

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT  
JULY18, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE AT MEETING**

Board Members Present:

President Susan Aberman  
Vice President Michael Reid  
Commissioner Michael W. Alter  
Commissioner Khemarey Khoeun

Others Present:

Executive Director/Secretary John V. Ohrlund  
Superintendent of Business Services William G. Schmidt  
Superintendent of Recreation and Facilities Michelle Tuft  
Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Jon Marquardt  
Landscape Supervisor, Steve Ames  
Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Perez  
Park Services Office Manager Dima Kirland  
Craig McClure, Evanston resident  
Stephen Orschonsel, Evanston resident  
Mike Isaacs, Skokie Review  
Charles Bartling, Evanston Now

Absent:

Commissioner Maureen Yanes

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Aberman 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**

No citizen comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL**

Commissioner Alter moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice President Reid seconded. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Yanes was absent. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda consisted of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 15, 2017; Minutes of the Public Hearing Petition to Disconnect Meeting of June 15, 2017; Bills payable for the month of June/July 2017; Treasurer's Report; and Staff Reports.

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #17-012 DISCONNECTING CERTAIN TERRITORY FROM  
THE SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT**

Executive Director Ohrlund requested approval of Ordinance #17-012 Disconnecting Certain Territory from the Skokie Park District. Last month a public hearing was held on the petition. The petitioners have met all of the requirements of state law and Executive Director Ohrlund recommended approval of Ordinance #17-012.

Commissioner Alter moved to approve Ordinance #17-012 Disconnecting Certain Territory from the Skokie Park District, Cook County, Illinois. Commissioner Khoeun seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Yanes was absent. Motion carried.

### **WEBER/FITNESS FIRST PROJECT UPDATE**

Superintendent Tuft gave an update to the Board on the Weber/Fitness First project. She highlighted the progress of the Weber/Fitness First project:

- Board Room, New Multipurpose Room (MPR)
  - Floor has been sealed
  - Operable partition has been installed
  - Final paint touch up has been completed
  - Installation on the light fixtures and fans in progress
- Fitness Center
  - Wavy wall tile for locker room entrances has been installed
  - Wood look tile installed in the vanity areas
  - Tile in the steam room being installed
  - Storefront glass has been installed at the new spin studio
- Work on the stair tower in progress including exterior walls and waterproofing

Superintendent Tuft said the Village inspection of the new multipurpose room is this week. The target date for the opening of Fitness First is August 7<sup>th</sup>. There may be 2 – 3 days down time to re-open the Fitness Center for move in and staff training. The Board toured the construction area at the end of the meeting

### **AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE FITNESS EQUIPMENT FOR FITNESS FIRST**

Superintendent Tuft requested authorization to purchase fitness equipment for Fitness First. She explained that Life Fitness is the sole source provider for the equipment which is well liked by Fitness First members. The equipment to be purchased includes five treadmills and two stationary bikes. Commissioner Khoeun asked about the typical life span of the equipment and warranties. Superintendent Tuft responded that the current equipment is 10 years old. The equipment is kept until the equipment becomes too costly to repair after warranties run out. Assistant Superintendent Marquardt said that the equipment generally has a 5 to 7 year life span.

Vice President Reid moved to approve the purchase of five treadmills and two stationary bikes from Life Fitness for an amount not to exceed \$46,255.64. Commissioner Alter seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Yanes was absent. Motion carried.

### **AUTHORIZATION TO BID TENNIS AND BASKETBALL COURT REPAIRS**

Landscape Supervisor Steve Ames requested authorization to bid tennis and basketball court repairs. Steve said the authorization is for crack repair and color coating. Executive Director Ohrlund said typically the tennis courts are repaired every 6 years and the basketball courts every 4 years.

Commissioner Alter moved to authorize staff to prepare bid specifications and solicit bids for basketball and tennis court improvements. Vice President Reid seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Yanes was absent. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Aberman confirmed the date of the Marketing Committee Meeting on Thursday, July 20 at 6:00 p.m. and the date of the Diversity Advisory Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 8, at 7:00 p.m. The regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was set for Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Vice President Reid said that President Aberman, Superintendent Schmidt and he attended the Pancake Breakfast in the Woods at Emily Oaks Nature Center. President Aberman said there was a warm feeling among attendees and she was very impressed with the number of volunteers. Superintendent Tuft said Emily Oaks Nature Center Manager Lee Hansen has a great group of volunteers for all of her events like Winter Chili Fest and Earth Day. President Aberman said staff did a fine job for the Fourth of July events.

President Aberman said she, Vice President Reid and Executive Director Ohrlund went to the World Wiffleball Championship on Sunday at Channelside Park. She said it was very interesting and she suggested starting a wiffleball program for children.

Commissioner Khoeun said she attended an event sponsored by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) exhibiting experiments with fertilizer and bio solids. The Commissioners were very impressed with the examples of parks and golf courses using this product. Steve Ames discussed the pros and cons of the MWRD product and staff experimental use of same. Staff is testing a new product with 40% MWRD bio solids at Hamlin Park at two fields.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Alter moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Vice President Reid seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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Susan Aberman  
President

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John V. Ohrlund  
Secretary