

# **MINUTES**

May 22, 2008

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Oakbrook Terrace Park District held on May 22, 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 7:05 p.m.; Ms. Bauer took the minutes.

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

Others present: Kathleen Elliott and Gina Madden, from Tressler, Soderstrom, et al.; Mary Pakos, a resident of the District; Laura Barron, Director of Parks and Recreation; Tim Reinbold, Superintendent of Recreation; Larry White, Superintendent of Parks; Liane Knight, Nature Center Superintendent; Tony Koulis, Summer Intern; and Laurel Bauer, recording secretary.

The regular meeting was adjourned upon motion made by Commissioner Lugo, seconded by Commissioner Flanagan and approved by all of the Commissioners, to conduct the Public Hearing to present the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance, notice provided as required. There were no votes in opposition and no abstentions from voting.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

President Sweitzer read the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance as presented last month.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Lugo, seconded by Commissioner Neffke, the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance is accepted as presented. The motion passed with Commissioners Cizek, Flanagan, Neffke, Lugo, Sweitzer voting in favor. There were no votes in opposition and no abstentions from voting.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Flanagan, seconded by Commissioner Lugo, the Public Hearing was closed. The motion passed; there were no votes in opposition and no abstentions from voting. Then, upon motion made by Commissioner Lugo, seconded by Commissioner Flanagan and approved by all of the Commissioners, the regular meeting was reopened.

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Upon motion made by Commissioner Flanagan, seconded by Commissioner Neffke, the minutes of the April 24, 2008 meeting are approved as amended. The motion passed; there were no votes in opposition and no abstentions from voting.

## **NEDSRA**

Director Barron reported that tomorrow is the last day to reserve space for the Reach for the Stars dinner and asked for responses. The NEDSRA budget has been approved. The District's contribution will be going down slightly.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Commissioner Flanagan asked a question about the Splash Pad and the disbursement made to Williams Architects which Director Barron responded to.

*Ms. Knight entered the meeting.*

Director Barron explained the problems with the electrical back-up and improving the chlorination system at the Splash Pad. Discussion ensued as to the upcoming improvements to the Splash Pad. Fountain Tech has contacted Director Barron; she referred them to Williams Architects.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Flanagan, seconded by Commissioner Lugo, disbursements for the month of April are approved with Commissioners Flanagan, Lugo, Neffke, Cizek, Sweitzer voting in favor. The motion passed. There were no votes in opposition and no abstentions from voting.

The Financial Statements for the month of April were presented and upon motion made by Commissioner Flanagan, seconded by Commissioner Lugo, and approved by Commissioners Flanagan, Cizek, Neffke, Lugo, Sweitzer, they are approved. The motion passed with no votes in opposition and no abstentions from voting.

## **LEGAL**

Ms. Elliott saw the city attorney and requested inspection information from the City with regard to the bridge. Discussion ensued as to payment for the plates. The City is interested in meeting outside of a regular board meeting to discuss payment for the plates as well as the future of the culvert. The commissioners agreed to see what information is provided to Ms. Elliott pursuant to her request. The Commissioners agreed that the first action is correspondence with the City; second, a meeting between Marty Bourke and Director Barron; with the last option a discussion between President Sweitzer and the City.

## **KRILICH PROPERTY**

Director Barron reported that a tentative meeting is set for June 10th with the Forest Preserve to familiarize the forest preserve with the Krilich property. The Nature Center has prepared a Power Point presentation. The Krilich property has been deannexed from the City of Oakbrook Terrace and has approached Villa Park, the forest preserve and Oakbrook Terrace again.

### ***BASKETBALL COURTS / SOCCER NETS***

The soccer net is up and kids have begun playing with the goal. Next is the baseball field.

### ***NURSING HOME DECK***

Director Barron secured some preliminary prices for the deck area and contacted the nursing home. The nursing home is interested in a bridge and pathways but is not able to commit to this size project.

