

MINUTES

January 31, 2008

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Oakbrook Terrace Park District held on January 31, 2008 at 7:05 p.m., at the Heritage Center, 1S325 Ardmore Avenue, Oakbrook Terrace, DuPage County, Illinois.

Roll Call: Susan Lugo, Maryann Neffke, Bill Cizek, Dan Flanagan, Roger Sweitzer.

Others present: Laura Barron, Director of Parks and Recreation; Tim Reinbold, Superintendent of Recreation; Liane Knight, Superintendent of the Nature Center; David Freeman from Tressler, Soderstrom, et al; Mary Pakos; Jeannice Gagnon, marketing Designer; Laurel Bauer, recording secretary.

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Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 29, 2007. Motion to approve: Commissioner Cizek; Second: Commissioner Neffke; Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0.

NEDSRA

Director Barron reported that NEDSRA is holding a Jr. Bulls tournament and invited the commissioners to attend. A board meeting is scheduled for February 10.

FINANCIAL

Several questions were asked regarding various checks which were written. Approval of the Disbursement List from November 1 to November 30, 2007, including deposits. Motion to approve: Commissioner Cizek; Second: Commissioner Neffke; Ayes: 5, with Commissioners Flanagan, Cizek, Neffke, Lugo, Sweitzer voting in favor. Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0.

Approval of the Financial Statements for the period ending November 30, 2007. Motion to approve: Commissioner Lugo; Second: Commissioner Flanagan; Ayes: 5, with Commissioners Flanagan, Cizek, Neffke, Lugo, Sweitzer voting in favor. Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0.

Approval of the Disbursement List from December 1 to December 31, 2007, including deposits. Motion to approve: Commissioner Cizek; Second: Commissioner Lugo; Ayes: 5, with Commissioners Flanagan, Cizek, Neffke, Lugo, Sweitzer voting in favor. Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0.

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LEGAL

Director Barron reported that she received information from the City regarding a variance hearing for the playground equipment which she explained and will be attending.

OLD BUSINESS

TERRACE VIEW PARK: INVOICE FOR STEEL PLATES

Commissioner Cizek asked Mr. Freeman about the invoice for the plates which were purchased by the City and sent to the District for payment. Questions were also raised about the various responsible parties for this matter. Mr. Freeman referred this to Kathy Elliott who will follow up with Director Barron. The board did not come to a decision on this outstanding invoice. Director Barron was asked to convey this information to Mr. Bourke and refer this matter to Mr. Freeman for further handling.

KRILICH PROPERTY

Director Barron has met informally with the Director for the York Center Park District who has had some discussion with Mr. Krilich. The Oakbrook Terrace Park District is interested in approximately twenty acres. Commissioner Cizek asked Mr. Freeman about the possibility of obtaining some of the land under the Open Lands Ordinance possibly in conjunction with the Forest Preserve District. York Center is also interested in partnering with the District in order to possibly purchase land and develop it.

Mr. Freeman also represents the Village of Villa Park and confirmed that Mr. Krilich is talking to the Village regarding annexation. Currently, the Village is not contiguous to the Krilich property and any discussions are preliminary. With regard to condemnation, the law requires a good faith effort to purchase the property, based on an appraisal. The purchaser also needs to have the money available. Condemnation generally is not easy and is also expensive.

Director Barron will call Paul Bouchard and ask him what the cost would be to update the appraisal. Mr. Bouchard has said that he has information on this property if the District wants it.

Any current problems with the Krilich property with regard to erosion and other matters would now have to be addressed to the County.

ADOPTION OF LIMITED BONDS, SERIES 2008

Mr. Sweitzer announced that the bonds could now be adopted following the open hearing last month. Motion to approve: Commissioner Cizek; Second: Commissioner Lugo. Ayes: 5, with Commissioners Flanagan, Cizek, Neffke, Lugo, Sweitzer voting in favor. Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0.

BASKETBALL COURTS

Commissioner Cizek asked about the cost to do the basketball court and to see if Brandywine security would also patrol. Director Barron thought that screening will not be enough to separate the tennis courts from the basketball court. It was thought that a half court would be adequate. Commissioner Cizek indicated that the basketball court is badly needed with having more children moving into the District. Director Barron stated that she will obtain pricing for the next meeting along with some pictures.

OAK BROOK NURSING HOME DECK

Commissioner Cizek indicated that the nursing home is willing to contribute to the cost. Engineering designs and a landscape design would be needed. Director Barron will contact a landscape designer to determine the cost of a design plan for the next meeting.

Questions were asked regarding the special recreation levy and Director Barron explained several items which are being discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

SPLASH PAD

Director Barron indicated that the District is going to receive a \$20,000 grant for the Splash Pad which is expected in July. Director Barron explained that she has obtained a proposal from Williams Mechanical, a company she has worked with previously to perform the necessary repairs at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. The resurfacing and fencing are still being researched.

Motion to Approve the proposal presented by Williams Aquatics: Commissioner Lugo; Second: Commissioner Cizek. Ayes: 5, with Commissioners Flanagan, Cizek, Neffke, Lugo, Sweitzer voting in favor. Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0.

PARK PRO COMPUTER SOFTWARE

Mike Bocker from Park Pro Software was at the meeting to demonstrate the Park Pro Software which he explained and presented a Power Point presentation.

Motion to approve the purchase of Park Pro software at a cost of \$14,500 with a \$300 monthly maintenance fee: Commissioner Neffke; Second: Commissioner Lugo. Ayes: 5, with Commissioners Flanagan, Cizek, Neffke, Lugo, Sweitzer voting in favor. Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0.

SEPTEMBER CONCERT

Mr. Reinbold presented a DVD of the group Od Tapo Imi as a performer for the September concert. With all fees included, the fee for the concert will be a maximum of \$3,000. Following discussion, Mr. Reinbold was asked to present three to five musical options at the next meeting.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Mr. Reinbold added to his report indicating that the hours are going to be expanded for the Splash Pad and the paddle boats to include weekends. Softball leagues are going to be handled in-house this year. A fall softball league is also going to be offered.

LAKE VIEW NATURE CENTER

Mrs. Knight reminded the Commissioners that the Winter Exhibit will start on Tuesday.

FITNESS CENTER

Director Barron reported that Mr. Mulford is working with the Willowbrook High School Boosters for the 5K run and highlighted some of the other activities at the Fitness Center. Maintenance contracts are being addressed.

There is some leaking at the Van Kampen building which Mr. Bouchard looked at. Once the weather improves, Mr. Bouchard will go on the roof to inspect.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. White is working on evaluating vendors with regard to HVAC and their related services. He and Dave are going to a seminar to become certified in playground inspections. They are going to another seminar for chain saw safety. Mr. White is also securing estimates for fountain vendors.

MARKETING

Director Barron reported that Amy and Jeannice have been working on various marketing activities as well as the summer brochure.

ADMINISTRATION

Director Barron reported that she has been working closely with Sandra Pihos who is trying to get the off track betting money into the budget. Senators need to be contacted for their support.

Director Barron thanked the Commissioners for attending the conference.

Budget Meetings: February 13th (corporate and recreation) and March 13th (fitness, nature center, personnel).

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mary Pakos, a resident in attendance at the meeting stated that she feels that resident fees should drop by \$5 and non-resident fees should be raised by \$5.

Commissioner Sweitzer asked the commissioners their thoughts about an ice skating rink. The commissioners liked the idea so the idea will be contemplated for the next budget year. Commissioner Sweitzer will investigate further.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. made by Commissioner Cizek; Second: Commissioner Sweitzer; Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0.

Roger Sweitzer, President

Maryann Neffke, Secretary