
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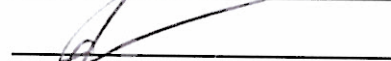
-Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Entler, seconded by Commissioner Doss, at 6:31 p.m.
.Ayes:5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0.

Submitted by:


Secretary

Approved:


Board of Park Commissioners


Board of Park Commissioners

Date:


4/20/2017