

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 August 3, 2017.

**ROLL CALL:** President Doss chaired the meeting, calling it to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Entler, Sansone, Walsh and Doss answered present. Commissioner McDermott was an excused absence. Also present were Director Larry Piekarz, Assistant Director Steve Thomas and Secretary Chris Richards. Citizens Michael Thompson and John Rice were 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, Sansone, Walsh and Doss. Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner McDermott.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

-The Board reviewed the correspondence file which included a letter letting us know that we were not approved for the "Invest in Cook County" grant that Director Piekarz applied for at the urging of County Commissioner Boykin.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-Mr. Thompson commended the staff and Commissioners on a great job during the tournament, in particular he commented that the grounds were kept so clean that, even after the late nights, there was no evidence in the mornings of the crowds from the night before.

-John Rice provided copies of a document authored in 1863 that discusses the establishment of a park in the area now known as Forest Park. He felt it would be of interest to the Board and asked whether they would consider supporting the proposed establishment of a public park on the Altenheim grounds.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:**

-None.

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

-Assistant Director Thomas reported that he believed the No Glove Nationals tournament went very well this past weekend. He reported that a movie in the park will be shown on August 4<sup>th</sup> and the Kids Triathlon will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup>. The fall brochure is being prepared for print and registration begins on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

-Director Piekarz reported that we will be running food and beer concessions for the SSA Tournament over the Labor Day weekend. The menu will be limited due to the difficulty in getting workers over the holiday weekend and the hours will be limited as well. He is planning on serving hot dogs and hamburgers. At President Doss' suggestion he agreed to add beef sandwiches to the menu.

-Larry told the Board that we are assembling a pictorial history of the building of the new Recreation Center and will keep it updated and available in the Administration Building lobby.

-Director Piekarz asked if there was anyone interested in attending the September 15 Hall of Fame Golf Outing.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

-None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

-President Doss asked Director Piekarz to examine the "no dogs in the park" ordinance wondering if it is enforceable. He suggested the possibility of a dog park in place of the batting cages which don't get too much use. Some discussion was held.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

-Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, at 6:20 p.m. Ayes: 4; Nays: 0; Absent: 1.

Submitted by:

*John Richard*

Secretary

Approved:

*[Signature]*

Board of Park Commissioners

*Roy A. Sansone*

Board of Park Commissioners

Date:

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