

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
DECEMBER 15, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Executive 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
Tisha Ashcroft, TLC Parent

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

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

With no items removed from the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Alter moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice President 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 Meeting of November 17, 2015; Bills payable for the month of November/December 2015; Treasurer's Report; and Staff Reports.

BOND ISSUE NOTIFICATION ACT PUBLIC HEARING

Treasurer Schmidt said a public hearing on the proposed not to exceed \$350,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds Series 2016A is required. The funds will be used for the Weber Center Renovation. Treasurer Schmidt said a notice was published in the Skokie Review on Thursday, December 3, 2015.

President Reid called the public hearing to order at 7:02 p.m. He asked for any public comments on the General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2016A. There were no comments or questions. President Reid asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Alter moved to close the public hearing. Vice President Yanes seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioners Aberman and Clarito were absent. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAMS ASSOCIATES FOR THE
WEBER LEISURE CENTER**

Executive Director Ohrlund explained that the design process for the Weber Leisure Center project is finished and a project scope has been determined. Staff is requesting an agreement with Williams Architects for the remainder of their professional services which include schematic design, design development, construction documents, bidding and negotiations; construction administration and project close out. The cost of the basic architectural and engineering services is \$283,000 with an additional fee of \$26,500 for interior design, furniture, fixtures and equipment and signage.

President Reid asked when the construction would begin on the project. Executive Director Ohrlund and Superintendent Tuft responded the project is expected to begin in June.

Vice President Yanes moved to approve the attached agreement with Williams Architects for architectural, engineering and interior design services for the Weber Leisure Center. Commissioner Alter seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioners Aberman and Clarito were absent. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO BID RANGE BALLS FOR SPORTS PARK

Superintendent Tuft said every five years staff requests authorization to bid range balls for Skokie Sports Park. The range balls are bid for a five year period with a one year contract renewable for four years. Superintendent Tuft said once the bids are received staff will present a recommendation to the Board for approval.

Commissioner Alter moved to authorize staff to bid range balls for Sports Park. Vice President Yanes seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioners Aberman and Clarito were absent. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The date for the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was set for Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Please note the change in date of the board meeting.

Executive Director Ohrlund asked the Commissioners to select a date or dates for the Finance Committee Meeting/Meetings to review the 2016-17 budget. After discussion it was decided to hold one Finance Committee Meeting on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice President Yanes asked if Pooch Park including nearby parking areas are equipped with security cameras. Executive Director Ohrlund responded no, there is limited internet connection available and most parking takes place on private property.

Vice President Yanes asked about outdoor fitness equipment at parks. Superintendent Tuft responded that outdoor fitness equipment is being planned for the Sports Park East project.

Commissioner Alter complimented the Skokie Flyers Skate event at the Blackhawks game last Friday. He said the kids really enjoyed it and it was fabulous.

President Reid asked about cricket fields at the parks. Executive Director Ohrlund said a couple of different sites are being considered for 2016 leagues. A cricket field or fields are planned for Sports Park East.

Executive Director Ohrlund reminded the Commissioners of the Illinois Parks and Recreation Conference to be held on January 27 through January 29, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Alter moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Vice President Yanes seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioners Aberman and Clarito were absent. Motion carried. The regular meeting ended at 7:20 p.m.

Michael Reid
President

John V. Ohrlund
Secretary