

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT  
AUGUST 19, 2014  
7:00 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE AT MEETING**

Board Members Present:

President Mike Reid  
Vice President Michael W. Alter  
Commissioner Maureen Yanes

Others Present:

Director/Secretary John V. Ohrlund  
Business Superintendent/Treasurer William G. Schmidt  
Superintendent of Parks Michael Rea  
Superintendent of Recreation and Facilities Michelle Tuft  
Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Jon Marquardt  
Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Perez

Absent:

Commissioner Susan Aberman  
Commissioner Jerry B. Clarito

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Reid called the regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

Alison Koy, 8855 N. Lamon Ave, Skokie, IL addressed the Board regarding the Weber Center walking track. Ms. Koy requested that the walking track be re-surfaced. She said that the track is worn making it difficult to walk on due to her various medical conditions. Executive Director Ohrlund inquired if there were a prescription shoe that would assist her walking on the track. Ms. Koy responded no. Executive Director Ohrlund said staff would research the product and contact the manufacturer and attempt to determine the condition of the surface.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL**

With no items removed from the Consent Agenda, Vice President Alter moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Yanes seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioners Aberman and Clarito were absent. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda consisted of: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 15, 2014; Bills Payable for the months of July 2014/ August 2014; Treasurer's Report; and Staff Reports.

**APPROVAL OF LONG TERM AGREEMENT WITH THE TALKING FARM FOR THE  
USE OF TOT LEARNING CENTER PROPERTY**

President Reid introduced the Long Term Agreement with the Talking Farm for the use of the Tot Learning Center Property. Executive Director Ohrlund stated that revisions to the agreement were received late yesterday and need to be reviewed by staff.

Commissioner Yanes moved to table the Long Term Agreement with the Talking Farm for the Use of Tot Learning Center Property. Vice President Alter seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioners Aberman and Clarito were absent. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF BASKETBALL AND TENNIS COURT CRACK REPAIRS AND COLOR COATING**

Superintendent Rea distributed a revised board summary to the Board Members prior to the meeting. Superintendent Rea explained that the revised summary was necessary due to a mathematical error in the bid from First Impressions.

Two bids were received for the project. Twenty one basketball courts at fifteen locations and two tennis courts at one location were bid. The low bidder is First Impressions of Franklin Park, Ill for \$75,054.75 which includes a 5% discount for the award of all the work.

President Reid inquired why the cost was higher than the original board summary. Superintendent Reid responded that an error was made by the bidder. First Impressions did not include the second basketball court at Hamlin Park in their final bid tally, although it was included in their breakdown.

The project is budgeted at \$57,600.00. Sufficient funds are available in the Capital Improvement Fund for this project due to cost savings on previous projects.

Commissioner Yanes inquired about basketball court usage. Superintendent Rea responded that the basketball courts are heavily used in the parks.

Vice President Alter moved to approve the Basketball and Tennis Court Crack Repairs and Color Coating Bid to First Impressions of Franklin Park for \$75,054.75. Commissioner Yanes seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioners Aberman and Clarito were absent. Motion carried.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Reid discussed the date for the September Board Meeting. Executive Director Ohrlund reminded the Board that at the September Board Meeting, the Hitchcock Design Group will be making a presentation and recommendations on the Comprehensive Plan, as well as Dr. Catherine Counard and Scott Runkle making a presentation on IPLAN. The date for the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was set for Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Weber Leisure Center.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Vice President Alter asked Superintendent Tuft about the scheduling of the Princess Ball in October. Superintendent Tuft responded that an error was made in the fall program guide regarding the date of the event. The date was corrected for registration purposes. Vice President Alter inquired if the date could be changed due to a religious holiday on the date of the event. Superintendent Tuft responded it would be difficult to change the date again as there are 30 participants currently registered for the event. Superintendent Tuft is considering a second Princess Ball in January or to have the February Daddy-Daughter Dance include an element of the Princess Ball as a solution. She apologized to the Board for this scheduling mistake and said an apology will be provided to the public once a solution is arrived at.

Commissioner Yanes commented that the television monitors on the elliptical equipment are not working well. The plugs for the monitors are located on the floor and are occasionally kicked and become disconnected. Superintendent Tuft responded that she is working with the facility manager to find a solution to the issue.

Commissioner Yanes commented on a Shakespearean group that performs at parks, making Shakespeare kid friendly. Commissioner Yanes stated that it is a way to expose Shakespeare to children. Superintendent Tuft said she would research the Shakespearean acting group.

Commissioner Yanes asked about Adult Day Care for the handicapped. Executive Director Ohrlund discussed the M-NASR board deliberations on the subject.

President Reid commented that the Liponi Mini-Golf event at Skokie Sports Park was very enjoyable.

Executive Director Ohrlund mentioned the upcoming Backlot Bash this weekend in downtown Skokie. There is a great line up of bands.

Executive Director Ohrlund commented on a rescue incident that occurred last Friday at Devonshire Aquatic Center. A four year old boy was rescued. The parents left a voicemail message thanking Park District staff for saving their child.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Alter moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Commissioner Yanes seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioners Aberman and Clarito were absent. Motion carried. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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Michael Reid  
President

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John V. Ohrlund  
Secretary