### ***SPLASH PAD/PLAYGROUND***

There are a number of issues with the Splash Pad. Director Barron reviewed the numbers which she received regarding plumbing and other matters. The fencing will protect the surface and separate the areas of the Splash Pad. Two companies have given Director Barron prices to remove the sand. A crushed base would be put in and then the new surface will be installed. Director Barron is hoping to have the work done in mid-June. Director Barron has already received the bid documents. NatureScape is coming out next week to blow out the lines. Discussion ensued regarding the improvements to the Splash Pad.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Lugo and seconded by Commissioner Cizek, the DeFranco Plumbing and Blase Electric are accepted at a cost of approximately \$35,000. The motion passed with Commissioners Flanagan, Cizek, Neffke, Lugo, Sweitzer voting in favor. There were no votes in opposition and no abstentions from voting.

### ***TELEPHONE SERVICE***

Director Barron reviewed the issues with regard to the telephone service. There were too many alarm circuits which have now been canceled. The telephone service changes are going to save several thousand dollars per year. AT&T and Call One have both looked at our system and prepared proposals. The District would save approximately \$9300 per year.

### ***LANDSCAPING***

Director Barron asked the Commissioners' thoughts on the landscaping out front to which the Commissioners responded very favorably. The flowers are very nice and the Commissioners

were very happy with the new look. The next spot would be to plant some day lilies in the area around the Fitness Center.

The bike path is being trimmed by the maintenance staff. The dead bushes are being removed. Nothing is being replaced at this time.

### ***ARDMORE AVENUE EXTENSION***

It was recommended that the District protect its easement and the bike path.

Discussion ensued as to the water drainage from the Krilich property. Director Barron will send a letter to the County regarding the drainage problem. Concerns were expressed regarding flooding on the bike path. President Sweitzer suggested sending pictures with the letter.

### ***DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS***

#### ***Recreation***

Mr. Reinbold thanked the commissioners for coming to the Oak Brook program. Mr. Reinbold introduced Anthony Koulis who is going to be the summer intern for twelve weeks. Summer camp starts in two weeks; paddle boats are running; softball is going very well. Concessions are open during the leagues.

Commissioner Flanagan commented on the outside of the building and the Commissioners concurred that the flowers around the building are very nice. The Splash Pad surface has been repainted and it looks nice and fresh.

Mr. Koulis, the Summer Intern, introduced himself and explained his background.

#### ***Lake View Nature Center***

Spring Celebration was held last Saturday with 400 attendees, the largest year yet. Ms. Knight reported that she is working on a grant application for Target Corporation to be used for Wild Wednesdays for Summer 2009.

#### ***Fitness Center***

Director Barron noted that more than 100 people signed up for the race. Some new equipment has been added and the software process has begun.

#### ***Parks Department***

Mr. White reported that Spring has been late and work is being done on the parks. The commissioners commented on the beauty of the parks to which Mr. White reported that he has a good crew. Mr. White asked the commissioners their thoughts on the stage cover. It is anticipated that the fountain should be installed next week. Mr. White is trying to improve the quality of the softball field at Heritage Park.

Mr. White has spoken with an electrician regarding lights at the pavilion at Heritage Park and is waiting for a quote.

## ***Marketing***

Director Barron has placed an ad on the IPRA web site for a new marketing person. Hopefully, a person will be found for the Summer.

## ***OPEN DISCUSSION***

Ms. Pakos asked about placing a petition at the front desk opposing the extension of Ardmore Avenue. Discussion ensued regarding placement of the petition. A notice regarding the hearing is posted in the lobby of the park district. There will be no question and answer session as the hearing on the 28th and is only designed to be an informational session.

## ***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

Pursuant to the provisions of 5 ILCS 120(2)(c)(1), upon motion made by Commissioner Cizek, seconded by Commissioner Sweitzer, the meeting was placed into closed session at 8:15 p.m., for pending litigation. The motion passed; there were no votes in opposition and no abstentions from voting.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:35 p.m.

## ***ADJOURNMENT***

Commissioner Cizek asked for an updated chain of command from the manual.

Commissioner Lugo asked about emergency plans.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Flanagan, seconded by Commissioner Lugo, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The motion passed; there were no votes in opposition and no voted in abstentions.

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Roger Sweitzer, President

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Maryann Neffke, Secretary