

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING

Board Members Present:

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

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

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 Clarito seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Alter was absent. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda consisted of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2015; Bills payable for the month of August/September 2015; Treasurer's Report; and Staff Reports.

APPROVAL OF BID FOR PARKING LOT STRIPING AND CRACK SEALING

Superintendent Rea requested approval of the bid for parking lot striping and crack sealing. Thirteen bid packages were sent out with one bid received from Pavement Systems. References were checked and are favorable. The bid was prepared with an estimated amount of 18,050 linear feet of lot and path cracks. The project is budgeted for \$50,650.

Superintendent Rea explained that some lots will have more cracks to repair and others may have less cracks than estimated. Staff is recommending approval of the base bid and authorizing additional crack filling at the unit price of \$0.75/ft as needed not to exceed a cost of \$38,000.

Commissioner Alter moved to approve the base bid of Pavement Systems for parking lot striping and crack sealing and additional crack filling at \$0.75/ft as necessary for a total cost

not to exceed \$38,000. Commissioner Aberman seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

BACKLOT BASH RECAP

Superintendent Tuft presented a recap of the Backlot Bash. Superintendent Tuft said it was a banner year financially. Superintendent Tuft highlighted the different areas of the event with the beer tent, carnival, SuperFan, bingo, 5K Race and the stage entertainment. She thanked the Park District staff for helping to make the event a success.

Vice President Yanes asked if the event made a profit. Superintendent Tuft said she did not have all of the expenses for the event. Superintendent Tuft said there will be a Backlot Bash Committee Meeting tomorrow to recap the event.

Executive Director Ohrlund congratulated Superintendent Tuft on the successful event. Executive Director Ohrlund said the bands were well received, there were great crowds for the headliners and it is a fabulous community event that draws everyone together including cooperation with the government agencies.

Commissioner Aberman excused herself from the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

President Reid said there was an impressive crowd on Saturday night for the Psychedelic Furs considering it was a rainy evening. President Reid said it was another great District event.

Vice President Yanes asked about marketing of the event. Superintendent Tuft responded that the event is marketed on the lighted signs, newspapers, posters and Skokie Park District and Backlot Bash websites.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDING REVIEW

Executive Director Ohrlund said there are 2 major projects that staff and consultants have been working on: the Skokie Sports Park East development and the Weber Leisure Center Renovation. Cost estimates have been received for the two major projects. Three additional capital projects are under consideration; however capital funds and grant opportunities are limited.

Superintendent Schmidt presented the Future Major Capital Projects report and discussed various funding sources and possible grant programs. Approximately \$13,000,000 should be available through available District resources with additional grant funding possibly available. Commissioners and staff discussed the report in detail. Superintendent Schmidt said the report gives a basis for funding of the projects.

Commissioner Clarito said it was good to see that significant funds are available for the two major projects.

Executive Director Ohrlund thanked the Commissioners for their input and said staff will meet with the consultants to refine the designs and the scope of the two major projects. Staff will bring the refined designs and cost estimates to the Board for consideration.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The date for the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was set for Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice President Yanes asked if staff was considering a public address system for Fitness First. Superintendent Tuft said it is being considered for the Weber Center renovation project. Vice President Yanes said parking was limited over the weekend at Weber Center, which was due to a three day bridge tournament in the gym. Vice President Yanes expressed concerns about the clocks in the fitness center. Vice President Yanes commented that she liked the new elliptical fitness equipment in Fitness First.

President Reid said a resident asked him about playing pickle ball outdoors. Superintendent Rea said there is a pickle ball court at Hamlin Park and two at Lauth Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Clarito moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Commissioner Alter seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried. The regular meeting ended at 7:43 p.m.

Michael Reid
President

John V. Ohrlund
Secretary