

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
DECEMBER 16, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING

Board Members Present:

President Mike Reid
Vice President Michael W. Alter
Commissioner Jerry B. Clarito

Others Present:

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
Risk Management and Special Facility Manager Scott Runkle
Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Perez

Absent:

Commissioner Susan Aberman
Commissioner Maureen Yanes

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner 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 Clarito moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice President Alter seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioners Aberman and Yanes were absent. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda consisted of: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 20, 2014; Bills Payable for the months of November 2014/December 2014; Treasurer's Report; and Staff Reports.

REPORT ON AQUATICS SEASON AND APPROVAL OF 2015 POOL FEES

Risk Management and Special Facility Manager Scott Runkle presented the 2014 Aquatics Report and recommendation for 2015 pool fees. Mr. Runkle said attendance was again affected this year by the very poor weather. There were forty six days of rain and only three 90+ degree days.

Mr. Runkle reported on the gutter stone replacement project completed prior to the season at the Skokie Water Playground. A leak was detected and repaired at Devonshire Aquatic Center which will result in savings next season. New locker room flooring was installed at both pools.

Mr. Runkle reported there were 100 rescues performed over the season with one serious incident that occurred at Devonshire Pool in late August. The staff was complimented by the Skokie Fire Department on their handling of the situation. The staff will be honored with Lifesaving Awards from the Village of Skokie.

Mr. Runkle said sales of swim passes are equal to last year's sales. Birthday party rentals have increased.

Mr. Runkle recommends the 2015 pool fees remain the same with the exception of an increase in non-resident splash pass and swim lesson fees.

President Reid inquired about the School District 219 calendar affecting the 2015 pool season. Mr. Runkle responded that the school calendar impacts scheduling, however for 2015 there will be an additional full week of operations at Skokie Water Playground due to the timing of Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Commissioner Clarito inquired about creative ways of attracting customers to the pools. Mr. Runkle stated that a Groupon was offered four years ago and if a Groupon is considered it will be for birthday party rentals. Mr. Runkle said there has been an increase in the 5 or 10 visits splash passes. Executive Director Ohrlund said good weather relates to great revenue at the pools.

Vice President Alter moved to approve the 2015 pool hours and fees as proposed. Commissioner Clarito seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioners Aberman and Yanes were absent. Motion carried.

FINAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN

Executive Director Ohrlund stated that all of the Commissioners have had the opportunity to review the Comprehensive Master Plan. The Board, staff and residents have given a lot of input into this document over the past year. There are some minor corrections to be made to the document before it is printed. Executive Director Ohrlund asked if anyone had any comments to include in the document before it is approved.

Commissioner Clarito said the document is comprehensive and very impressive. The document is consistent with the findings in the demographics. The new programming is consistent as well and there are recommendations for specific cultural events. The Board was sensitive to the ideas and needs of the community.

Executive Director Ohrlund said the callouts on some of the pages were very poignant. The Board and staff should be very proud of this document. There will be some recommendations that will need to be discussed by the Board in the future. The document is a planning document to aid in the administering the District in the next five years.

President Reid said staff and the Board worked with three great consultants, Heller and Heller, Hitchcock Design Group and Williams Architects. The document is a planning and working document.

Commissioner Clarito moved to approve the Skokie Park District 2014-2019 Comprehensive Master Plan. Vice President Alter seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioners Aberman and Yanes were absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BID FOR VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVE CONTROLS FOR POOL PUMPS AT SKOKIE WATER PLAYGROUND AND DEVONSHIRE AQUATIC CENTER

Superintendent Tuft requested approval of the bid for variable frequency drive controls for pool pumps at Skokie Water Playground and Devonshire Aquatic Center.

Superintendent Tuft stated that three bids were received. The low bidder was Halogen Pool Supply in the amount of \$44,853.00. \$22,500 was to be budgeted for the project in the next fiscal year. There is a grant available in the amount of \$21,007.72.

Staff originally planned to install the variable frequency drive controls over a period of several years, but since a grant is available staff would like to purchase the variable frequency drive controls at this time for a cost savings.

The variable frequency drive controls will reduce energy consumption and extend the life of the pumps. The estimated return on the investment is three to four years. President Reid said staff is taking advantage of scheduling and the cost savings because of the grant currently available.

Vice President Alter moved to award the bid for nine variable frequency drive controls for pool pumps at Skokie Water Playground and Devonshire Aquatic Center to Halogen Pool Supply for the amount of \$44,853.00. Commissioner Clarito seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioners Aberman and Yanes were absent. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Reid discussed the date for the January Board Meeting. The date for the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was set for Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice President Alter said the Skatium Legacy Class of 2014 ceremony that occurred prior to the Board meeting was a great event. The recipients of the award and commemorative bricks were very appreciative. Executive Director Ohrlund said Hockey Director Steve Glickman organized the ceremony. The event demonstrates how the facilities and programs of the Skokie Park District impact the lives of the community.

President Reid reminded the Board of the hockey clinic featuring Steve Konroyd former Blackhawk and Tommy Hawk that will be held on Monday, December 22 at the Skatium.

Executive Director Ohrlund reported that President Reid, Superintendent Tuft and he attended the "Park Salad" event at Tot Learning Center with the NorthShore Hospital. He will send a video clip to the Commissioners.

Executive Director Ohrlund stated that the interviews for the consultant for the Skokie Sports Park East development have been conducted. Staff recommends Gewalt Hamilton and will bring a contract for Board approval in January.

Executive Director Ohrlund said the summer camp guides have been sent out to the residents. The IAPD annual meeting packets were received have been distributed to the delegates.

President Reid reminded the Board that the annual Employee Appreciation Dinner will be held at the Evanston Country Club on Saturday, January 17, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Alter moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Commissioner Clarito seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried. The regular meeting ended at 7:31 p.m.

Michael Reid
President

John V. Ohrlund
Secretary