

November 16, 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 6:05 p.m. on November 16, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Lyons chaired the meeting.

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

Excused Absence: Commissioner Doss

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

Lori Shramek – Resident

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Closed session is not needed. Removed from the agenda.

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 20, 2023

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you from St. Luke and St. Bernardine Parish for our donation for their Game Day Event.

Thank you for participating in the Village Cindy Lyons Health Fair Event

Thank you from the Chamber for sponsoring the Casket Races event.

Memo from the Village in regard to the termination of the Brown Street TIF.

Hall of Fame Inductee Award Dinner – Program Guide.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lori Shramek – Resident from Marengo spoke on behalf of her neighborhood for the proposed design of Remembrance Park. She is very happy with the way the parks have been built. She is excited about the new park in her neighborhood, Remembrance Park. Her concern is the color of the park, the red, white, and blue. She feels the design is very strong. She is looking for a natural setting. She feels very strongly. She knows how much the families love the park.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Sansone reviewed the disbursements.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gillian, seconded by Commissioner McDermott to Approve Disbursements for October/November 2023 totaling \$101,266.21.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

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

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

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BUILDING & PARKS REPORT:

Superintendent Doss reviewed his report and asked for any questions.

Superintendent Doss discuss the repairs and painting project. He also discussed the fill of the pool and checking the return lines when he believes the pool is losing water. The plumber was out to camera all lines. Staff are hoping the repair can be done without breaking up the concrete deck. Staff reached out to Burke Engineering to discuss a plan to repair.

Commissioner McDermott asked if we are having all the lines checked when they are out. Superintendent Doss responded with when Burke is out yes, we will have them all checked.

Director Iovinelli also mentioned going out to bid for the main pool mechanical room pipe repair and replacement, along with replacing the pumps.

A pool repairs discussion took place.

RECREATION REPORT:

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

Commissioner McDermott asked about having more family and adult nights.

Commissioner Lyons asked about the 12-16-year-old cooking class. Director Iovinelli mentioned those are classes we are collaborating with the library for those programs.

COMMUNICATION and MARKETING REPORT:

Manager Cumbee reviewed his report and asked any questions.

BUSINESS REPORT:

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

He added that no tax dollars have been received yet. He also added that in Fund 24 we are not bringing in as much revenue due to the change in eliminating daily admissions. To make up for that revenue staff are adding additional programs and rental opportunities.

DIRECTOR REPORT:

Director Iovinelli reviewed her report and asked for any questions.

She added the soccer and pathway lights project with the ComEd grants was competed.

WSSRA REPORT:

Director Iovinelli discussed the passing of their budget. She added the EAV changed for the communities north of North Avenue. This affects the shares formula is based on 25% population and 75% EAV. Everything was increased by 4%. This is the first year it has increased since 2020.

Commissioner Doss arrived.

PARK FOUNDATION:

Nothing new to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Phase 1 – Aquatic Center – Splash Pad

Director Iovinelli updated the board, more subcontractors have not been paid by Integral. Staff advised them to reach out to Integral. We also communicated to Andrew Paine.

Pocket Parks

Rieger Park

Motion was made by Commissioner Gillian, Seconded by Commissioner McDermott to approve Pay request #3 from Clauss Brothers for the Reiger Park renovation project in the amount of \$77,225.85 as recommended by Hitchcock Design Group and staff.

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Director Iovinelli updated the progress on the park. Commissioner Doss asked about the pipe that goes across the park out to the parkway to the street. The issues are being caused in the parkway. Staff met with the Village staff to discuss what was happening in the parkway. Staff will continue the conversation once the contractor comes back with the updated plans.

Commissioner Doss added with this change the neighborhood will be happier because of the backup issues in the alley.

Director Iovinelli added that Clauss Brothers sent over the combined changes since June 1. Staff will recommend the change order payout at the next Board meeting.

Remembrance Park

Director Iovinelli updated the Board, staff are meeting with Hitchcock to discuss the plans for the park. This is an OSLAD grant project. Specifics are already laid out in the grant.

Popelka Park

Nothing more to report.

Pickleball Courts

Nothing new to report on outdoor opportunities.

Director Iovinelli suggested if the Park District had Grant White School gym, they could stripe 3 indoor courts.

School District 91 – Grant White Building

Director Iovinelli informed the board there is a School Board special meeting on November 29. She also met with Speak Welch to discuss the concept and to get his support.

Memorandum of Understanding – WSSRA

Motion was made by Commissioner Gillian, Seconded by Commissioner McDermott to adopt Resolution #231116A, a Resolution approving the terms and authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between West Suburban Special Recreation Association and the Park District of Forest Park.

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

IAPD Legal Symposium – November 2, 2023

Director Iovinelli and Superintendent Murphy attended the Legal Symposium. The main take aways were social media and FOIA along with the new Department of Labor except employee salary requirement.

Holiday Staff Event – December 8, 2023.

All details are finalized for the event being held at Kings in Rosemont. Board members attending please let Director Iovinelli know.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance #231119B Levying taxes for the Park District of Forest Park, Cook County and the State of Illinois for the year 2023.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McDermott, seconded by Commissioner Gillian to adopt

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

IAPD/IPRA Annual Conference – Chicago, IL

Director Iovinelli needs to know who is attending.

Designate individual Board members to serve as delegates at the Annual Business Meeting of the Illinois Association of Park Districts.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sansone and seconded by Commissioner Gillian to accept Roy Sansone as the Delegate, John Doss as the 1st Alternative and Kristen Lyons as the 2nd Alternative are designated to serve as delegates to the Annual Business Meeting of the Illinois Association of Park Districts.

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

CLOSED SESSION

A Motion was made by Commissioner McDermott and seconded by Commissioner Gillian to enter into closed session at 7:00pm to discuss matters concerning Land Acquisition 2(c)5.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner McDermott seconded by Commissioner Lyons to come out of Closed Session at 7:20pm

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

Action Taken: None

Public Comment: None.

A motion was made by McDermott, seconded by Commissioner Gillian to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

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

Submitted by: _____ Secretary

Approved by: _____ Board of Commissioners

Approved by: Roy Sansone Board of Commissioners

Date: 12/21/23