

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 May 3, 2018.

**ROLL CALL:** President Doss chaired the meeting, calling it to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Entler, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss answered present. Also present were Director Larry Piekarz, Superintendent Larry Buckley and Secretary Chris Richards. Citizen Michael Thompson was 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 with the addition of a 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 Entler, McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss. Nays: None; Absent: None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

-The Board reviewed the correspondence file which included thank you letters from the Village of Forest Park for a recent donation to Forest Park 4 Puerto Rico and St. Luke's Parish School for a donation to their recent fundraising event.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-Mr. Thompson thanked the Board and staff for their assistance in plans for the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:**

-Superintendent Buckley reported that most of the efforts of the maintenance staff have been focused on preparing for the pool opening: power washing and installation of the pool motor and also with helping to prepare for the Roos opening this month. It should be filled by Saturday, May 12th. The grounds have been aerated and fertilized.

-Larry said that Pinner Electric is working with him on securing a grant to replace the old oil-filled light heads on the tennis courts. A nearby park district was able to do this at a very reasonable rate so he would like to get the quotes and estimated cost for the Board.

-Some discussion was held concerning lighting in the back of the park. Larry said he is getting pricing on solar lighting for the area in the back of the Roos Center. Larry Buckley commented that we are on the list for Musco to come out for maintenance of the softball lights.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

-Director Piekarz reported updated the Board on the Roos Recreation Center project, stating that we will be replacing sidewalks in front of the building through the Village's 50/50 program. Commissioner McDermott commented that she would like to see screening to hide areas on and near the highway that are unsightly with graffiti and garbage.

-We are 14 days away from pool opening. Larry said there will be some pipe repair and painting needed in the pool next year. All but one piece is in and installed in the spray park.

-The WSSRA Derby Gala will be held on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The Boykin Monther's Day Luncheon will be held at the Park District on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. We have received about 50 or 60 RSVP's to the VIP Sneak Peek for the Roos.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

-President Doss has arranged for a WGN "Friday Fly-over" to kick off the tournament. He could only arrange it for the weekend prior to the tournament on July 20<sup>th</sup>, but it should be something that gets the community excited.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-Mr. Thompson said that the plan to install screening near the back of the park on the east side will also be helpful in hiding the areas where the homeless have been seeking shelter under the highway overpass especially in the late night and early morning hours.

-Director Piekarz announced that Commissioners Doss and Walsh accepted the "Pride Award" on behalf of the District for the Roos Recreation Center.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

-Motion was made at 6:21 p.m. under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of matters concerning Personnel.

-The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:27 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**


-Commissioner Sansone said that, with the Reorganization of the Board scheduled for our next meeting, he suggested that it would be in the Park's best interests to retain officers as they currently stand when the election is held on May 17<sup>th</sup> and asked the Board's consideration.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

-Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, at 6:29 p.m. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 0.

Submitted by:  Secretary

Approved:  Board of Park Commissioners

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Date: 5-17-18