

MINUTES

March 27, 2008

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Oakbrook Terrace Park District held on March 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., at the Heritage Center, 1S325 Ardmore Avenue, Oakbrook Terrace, DuPage County, Illinois.

CALL TO ORDER

President Sweitzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Ms. Bauer took the minutes of the meeting.

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

Commissioners Absent: Susan Lugo.

Others present: Laura Barron, Director of Parks and Recreation; Tim Reinbold, Superintendent of Recreation; Larry White, Superintendent of Parks; Liane Knight, Nature Center Superintendent, Laurel Bauer, recording secretary.

Residents Present: Wanda Ackerman, Marquerite Vitale, Cesar Vitale, Jessica Coyle, Emily Emond.

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Approval of the minutes of the February 13, 2008 Special Meeting. Motion to approve: Commissioner Cizek; Second: Commissioner Flanagan. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstentions: 0.

Approval of the minutes of the February 28, 2008 Regular Meeting. Motion to approve: Commissioner Cizek; Second: Commissioner Neffke. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstentions: 0.

Approval of the minutes of the March 13, 2008 Special Meeting. Motion to approve: Commissioner Flanagan; Second: Commissioner Cizek. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstentions: 0.

BASKETBALL NETS

President Sweitzer addressed the residents in the audience who were at the meeting in order to discuss the basketball nets which the District is considering putting up.

Director Barron reported that a letter was sent to the Brandywine homeowners association regarding security efforts for the basketball area. The Brandywine board of directors has declined to participate. Discussion continued regarding the ability to lock up the nets or move them indoors if inappropriate behavior occurs. Other options discussed include the installation of a soccer goal instead of basketball nets.

Questions regarding liability and other resident concerns were discussed with those present in order to address the mission of the district to provide activities for children. Concerns were brought forth regarding the non-residents who would be attracted to these activities. Questions were asked regarding what would happen after the park closes at night.

Problems have occurred in Brandywine with various people coming through Brandywine on the way to Stevenson School. Numerous problems have occurred which necessitated the petitioning of Stevenson School to remove their basketball hoops. It was felt that soccer might be a preferable option because it will attract a younger group of children. It was also suggested that the game be of a more organized nature to monitor the individuals who are participating. A skate park was suggested which was deemed to be dangerous.

It was asked that the District's website be listed in the Brandywine Messenger. A suggestion for a resource center in Brandywine was suggested which was previously declined by Brandywine. A survey will be put on the District's website in order to determine interest in various sporting activities. Director Barron suggested starting with soccer during to see how it develops. Then basketball could be added during the day.

KRILICH PROPERTY

Director Barron has contacted three appraisers to secure an appraisal which will cost approximately \$2500-\$3000. CORLANDS is interested in entering into an agreement to work with the District and will be contacting Director Barron in the next week. Krilich has presented a program to Villa Park regarding future development of his property. Currently, Villa Park boundaries do not touch the Krilich property. The Commissioners thought it would be prudent to continue fact finding and see what develops.

NEDSRA

Director Barron highlighted the NEDSRA newsletter. A lot of different meetings have been occurring including Beyond 2010, budget meetings, and other matters.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Approval of the Disbursements for the month of February. Motion to approve: Commissioner Cizek; Second: Commissioner Neffke. Ayes: 4, with Commissioners Flanagan, Cizek, Neffke, Sweitzer voting in favor; Nays: 0, Abstentions: 0.

Approval of the Financial Statements for the month of February. Motion to approve: Commissioner Cizek; Second: Commissioner Neffke. Ayes: 4, with Commissioners Flanagan, Cizek, Neffke, Sweitzer voting in favor; Nays: 0, Abstentions: 0.

LEGAL

Marty Bourke called regarding payment for the plates. Director Barron called Kathy Elliott who will have an opinion next week.

Transfer of Ownership and the Permit for Playground. Director Barron received notification that the District has been included as an interested party. Mr. Freeman will monitor this matter to make sure that the tri-party agreement is honored.

Mr. Bourke called Director Barron to ask if the District would rent the Mario Parente Theatre to the City for the Ardmore Avenue extension presentation to the general public. There was no reason not to rent the theatre for this use.

OAK BROOK NURSING HOME DECK

Director Barron contacted a couple of companies regarding a preliminary plan. Commissioner Cizek wants to contact the Village of Oak Brook, the nursing home and Gateway to determine their level of interest in participating in the project financially. Director Barron still needs to contact the third company but she is estimating something in the \$60,000 to \$70,000 range.

EMPLOYEE EVALUATION AND INCREASE PRACTICE

Director Barron would like to manage employee evaluations and increases more efficiently and timely and in that regard, she and Ms. Bauer would like to perform evaluations and increases on an annual basis which would affect primarily year around staff. Seasonal employees would probably occur at the end of the season. Director Barron thinks this change will improve morale. The Commissioners were in favor of this and felt that benefits would also be more applied more consistently as well.

REPORTS

RECREATION

Willy Wonka is the first Sunday in April if anyone is interested in attending. Commissioner Cizek asked some questions about the senior trip which were responded to by Mr. Reinbold.

LAKE VIEW NATURE CENTER

Ms. Knight brought in the red heart which was given to her by Gingerbread preschool. March attendance has been very good due to the mild weather and Spring break. Commissioner Cizek asked Ms. Knight for an annual chart to show the attendance at the Nature Center. Young Explorers has been expanded to accommodate more children.

Director Barron spoke with Bob Biggins and they will meet with Commissioner Cizek next week in Springfield at the Legislative Conference. The off track betting matter is still alive. Discussion ensued regarding the off track betting money.

FITNESS CENTER

Director Barron reported that the 5k race is being worked on as well as summer classes.

PARKS

The goose gun is being utilized on a regular basis which Mr. White reported is working much better than the dogs did. Brandywine called to question whether the goose gun is being utilized at midnight which it is not. Discussion ensued as to the fish in the pond at the Heritage Center.

MARKETING

Amy Downing has been meeting with the different departments and is developing a marketing plan for each department.

ADMINISTRATION.

The sand is going to be removed from the playground and replaced with ADA compliant material. Director Barron is waiting for Williams Aquatics and it is anticipated that the Splash Pad will be in better shape due to a number of changes including improved filtration, backup power, 54 inch high fencing, and an improved surface.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The May board meeting is going to be changed to May 22nd.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. by Commissioner Flanagan, Seconded by Commissioner Neffke and approved by all.

Roger Sweitzer, President

Maryann Neffke, Secretary