

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 September 20, 2018.

Roll Call: President Doss chaired the meeting calling it to order at 5:43 p.m. Commissioners McDermott, Entler, Sansone, Walsh and Doss were present. Also present were incoming Director Jackie Iovinelli, outgoing Director Larry Piekarz, Treasurer Joe Murray, Recreation Supervisors Andrew Doss and Rachell Entler, and Secretary Chris Richards. Resident Michael Thompson arrived at 5:45 p.m.


Approval of the Agenda: Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5, Absent: 0.


Director Piekarz provided an updated Tournament Income and Expense statement. He said that he felt the event went well. President Doss said that he felt it was a good tournament but that the same issues were experienced as in the past. The problems are primarily with coolers being brought into the park and with volunteers giving away beer excessively. President Doss was asked to speak to each shift of volunteers about the concerns but he felt that some did not respond well. Discussion was held with regard to outsourcing the beer sales. Director Piekarz said that Pat Malone of McGaffers was the only bar owner that seemed interested and he felt that he could staff the beer concession. Larry said that he didn't think that the 50th Anniversary was the time to try it, but that maybe it would solve the problems next year. It wouldn't have to be a permanent change; if it doesn't work out we could take it back. Larry also recommended speaking with the police chief to get better enforcement of the no cooler policy by the auxiliary officers working the event.


Commissioner Entler suggested going back to having volunteers sign up on line. Commissioner McDermott described condiment dispensers that she would like staff to find. Some discussion was also had with regard to soliciting volunteers from schools and scout groups that may need volunteer hours.

Director Iovinelli discusses a communication we received from Resident Cathy Vetter asking for better policing of the area around the park during the tournament to prevent public urination, excessive littering and other problems connected with the crowd.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Entler, to adjourn at 6:02 p.m. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0; Absent: 0.

Submitted by:  Secretary

Approved:  Board of Park Commissioners

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Date: 10/18/18