

A SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE 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 5:30 p.m. on June 7, 2018.

Roll Call: President Doss chaired the meeting calling it to order at 5:30 p.m. Commissioners McDermott, Sansone, Walsh and Doss were present. Commissioner Entler was an excused absence. Also present were Director Larry Piekarz, Superintendent Larry Buckley, Athletic Supervisor Andrew Doss, Softball Director Grace Kenney, Attorney Andrew Paine and Secretary Chris Richards. Resident Michael Thompson arrived at 5:50 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, to approve the agenda. Ayes: 4, Absent: 0.

Director Piekarz began with discussion of beer sales. He said that Burke Beverage will now also be offer alcoholic Arnold Palmer's Iced Tea. He said that he does not have a problem with Tito's again offering their alcoholic beverages but he believes that their demands on our staff and the fact that we provided their ice were problematic so he will be telling them that they will need to provide their own ice.

Larry said that he is sending an invitation to the MVP's. Discussion was held with regard to first pitch honors: who would be throwing out first pitches and at which games. Fred O'Connor will be in town to participate. Larry also suggested that the family of Stan Patek who recently passed away be invited. Stan was long-time manager of Impact who has been in the tournament for years. It was also suggested that Dave Novak be asked.

Discussion was held about plans for the "Friday Fly-Over" with WGN news that will be held at 7:00 a.m. on July 20th.

We will also be offering tournament souvenir merchandise on line on our website and will need to get that arranged as soon as possible. Commissioner Doss suggested more promotion for the Tournament Quilt Raffle. Grace suggested a flyer go out in the team packets.

Commissioner McDermott said that she did not think the on line registration program worked really well last year: we were still short volunteers and we also had less control over where volunteers were scheduled. Discussion was held concerning hours Volunteers would be needed. She also suggested that we find a way to take credit cards for the tournament. Andrew Doss suggested we use the same credit card process that the Roos has been using.

Larry said that Burke Beverage is again donating 800 mugs and he has ordered additional mugs that we will have to pay for but we always run out and he believes we will go through more this year with the 50th anniversary.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to adjourn at 5:57 p.m. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0; Absent: 1.

Submitted by:  Secretary

Approved:  Board of Park Commissioners

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Date: 6/21/18