

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
May 24, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING

Board Members Present:

President Mike Reid
Vice President Maureen Yanes
Commissioner Michael W. Alter
Commissioner Jerry B. Clarito
Commissioner Susan Aberman

Others Present:

Executive Director/Secretary John V. Ohrlund
Superintendent of Parks Michael Rea
Superintendent of Recreation and Facilities Michelle Tuft
Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Jon Marquardt
Office Manager Park Services Dima Kirland

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. Commissioner Aberman seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda consisted of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2016; Bills payable for the month of March/April 2016; Treasurer's Report; and Staff Reports.

AUTHORIZATION TO BID COLOR COATING AND REPAIRS FOR BASKETBALL AND TENNIS COURTS

Superintendent Rea stated that staff is requesting authorization to prepare specifications and solicit bids for crack repair and color coating of basketball courts at Lockwood, Lorel, Peccia and Pohatan, and tennis courts at Lauth and Oakton Parks. These projects are budgeted in the 2016-2017 Capital Improvement Fund for \$44,000.

Commissioner Aberman moved to authorize staff to prepare bid specifications and solicit bids for basketball and tennis courts improvements. Commissioner Clarito seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO JOIN A COOPERATIVE PURCHASE PROGRAM

Assistant Superintendent Marquardt stated that staff is seeking authorization to join the HGACBuy cooperative purchase program in regards to purchasing a senior bus.

Executive Director Ohrlund explained the District is a member of several of purchasing coops. Superintendent Rea said that using these coops eliminates the bidding process, by having the coop do the bidding which saves costs for the District. There is no cost to joining this coop.

Vice President Yanes moved to authorize staff to join the HGACBuy cooperative purchase program. Commissioner Alter seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE A PASSENGER BUS

Assistant Superintendent Marquardt stated that staff recommends authorization to purchase a senior bus from Creative Bus Sales of Elkhart Indiana through the HGACBuy coop at a total cost of \$49,437. This bus met all requirements including a backup camera, navigation system and co-pilot seat. This bus will have the same seating capacity as the current bus.

Commissioner Clarito moved to authorize staff to purchase a senior bus from Creative Bus Sales of Elkhart Indiana at a total of \$49,437. Vice President Yanes seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO DISPOSE OF FIXED ASSETS ORDINANCE #16-008

Superintendent Rea described items to be disposed of including a coin dispenser, a card dispenser, Toro reel master mower, Ford Escape, Jacobsen utility cart, Toro zero turn mower and SmithCo sweeper. In addition, several non-capitalized pieces of smaller equipment such as push mowers and similar equipment will also be sold. Executive Director Ohrlund said that the money from the sale goes back into the Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Fund.

Vice President Yanes moved to approve Ordinance #16-008 authorizing the disposal of various fixed assets. Commissioner Alter seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SECOND CONSENT TO LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR LOYOLA ACADEMY ROWING ASSOCIATION FOR DAMMRICH ROWING CENTER

Executive Director Ohrlund reported that the MWRD is requesting the approval of the second consent to a license agreement with the Loyola Academy Rowing Association because this was not previously approved by their board many years ago. The change to the agreement at that time modified the end date of the agreement from 2016 to 2032. There are no other changes to the agreement or to our operations at Dammrich Rowing Center.

Vice President Yanes moved to approve the Second Consent of the MWRDGC to the License Agreement between the Skokie Park District and Loyola Academy Rowing Association, Inc. (LARA), allowing the Association to conduct sculling boat activities on certain property leased by the Park District from the MWRDGC located between Oakton and Main Streets in the Village of Skokie, as presented to the Park Board at this meeting and to authorize the President of the Park Board and the Secretary of the Park District to execute the Consent in the name of and on behalf of the Park District.

Vice President Yanes further moved to authorize the appropriate officers of the Park District to

execute such further instruments, including but not limited to future such consents, and take such further actions as they shall deem necessary or appropriate in consultation with legal counsel for the Park District, in order to carry out the intent and effectuate the purposes of said license agreement.

Commissioner Clarito seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF WINNEBAGO PARK PLAYGROUND AND PARK ACTIVITIES

Executive Director Ohrlund provided the Board with the history of the development, planning and neighborhood issues over the years at this park as well as the change in neighborhood demographics to feature more families with young children. The park is well used and the neighborhood is fairly dense, with no other parks nearby. Future improvements to the park could include replacement of the sand safety surface, replacement of the synthetic safety surface, or replacement of the entire playground including the surfacing. The Board discussed possible improvements and decided to collect more information. Commissioner Aberman suggested checking to see if grants may be available.

Superintendent Tuft suggested Board members attend the upcoming “Many Cultures, One Community; Keeping Skokie Safe” event at the park on June 9th. Skokie Police will have the COPS vehicle on site and District staff will be providing hot dogs and chips. This would be a good opportunity for the Board to meet with the neighborhood.

As a follow up to last month’s citizen comments, Superintendent Rea checked with the Park Monitor who reported that the basketball courts were opened in early May.

SPORTS PARK EAST STATUS UPDATE

Executive Director Ohrlund stated that was put this item on the agenda for discussion purposes, no action was required. There is nothing new to report since Executive Director Ohrlund and Superintendent Tuft met with them few weeks ago. MWRD is considering an effluent treatment program to remove phosphates at the site.

President Reid and Executive Director Ohrlund stated there is local support for the project and efforts will be made to restore the project.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The date for the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was discussed. The date was set for Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Weber Leisure Center.

A Public Hearing for Timber Ridge Park playground renovation was scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Weber Leisure Center

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Alter complimented Kerry Murphy for the wonderful job once again with the annual ice show. Bringing in superstar Ryan Bradley was a hit. All shows were sold out. Festival of Cultures was very nice but Commissioner Alter felt the food was not ethnically diverse. All commissioners agreed that the Festival of Cultures was wonderful. Everyone complimented and recognized Asst. Superintendent Marquardt for a job well done.

Superintendent Tuft said that staff reaches out to Skokie and nearby ethnic restaurants first but restaurants such as Kabul House do not have the staff or equipment to do festivals.

Vice President Yanes discussed issues with background noise on remote attendance calls.

Commissioner Aberman and Vice President Yanes said they were disappointed with the legislative conference.

Commissioner Clarito asked if the District relies on any state funding. Executive Director Ohrlund replied that we do not rely on state funding for day to day operations; however, grants for the bigger projects will be missed.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE OF REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Aberman moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Vice President Yanes seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried. The regular meeting ended at 7:51 p.m.

Michael Reid
President

John V. Ohrlund
Secretary