

July 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS of the Park District of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois was held at the Administration Building, at 6:01 p.m. on July 20, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Doss chaired the meeting.

Commissioner Gillian, Commissioner McDermott, Commissioner Sansone, and Commissioner Doss – Present. Commissioner Lyons – Absence

Staff present was Superintendent Murphy, Superintendent Krajewski, Superintendent Doss and Manager Cumbee.

Diana Jackson – Resident, Gloria Harris, Liz O’Connell, Therese Fitzpatrick, Bernadette Smith, Tom Shoose, Connie Shoose, Patrick Hooper, Stephanie Keen, William Losquadro, Gloria Meshe. Igor Studenkov – Forest Park Review.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner McDermott, seconded by Commissioner Sansone to approve the agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioner Gillian, Commissioner McDermott, Commissioner Sansone and Commissioner Doss; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Lyons

President Doss called to order the Public Hearing on the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for *Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024. Motion was made by Commissioner McDermott, seconded by Commissioner Sansone.*

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioner Gillian, Commissioner McDermott, Commissioner Sansone and Commissioner Doss. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Lyons.

President Doss chaired the hearing.

Public Hearing on Ordinance #230728A adopting a Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation of such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the Park District of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024 and specifying the objects and purposes for which such appropriations are made and the amount appropriated for each object and purpose:

All persons desiring to be heard will now have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect to the 2023-2024 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance?

First, are there any written or oral comments from the Commissioners?

None.

Are there any written or oral comments from the public?

None.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDermott, seconded by Commissioner Gillian to adjourn the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. for the combined Annual Budget and Appropriations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Gillian to adopt Ordinance #230720A, an ordinance making a combined Annual Budget and Appropriation for funds for the Park District of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois for fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Gillian, Commissioner McDermott, Commissioner Sansone and Commissioner Doss. Nays: None. Absent Commissioner Lyons.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Gillian seconded by Commissioner McDermott to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioner Gillian, Commissioner McDermott, and Commissioner Sansone, Abstain: Commissioner Doss; Nays: None; Absent: Commissioner Lyons

CORRESPONDENCE:

IPRA Magazine Splash Pad Article.

Thank you from Joanne Leber for the Fourth of July event.

Invite to the Fisher House Veterans Golf Outing.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Diana Johnson – Spoke about pickleball. She explained all the information and statistics about pickleball. She had options for pickleball use on the tennis courts. She explained the short-term solutions. She looks forward to the Board's interest.

Bernadette Smith – explained how she enjoys playing on our courts. She encourages more pickleball in the community.

Willaim Losquadro – Had a suggestion of lining all the courts for pickleball.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Sansone reviewed the disbursements.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gillian, seconded by Commissioner McDermott to Approve Disbursements for June/July 2023 totaling \$461,944.48.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioner Gillian, Commissioner McDermott, Commissioner Sansone and Commissioner Doss Abstain: Commissioner Lyons; Nays: None

Commissioner Lyons Arrived @ 6:18 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, Seconded by Commissioner Gillian to approve the Financial Statements for June 2023

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioner Gillian, Commissioner McDermott, Commissioner Lyons Commissioner Sansone and Commissioner Doss Nays: None

BUILDING & PARKS REPORT:

Superintendent Doss Reviewed his report and asked for any questions.

Commissioner Sansone complemented the softball fields.

Commissioner Doss asked about the pathway lights. Director Iovinelli explained the ComEd grants programs. This replacement program will replace all pathways lights through out the park.

RECREATION REPORT:

Superintendent Krajewski's reviewed her report and asked for any questions.

COMMUNICATION and MARKETING REPORT:

Manager Cumbee reviewed his report and asked for any questions.

Commissioner Doss complemented the shirts. Loves the color.

BUSINESS REPORT:

Superintendent of Business Murphy reviewed his report and asked for any questions.

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Superintendent Murphy discussed the delay in cook county taxes. The delays are due to COVID and technology changes.

DIRECTOR REPORT:

Director Iovinelli reviewed her report and asked for any questions.

WSSRA REPORT:

Director Iovinelli updated the board, the Park District and partnership and the creation of the Memorandum of Understanding.

We are in discussion with our Attorney.

PARK FOUNDATION:

Commissioner Lyons – discussed fundraiser options.

