

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 October 19, 2017.

ROLL CALL: President Doss chaired the meeting calling it to order at 6:00 pm. Commissioners Entler, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss answered present. Also present were Director Larry Piekarz, Assistant Director Steve Thomas, Treasurer Joe Murray and Secretary Chris Richards. Forest Park residents Michael Thompson, Francis Agozo and his son Ryan Agozo were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: President Doss asked whether there were any changes, objections or additions to the agenda; there being none he called for approval. Ayes: 5; Nays: None.

MINUTES:

-Motion was made by Commissioner McDermott, seconded by Commissioner Wash, to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes:

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

-Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2017 Special Events Committee Meeting. Roll Call:

Ayes: Commissioners McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss; Nays: None; Absent: None;

Abstained: Commissioner Entler.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Mr. Agozo addressed the Board with regard to recreational drones and their use in parks and public settings. He explained the confusion that occurred when he and his son flew their drones in the Park and offered examples of how other park districts and municipalities have handled the issues surrounding the use of drones. He asked that the Board consider adopting a policy allowing the use of recreational drones under specified conditions that would insure safety, security and privacy for park patrons.

PRESENTATION:

Commissioner Entler presented President Doss with his 10 Year Service Award from IAPD congratulating and thanking him for his service to the Park District and the community.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

-Treasurer Murray reviewed the lists of computer checks totaling \$638,538.63 and manual checks and totaling \$16,005.11 for a grand total of \$654,543.74 in disbursements for September and October 2017. Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to approve the disbursements for September and October 2017. Roll Call: Ayes:

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

-Joe reported that fund balances for the close of September totaled \$4,673,351.27. The investments schedule as of October 17, 2017, showed \$4,610,820.50 invested: \$199,9021.06 in a Money Market account at Forest Park National, \$200,266.45 in the OSLAD Money Market account at Forest Park National Bank and \$3,782,630.43 in the Illinois Park District Liquid Asset Fund Bond Account, with an additional \$428,021.56, in the DCEO Grant Account with IPDLAF.

Motion was made by Commissioner Entler, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to accept the financial statements for the close of September 2017. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Entler, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss; Nays: None; Absent: None.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

-None.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Assistant Director Thomas reported that he is currently judging the Halloween Decorating Contest. He also reported that the Cindy Lyons Health Fair will be held on October 25th at the Community Center, a Halloween Dance for teens will be held at the Park on October 27th and our Trunk or Treat will take place on October 28th. Our Candy Cane Lane Craft Fair is scheduled for November 18th from 10 am until 2 pm.

-Steve presented a preliminary fee schedule for the Roos Recreation Center Fitness Room. He answered questions for the Board and noted comments for revisions.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Director Piekarz thanked Mr. Agozo for his input and research with regard to recreational drone use in the Park. He had prepared two sample policies for the Board, however after some discussion Commissioner McDermott suggested that the matter be tabled so that the Board and staff could further research the matter and revise the policy. President Doss asked the Board to be prepared to approve a policy at the November meeting. Director Piekarz asked the Board to allow permission for Mr. Agozo and his son to fly drones in designated unoccupied areas of the Park in the meantime. The Board agreed and Mr. Agozo will be provided with a written permit.

-Larry said that work on the Roos Recreation Center is progressing on schedule. He provided a Project Status Report from FQC Construction Management that recaps what has been done as well as reviews the upcoming work schedule. Larry also provided a copy of the RFP that is being used to solicit professional services for Branding and Marketing of the Roos Recreation Center.

-Director Piekarz reported that the equipment in the sand play area at the Aquatic Center is now 21 years old and is in disrepair and has become hazardous. He has found appropriate replacement equipment at the NRPA Conference and he showed pictures to the Board and asked that they approve purchase and installation in the amount of \$21,171.31. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with the replacement although Commissioner McDermott felt it was a large expense given the fact that the pool may need to be replaced within the next five years.

-Larry said that there will not be ice skating at the Roos property this year, however he and Commissioner Sansone saw at the NRPA Conference a company that rents both the rink and skating equipment that may be an appropriate replacement for an ice skating rink at Building # 4. He also showed them literature on recycling bins that the Board asked him to research at the Conference.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS REPORT:

-None.

PARK DISTRICT OF FOREST PARK FOUNDATION REPORT:

-None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Mr. Thompson said that he felt Mr. Agozo's presentation was well thought out and that any policy that is adopted needs to consider the technology of the times as we move into the 21st century.

NEW BUSINESS:

-The 2017-16 Audit was included in Board Packets, however Commissioner McDermott suggested that approval be tabled so that the Board has an opportunity to review it more fully. Commissioner Walsh also requested that the audit firm be asked to present it at the next Board Meeting. Approval of the Audit was tabled.

-Motion was made by Commissioner Entler, seconded by Commissioner Sansone to appoint Steve Thomas as Representative and Larry Piekarz as Alternate Representative to the WSSRA Board for the Calendar Year 2018. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Entler, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss; Nays: None; Absent: None.

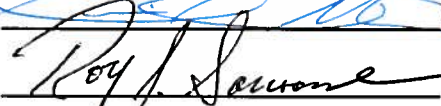
-Motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Entler to designate Roy Sansone as Delegate and Matt Walsh as Alternate Delegate to the Annual Business Meeting of the Illinois Association of Park Districts to be held on January 20, 2018. . Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Entler, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss; Nays: None; Absent: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

-Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sansone at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Commissioner McDermott. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0; Absent: 0.

Submitted by:  Secretary

Approved:  Board of Park Commissioners

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Date: 11/16/12