

October 19, 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 6:03 p.m. on October 19, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Doss chaired the meeting.

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

Excused Absence: Commissioner Lyons

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

Aaron Gold, Speer Financial

Marianne Burko, Executive Director WSSRA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Closed session is not needed. Removed from the agenda.

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 21, 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Gillian seconded by Commissioner Sansone to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2023 Special Board Meeting.

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 21, 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone seconded by Commissioner Gillian to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

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

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING September 21, 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone seconded by Commissioner Gilligan to approve the closed session minutes of the September 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you from Kiwanis for supporting the 100-year celebration event.

PDRMA sent a financial reimbursement for the successful 2023 Lifeguard audits.

Thank you from Mercy Henry for accommodating her this summer.

WSSRA invitation to the Falling for our Stars Event

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Sansone reviewed the disbursements.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gillian, seconded by Commissioner Sansone to Approve Disbursements for September/October 2023 totaling \$161,477.27.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Motion was made by Commissioner McDermott, Seconded by Commissioner Gillian to approve the Financial Statements for September 2023

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

BUILDING & PARKS REPORT:

Director Iovinelli reviewed Superintendent Doss report and asked for any questions.

Commissioner McDermott asked about the pump replacement in the pool mechanical room. Director Iovinelli clarified the pumps needing replacing. She also explained the pumps are original from 1996. She recommends replacing not repairing the pumps. She informed the Board we will go out to bid for the project. She also informed the Board staff are waiting for more information to do the pipes that have major leaks.

Commissioner McDermott also asked what this is really costing us.

Commissioner Gillian asked about what it cost us? Asked if staff can put together what the repairs might look like in the next five years. Director Iovinelli informed the board; Fountian Tech did an overall repair list for the Mechanical room in 2022. She will get that to the Board for the next meeting.

Commissioner Gillian wants to ensure staff are replacing the pumps with the best, most energy efficiency. Commissioner McDermott ask about how we are losing water. Superintendent Murphy helped answer the question about the discrepancies in the water bill. He believes we are being overbilled. When the change of the new water meter happened, it did seem correct. Director Iovinelli informed the board we are still in discussion with Village staff.

RECREATION REPORT:

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

Director Iovinelli reminded the Board, staff are participating in casket races this upcoming weekend.

COMMUNICATION and MARKETING REPORT:

Manager Cumbee reviewed his report and asked any questions.

Commissioner Gillian asked about the Halloween decorated houses. Manager Cumbee responded houses are still registering and he will put out a map with all entries.

BUSINESS REPORT:

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

Superintendent Murphy reported no taxes have come in yet. He also discussed the liquid asset report. He also discussed that he is looking into a new payroll system for the Park District. He is in the beginning stages of his research. Would like to start a new system on the first of the year. Is in conversation with 3 companies.

DIRECTOR REPORT:

Director Iovinelli reviewed her report and asked for any questions.

WSSRA REPORT:

WSSRA Executive Director Marianne Burko presented a snapshot of the partnership over the last year. Director Burko shared a screen shot of the year 2022. She gave an overview and feedback for the year.

PARK FOUNDATION:

Nothing new to report.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Phase 1 – Aquatic Center – Splash Pad – An email was sent. No further updates.

Director Iovinelli informed the board that we have a sub – contractor reaching out to us about payment.

We referred them to their contractor Integral.

Pocket Parks

Rieger Park

Director Iovinelli updated the Board on the schedule. Clauss Brothers is continuing to work while weather is favorable. They are working on the plumbing and the bathrooms first, while the ground is not frozen. Staff are meeting with the architect and contractor on October 31 for an update.

Remembrance Park

Director Iovinelli updated the board that the planning process will begin in November. We were delayed because of the MWRD delays at Reiger. We are hoping to go out to bid early next year and award the contract by April. And start after May 1, 2024.

Pickleball Courts

Director Iovinelli updated the board, if we can work with Grant White School, we would have the option of putting in indoor courts in the gym.

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

Director Iovinelli reported the conference was good. Staff continue to appreciate the opportunity for professional development opportunities.

School District 91 – Grant White Building

Director Iovinelli updated the Board. The school board sent 4 questions. Director Iovinelli responded. She reminded the School Board the priority should not be a timeline. We do not want the Board to feel rushed. Director Iovinelli will be at there next board meeting to continue to answer any questions.

Memorandum of Understanding – WSSRA

Director Iovinelli will recommend it at the November Board meeting.

IAPD Best of the Best Event October 20, 2023

Director Iovinelli said we are all set for the event. Commissioner McDermott asked if we can make sure we get press on Mike's award.

IAPD Legal Symposium – November 2, 2023

Director Iovinelli and Superintendent Murphy are registered, along with Commissioner Lyons. If anyone else is interested, please let Director Iovinelli know.

WSSRA Falling for Our Stars Event November 10, 2023

Director Iovinelli needs to know who is attending to ensure we have enough tickets.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bonds Series 2023 – Aaron Gold Speer Financial Presentation

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Mr. Gold presented the results of the sale of the limited rollover bonds. Four bids were received. A discussion took place.

The Board thanked Mr. Gold.

New Equipment – Smithco (Ball Field Machine)

Motion was made by Commissioner Sansone, Seconded by Commissioner McDermott to accept the proposal from Burris Equipment from Joliet Illinois to replace the Smithco (Ball Field Machine) in the amount of \$24,549.00 (Includes Trade in Value of \$1,500).

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

Aquatic Center Main Pool – Painting and Repairs

Motion was made by Commissioner Gillian, Seconded by Commissioner McDermott to accept the proposal from PeaCover Decorating Services, Inc. from Aurora Illinois to paint the Aquatic Center – Main Pool in the amount of \$28,500.00.

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

General Obligation Bonds Series 2023 – Ordinance #231019A

A motion was made by Commissioner Sansone and seconded by Commissioner Gillian to adopt Ordinance #231019A providing the issue of \$245,840.00 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2023, for the purpose of providing the revenue source for the payment of certain outstanding alternate bonds of the Park District and for the payment and interest on said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

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

Roos Membership Rates beginning January 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Gillian, Seconded by Commissioner Sansone to accept the proposed 2024 Roos Membership fees as presented by staff.

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

Truth in Taxation

A motion was made by Commissioner Gillian, seconded by Commissioner Sansone to adopt the Truth in Taxation Resolution #231019B, a resolution determining the amounts of money exclusive of Levies for Debt service and elections costs estimated to be necessary to be raised by Taxation Pursuant of the proposed Levy of the Park District of Forest Park for Levy year 2023.

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

Hall of Fame Awards Dinner – October 28, 2023

Director Iovinelli has a table at the event. She asked who was attending.

Holiday Staff Event

Director Iovinelli informed the Board Supervisor Mazzulla is planning the event. She planned Kings Bowling in Rosemont on December 8, 2023.

Public Comment: None.

A motion was made by Sansone, seconded by Commissioner Gillian to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

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Submitted by:  Secretary

Approved by:  Board of Commissioners

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Date: 11/16/23