

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 December 21, 2017

**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, Superintendent Larry Buckley, Treasurer Joe Murray and Secretary Chris Richards. Resident Michael Thompson was also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**-APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

-The Board reviewed the correspondence file which included a donation request from St. Luke's Parish School for their annual dinner dance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-Mr. Thompson stated his opinion that the personnel subject(s) listed for Closed Session on the Agenda should be discussed in Open Session if they are in regard to the recent exit of Steve Thomas.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

-Treasurer Murray reviewed the lists of computer checks totaling \$816,115.22 and manual checks and electronic transactions totaling \$8,079.24 for a grand total of \$824,194.46 in disbursements for November and December 2017. Motion was made by Commissioner McDermott, seconded by Commissioner Walsh to approve the disbursements for November and December 2017 Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

-Joe reported that fund balances for the close of November totaled \$2,594,966.99. Reports show that the balance invested in the Money Market funds at Forest Park National Bank as of December 19, 2017 were \$145,043.74 and the OSLAD Money Market account shows a balance of \$200,368.51. \$2,191,024.29 remains invested in our accounts with the Illinois Park District Liquid Asset Fund. Motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, to accept the Financial Statements for the close of November 2017. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:**

-Superintendent Buckley reported that the Christmas decorations are all up and the fence was installed near the DayCamp Building. They will be taking the pool pump out and having it repaired.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

-Director Piekarz reported that things are going well with construction of the Roos Recreation Center. He showed them the logo that will be used for the Center for stationery, banners and shirts. Painting is just about done and pillars are installed. The VIP party will be held on May 19, 2017.

-Larry said that he will be assuming the duties of representative to the WSSRA Board, however official Board action is required. He said that any commissioner who would like to be alternate is welcome to do so, otherwise Andrew Doss will assume that roll.

-Commissioner McDermott asked what the policy is with regard to opening the multi-purpose field during the winter, particularly on days when the weather is conducive. Director Piekarz said that it is normally closed during the winter, but we try to remain flexible with all of the facilities taking into account the weather and other safety issues. Some discussion was held concerning facility use during months when there is no security in the Park.

-Director Piekarz replied to Commissioner McDermott's question on where we stand on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for the No Glove Nationals and outlined some of the ideas that have been discussed since the last meeting. Some discussion was also held with regard to out-sourcing the beer concession.

-Commissioner McDermott asked about senior and military discounts for the Roos. Director Piekarz said that there is a senior rate and he will look into a military rate.

**ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS REPORT:**

-None.

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

-Director Piekarz said that Commissioner McDermott is the new liaison and that they are down members. Both he and Commissioner McDermott indicated that there needs to be a refocusing of the group.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

-None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-Mr. Thompson said that he felt that seniors who have been paying taxes for many years and he feels they should be allowed free access to services and he believes the same goes for active service military and veterans. Director Piekarz said we are contracting with "Silver Sneakers" that will facilitate services for seniors.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

-Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, at 6:34 p.m. to enter into Closed Session under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act for the discussion of matters concerning personnel.

-The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

-Motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, to adopt Ordinance 171221A Authorizing the Consolidation of certain Funds for Financial Record Keeping and Reporting Purposes. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

-Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, to approve Ordinance 171221B Adopting a Policy Prohibiting Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation. 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 appoint Larry Piekarz as representative and Andrew Doss as Alternate Representative to the WSSRA Board for the Calendar Year 2018. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.


-Motion was made by Commissioner McDermott, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to adopt Ordinance 171221C Levying Taxes for the Park District of Forest Park, County of Cook and State of Illinois for the Year 2017. Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Entler.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

-Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sansone at 7:04 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Walsh. Ayes: 4.

Submitted by:  Secretary

Approved:  Board of Park Commissioners

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Date: 1/25/18