Commissioner Doss – asked about use of scholarships this past summer. It was only used for day camp fees. The school helped with middle schoolers for pool passes. It was not really taken advantage of.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Phase 1 – Aquatic Center – Splash Pad

Nothing new to report

Pocket Parks

Rieger Park

Director Iovinelli updated the Board on the construction. She informed the Board the delays are in the hands of MWRD permits.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Gillian to approve pay request #2 from Clauss Brothers for the Rieger Park renovation project in the amount of \$28,308.96 as recommended by Hitchcock Design Group and Staff.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioner Gillian, Commissioner McDermott, Commissioner Lyons, Commissioner Sansone and Commissioner Doss; Nays: None

Remembrance Park

Nothing new to report.

Popelka Park

Commissioner McDermott asked about the fence along the property line.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Gillian to approve pay request #2 from Hacienda Landscaping in the for the Popelka Park renovation project in the amount of \$64,957.50 as recommended by Hitchcock Design Group and Staff.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioner Gillian, Commissioner McDermott, Commissioner Lyons, Commissioner Sansone and Commissioner Doss; Nays: None

Motion was made by Commissioner Gillian, seconded by Commissioner Lyons to accept change order #4 in the amount of \$11,515.00 to properly remove and dispose of the wood chips and to install Fifty-five feet of a six-foot cedar fence along the property line.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioner Gillian, Commissioner McDermott, Commissioner Lyons, Commissioner Sansone and Commissioner Doss; Nays: None

Harrison Street Expansion

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Director Iovinelli updated the Board on the changes. The garbage cans and benches are recycled from Reiger Park.

Pickleball Courts

Director Iovinelli has nothing new to report on the option to build.

Director Iovinelli addressed the use of the tennis/pickleball courts. Staff concern with having open courts during programs has brought to the attention of instructors, it might be something we need to investigate. When programming is going on indoors, we close the courts to open play.

16" No Glove National Softball Tournament

Director Iovinelli updated the board on the status of logistics. Staff are ready. Product is ordered. Play in games are ready to kick off on Tuesday. Director Iovinelli explained staff are excited to put the logo on the field with the new stencil purchased. Director Iovinelli also informed the Board Fox Chicago is interviewing John on Sunday of the tournament to talk about the event.

Fourth of July Celebration - Recap

Director Iovinelli asked if there are any items, while it is still fresh, the board can email them.

Commissioner McDermott asked if the board could have a special meeting before the regular meeting in September to discuss the event recaps.

Fall Fest

Director Iovinelli updated the Board, along with Superintendent Krajewski, about the number of vendors and feedback we are getting. We are moving right along with the planning. Once the tournament is over, we will hit the ground running.

NRPA National Conference – Dallas, Texas, October 10-12, 2023.

If the Board is interested in attending. Please let Director Iovinelli know to make the arrangements.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance #230720B

Director Iovinelli informed the board this is for the Director vehicle. District Iovinelli will look into the sale value. Director Iovinelli is working with Currie Motor government pricing for a replacement vehicle.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone seconded by Commissioner Gillian to adopt ordinance #230720B, an ordinance declaring as surplus and authorizing and directing the sale of certain property.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioner Gillian, Commissioner McDermott, Commissioner Lyons, Commissioner Sansone and Commissioner Doss; Nays: None

Park Lighting – ComEd Rebates

Outdoor lighting – Pathway lights

Director Iovinelli discussed the ComEd grant plan. The goal is to change everything over to LED.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone seconded by Commissioner Gillian to accept the proposal from Lyons/Pinner Electric to replace all the pathway lights through the park in the amount of \$14,076.00, minus \$6,581.00 in ComEd rebates, totaling \$7,495.00 direct cost to the Park District.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioner Gillian, Commissioner McDermott, Commissioner Lyons, Commissioner Sansone and Commissioner Doss; Nays: None

Bond Issuance practices

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Director Iovinelli and Superintendent Murphy met with Aaron from Spear. He updated staff on funding options for a new indoor facility. If the Board has any questions Director Iovinelli will pass them along.

Commissioner Gillian asked Director Iovinelli to explain the IPRA Lifeguards games. He was very excited for our staff to receive 2nd place overall.

Public Comment: Resident Diana Jackson wanted to address Director Iovinelli concern for safety at the pickleball courts.

A motion was made by Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Gillian to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioner Gillian, Commissioner McDermott, Commissioner Lyons, Commissioner Sansone and Commissioner Doss; Nays: None

Submitted by:  Secretary

Approved by:  Board of Commissioners

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Date: 7/20/23