

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 June 1, 2017.

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

OATH OF OFFICER:

The Secretary administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Cathleen McDermott who was re-elected at the last election.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Mr. Thompson thanked the Park District staff for their assistance with this year's Memorial Day Ceremony. He commented that he believes the Park providing a cook-out helped increase attendance for the event. Commissioners, in turn, thanked Mr. Thompson for planning the event.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

-Superintendent Buckley reported that the maintenance department has spent most of their time preparing the pool for last Saturday's opening day and everything appears to be going well. He said that they removed bushes in the pool area, replacing them with a flower bed that he thinks looks very nice. He commented that this is a very busy time of year for his crew, but he believes they are up for the task. Commissioner Entler requested a "No Bicycle Riding" sign in the multi-purpose field.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Assistant Director Thomas reported on recent events at the Park. The All School Picnic was held on May 18th and we hosted the Celebrating Seniors Luncheon for the second year on May 24th, providing lunch and entertainment for 85 senior citizens. He reminded the Board that the Splash and Dash Summer Market/craft fair will be held this Saturday from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm and the Summer Block Party will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2017.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Director Piekarz thanked Commissioner McDermott for her help during the Celebrating Seniors Luncheon.

-He reported that all for the required paperwork has been completed and permits received for the Roos Property project and work has begun. He told the Board that he has received a letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation requesting a possible temporary easement on the east side of the Roos Property during the proposed Eisenhower project if and when it happens. He reminded the Board that this project will probably not happen in our lifetime as there are no funds available.

-Larry also reported that the Kiwanis Down Hill Derby was cancelled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-None.

CLOSED SESSION:

-Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone at 6:11 pm, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to enter into Closed Session under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of matters concerning personnel. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Entler, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss. Nays: None; Absent: None.

-The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:31 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:


-Director Piekarz told the Board that he has been asked to a meeting with Commonwealth Edison and the Village of Forest Park regarding the burying of utilities at the Roos. He also said that he has filed for an extension request for the DCEO grant which is still suspended.

ADJOURNMENT:

-Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Entler, at 6:34 p.m. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0.

Submitted by:  Secretary

Approved:  Board of Park Commissioners

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Date: 6/15/17