

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT  
FEBRUARY 16, 2016  
7:00 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE AT MEETING**

Board Members Present:

President Mike Reid  
Vice President Maureen Yanes (remote attendance)  
Commissioner Susan Aberman  
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  
Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Perez

Absent:

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 Aberman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Alter seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Clarito was absent. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda consisted of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2016; Bills payable for the month of January/February 2016; Treasurer's Report; and Staff Reports.

**APPROVAL OF BID FOR GOLF BALLS FOR SPORTS PARK**

Superintendent Tuft requested approval of the bid for golf balls for Skokie Sports Park. One bid was received from the current vendor Wilson Golf of Chicago. The current price for the golf balls is \$4.15 per dozen. The new contract with Wilson Golf of Chicago is for one year at \$4.15 per dozen, renewable for up to four years with the final cost of \$4.25 per dozen.

Commissioner Alter moved to approve a contract with Wilson Golf on Chicago for the purchase of golf balls for \$4.15 per dozen, renewable at the District's option for up to four additional years. Vice President Yanes seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Clarito was absent. Motion carried.

## **DEVONSHIRE PARK AREA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Superintendent Rea informed the Board that there have been storm water issues in the Devonshire Park area. The Village of Skokie is looking to alleviate the flooding at Greenwood and Kenneth and on the southwest corner of the park at Kilbourn and Greenwood. Two rain gardens in Devonshire Park have been proposed. The purpose of the rain gardens is to collect and filter the water and then drain the water at a slower rate into the storm sewer system.

Executive Director Ohrlund asked Superintendent Rea to explain what a rain garden looks like. Superintendent Rea said a rain garden is a depressed area approximately one to 2 ½ feet deep and 30 to 40 feet long. The rain garden is filled with plant material that filters the water before it drains into the storm sewer system. Commissioner Aberman asked about safety concerns. Superintendent Rea explained that most of the time the area would be dry, gradually sloped, and would not be a hazard.

President Reid said the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be funding the project, which will be managed by the Village of Skokie. An intergovernmental agreement will be requested in the future. Superintendent Rea said he will keep the Board informed as the project proceeds.

No action required, for information only.

## **REVIEW STATUS OF 2015-2016 DISTRICT GOALS**

Executive Director Ohrlund said the Park District has District and Divisional goals that are established at the beginning of each fiscal year. Executive Director Ohrlund gave an update to the Board on the status of the goals. A final status report of the goals will be completed in June and distributed to the Board.

Executive Director Ohrlund asked the Board if there were any questions on the goals. Vice President Yanes, Commissioner Aberman and President Reid asked about the following goals:

- Develop and implement internal controls on credit card storage
- Improve turn around time on time on DCFS billings
- Implement a Trends Task Force
- Investigate forming a staff cultural affairs committee
- Develop funding for SSP-E development
- Determine the eligibility of the Museum for historic landmark status

The Division Heads explained the goals and status on each of the above goals.

Commissioner Aberman said she and President Reid attended a session at the IAPD/IPRA Conference on procuring funding or sponsorships.

Commissioner Aberman asked to be updated on trends. Superintendent Tuft responded she would do so once the Trends Task Force was formed.

Commissioner Aberman inquired about fling golf, foot golf and disk golf. Superintendent Tuft explained the difference between them, and noted that foot golf has been very successful at Weber Park Golf Course. Disk golf is available at Northshore Sculpture Park.

Commissioner Aberman asked about the retention rate of membership for Fitness First listed in the goals. Superintendent Tuft responded that staff is working on ways to increase and maintain membership.

No motion required, for informational purposes only.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The date for the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was set for Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

A Special Board Meeting was set for Monday, March 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to approve a construction manager for the Weber Leisure Center/Fitness First Renovation. The interviews are being conducted this week. The Finance Committee Meeting will follow the Special Board Meeting at 6:40 p.m.

President Reid and Executive Director Ohrlund will be attending the IAPD Legislative Breakfast at the Grove in Glenview on February 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Executive Director Ohrlund asked the Commissioners to inform him if they will be attending the Liponi Foundation Dinner/Dance on March 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Vice President Yanes asked about online registration for camp. Superintendent Tuft said registrations were up this year, but the online registration was less than last year possibly due to technical issues experienced last year.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Aberman would like the Board to review the IPRA Conference sessions summary, select certain sessions that they would like more specific details to discuss at the next Board meeting, and contact Executive Director Ohrlund.

Commissioner Aberman suggested that a memorial be constructed at Veterans Park to honor local veterans. She suggested a special ceremony for the memorial. Commissioner Alter suggested Veterans Day. Executive Director Ohrlund said staff would research and report back to the Board.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Alter moved adjourn the regular meeting. Commissioner Aberman seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye Commissioner Clarito was absent. Motion carried. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Michael Reid  
President

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John V. Ohrlund  
Secretary