

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 November 16, 2017.

ROLL CALL: Vice-President Entler chaired the meeting calling it to order at 6:00 p.m.. Commissioners Sansone, Walsh and Entler answered present. Commissioner Doss and McDermott were excused absences. Also present were Director Larry Piekarz, Assistant Director Steve Thomas, Superintendent of Parks Larry Buckley, Treasurer Joe Murray and Secretary Chris Richards. Special Guests Marianne Birko of WSSRA, Tom Lancaster of Wermer, Rogers, Doran & Ruzon and Gerry Auliso of AT Group as well as citizen Michael Thompson 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 Sansone, Walsh and Entler; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioners Doss and McDermott.

MINUTES:

-Motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Sansone, Walsh and Entler; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioners Doss and McDermott.

-Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2017 Special Events Committee Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Sansone, Walsh and Entler; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioners Doss and McDermott.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-None.

SPECIAL GUESTS:

-Marianne Birko of WSSRA addressed the Board with her annual report, providing a "Snapshot of 2016". She highlighted WSSRA programs and activities that were held over the year and provided a brief financial report for WSSRA, noting the contributions of the WSSRA Foundation. She was happy to report that North Riverside recreation is considering signing on as a new member and she thanked the Board for the District's consistent support and assistance. Vice-President Entler thanked Marianne for her report and for her work on behalf of WSSRA.

-Tom Lancaster of Wermer, Rogers, Doran and Ruzon reviewed his 2016-17 Audit of Accounts for the District stating that there are no adverse findings and that he has enjoyed working with the District over the past three years. He answered questions for the Board and thanked them for continuing their association with WRDR. Vice-President Entler thanked him for his report.

-Gerry Auliso of AT Group provided a progress update on the Roos Recreation Center Project and was pleased to say that the project is somewhat ahead of schedule. He also provided a copy of the Master Project Budget and discussed where the project stands in that regard, commenting that we seem to be in good shape.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Vice-President Entler presented Secretary Richards with a plaque in honor of her 20th anniversary of employment with the Park District.

-Mr. Thompson thanked the Board and staff of the Park District for their assistance and support for the VFW Veteran's Day ceremony.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

-Treasurer Murray reviewed the lists of computer checks totaling \$1,299,633.55 and manual checks and electronic payments in the amount of \$6,043.40 for a grand total of \$1,305,676.95 in disbursements for October and November 2017. Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to approve the disbursements for October and November 2017. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Sansone, Walsh and Entler; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioners Doss and McDermott..

-Joe reported that the financial statements for the close of October 2017 reflect a balance of \$3,999,232.96. Investments totaled \$3,934,066.67 as of 11/14/17 in a Money Market and IPLAF. Motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, to approve the financial statements for the close of October 2017. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Sansone, Walsh and Entler; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioners Doss and McDermott.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

-Superintendent Buckley reported that the pool has been winterized and RPZ valves in the pool and filter room have been repaired. The Park has been prepared for the winter season all around and the broken spring toy in the age 2 - 5 area has been removed. The crew is working on decorating the Park for the upcoming holiday season and also preparing for the installation of the ice rink when weather permits.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Assistant Director Thomas reported on events that were held over the past month. He noted that he and Recreation Supervisors Doss and Entler attended the Athletic Business Show in Orlando last week and found it beneficial in preparing for new Roos Recreation Center programs and facilities. Building 4 was recently inspected by the Cook County Health Department and passed. He also noted that the Candy Cane Lane Craft Fair will be held on November 18th and December events include the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce Holiday Walk on December 1st and our Breakfast with Santa on December 9th.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Director Piekarz provided information and potential revisions to the Ordinance Code Book governing the use of drones in the Park. He will place discussion and possible policy revision on the agenda for the December meeting.

-Larry told the Board that on November 18th Schauer's Hardware is providing a space for the Park to provide information on the new Roos Recreation Center and we plan to take advantage of the opportunity even though it is at the same time as our craft fair.

-Director Piekarz invited the Board to attend the Forest Park Chamber Holiday Luncheon here at the Park on December 12th and also the annual staff Holiday "Potluck" Luncheon. He reminded them that it was decided not to have another holiday party this year.

IAPD REPORT:

-None.

PARK DISTRICT OF FOREST PARK FOUNDATION REPORT:

-None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-None.

CLOSED SESSION:

-Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone at 6:58 p.m., 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 Sansone, Walsh and Entler; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioners Doss and McDermott.

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:19 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

-No action was taken on matters discussed in Closed Session.

-Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to accept the Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ending April 30, 2017 as prepared by Wermer, Rogers, Doran & Ruzon Certified Public Accountants. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Sansone, Walsh and Entler; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioners Doss and McDermott.

-Director Piekarz presented the Truth in Taxation Resolution setting next year's Levy increase at 4.9% Motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner McDermott to adopt Resolution 171116 setting the percentage increase for the proposed 2017 Aggregate Levy. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Sansone, Walsh and Entler; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioners Doss and McDermott.

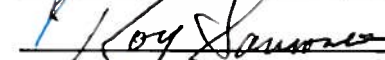
-Larry said that on Friday evening during the IPRA/IAPD Conference he suggests that the Board and staff get together for dinner.

ADJOURNMENT:

-Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Sansone, at 7:24 p.m.
.Ayes:3; Nays: 0; Absent: 2.

Submitted by:  Secretary

Approved:  Board of Park Commissioners

 Roy Sansone Board of Park Commissioners

Date: 12/21/2017