

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 February 15, 2018.

**ROLL CALL:** President Doss chaired the meeting calling it to order at 6:00 pm. Commissioners McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss answered present. Commissioner Entler was an excused absence. Also present were Director Larry Piekarz, Treasurer Joe Murray and Secretary Chris Richards. Forest Park residents Dave Novak and Michael Thompson and Recreation Supervisor Rachell Entler were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**MINUTES:**

-Motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

-None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-Mr. Thompson commented that he has toured the new Roos Recreation Center and is very impressed with the facility.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

-Treasurer Murray reviewed the lists of computer checks totaling \$313,512.21 and manual checks and totaling \$3,744.32 for a grand total of \$317,256.53 in disbursements for January and February 2018. Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, to approve the disbursements for January and February 2018. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

-Joe reported that fund balances for the close of January totaled \$1,185,510.35. The investments schedule as of February 12, 2018, showed \$1,160,602.22 invested: \$110,244.67 in a Money Market account at Forest Park National, \$200,470.63 in the OSLAD Money Market account at Forest Park National Bank and \$849,551.98 in the Illinois Park District Liquid Asset Fund Bond Account, with an additional \$33.94, in the DCEO Grant Account with IPDLAF. He also reported that he and Director Piekarz recently participated in a surveillance call with Moodys that went very well. Motion was made by Commissioner McDermott, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to accept the financial statements for the close of February 2018. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:**

-Superintendent Buckley reported that LED lights have been installed on the third floor of the Administration Building. He said that a lot of time this month was spent on snow removal but the maintenance crew is preparing for spring and the pool pump will be pulled and repaired next week. Director Piekarz added that the crew has also had to spend time dealing with some damage caused by vandalism and the theft of copper downspouts. The copper downspouts are being replaced with aluminum spouts that are less likely to be stolen.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

-Director Piekarz reported that the Roos Recreation Center project is going well and progressing on time. He has begun the application process to move the stop sign on Harrison from Thomas to Hannah. He believes that it will be safer.

-Superintendent Buckley is still waiting for quotes for the Aquatic Center flooring. He expects to have four proposals for the Board's consideration. Kompan will be delivering new sand equipment on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

-Larry provided a draft of a drone policy that has been endorsed by PDRMA for limited use which would require a permit to be issued. Some discussion was held concerning how restrictive the policy should be, whether a permit should be necessary and what the duration of the permit should be. The concern was that the permit might not be easily available for short periods enforcement might be an issue and Director Piekarz will revise the policy to make the permit good for three months and will present it for approval at the March Board Meeting.

-Director Piekarz announced that the 16" Softball Hall of Fame dinner will be held on April 7, 2018. The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on March 3. He reminded the Board that there will be a presentation for the grant for \$100,000.00 on February 24, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

-Commissioner McDermott asked if the Job Fair will be rescheduled. Rachell said she and Andrew are working on it, but have provided job descriptions to the office.

**ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS REPORT:**

-None.

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

-Commissioner McDermott said that there are currently three very determined Foundation Board Members remaining. They are enthusiastic and trying to drum up interest and solicit additional members, but they are aware that if they aren't successful the time may come to give up.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

-None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-None.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Motion was made at 6:22 p.m. by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner McDermott to convened in Closed Session under Sections 2(c)1 and 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of matters concerning Personnel and the discussion of minutes of prior meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of review, approval or release of such minutes.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:37 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

-Motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to adopt Ordinance 180215 Abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay the principal of and interest on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2013A, of the Park District of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

-Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to approve minutes of Closed Session meetings held on June 1, 2017, July 6, 2017, July 20, 2017, November 16, 2017 and December 21, 2017. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

-Motion was made by Commissioner McDermott, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to preserve as confidential the accumulated minutes of Closed session Meetings as recommended by the Closed Session Committee. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

-Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sansone at 6:40 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Walsh. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0; Absent: 1.

Submitted by:

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Secretary

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Board of Park Commissioners  
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