

MINUTES

July 31, 2008

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Oakbrook Terrace Park District held on July 31, 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, Susan Lugo, Roger Sweitzer.

Commissioners Absent: Bill Cizek, Dan Flanagan.

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

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Approval of the minutes of the June 26, 2008 Regular Meeting. Motion to approve: Commissioner Lugo; Second: Commissioner Neffke. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0. Commissioners Cizek and Flanagan were absent from voting.

Approval of the Executive Session minutes of June 26, 2008. Motion to approve: Commissioner Lugo; Second: Commissioner Neffke; Ayes: 3, Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0. Commissioners Cizek and Flanagan were absent from voting

NEDSRA

Director Barron attended the NEDSRA Idol which was very good and a great event.

Director Barron and Mr. Reinbold attended a golf outing as the guests of Mr. Reiner.

FINANCIAL

Approval of Disbursements for the month of June. Motion to approve: Commissioner Lugo; Second: Commissioner Neffke. Ayes: 3, with Commissioners Neffke, Lugo, Sweitzer voting in favor; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0. Commissioners Cizek and Flanagan were absent from voting.

Approval of the Financial Statement for June. Motion to approve: Commissioner Neffke; Second: Commissioner Lugo. Ayes: 3, with Commissioners Neffke, Lugo, Sweitzer voting in favor; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0. Commissioners Cizek and Flanagan were absent from voting.

LEGAL

Culvert

Director Barron reported that the District has taken a non-involved approach with regard to the culvert until the legal ownership is resolved. The District is planning on preparing a historical narrative on the park which will be prepared when all of the commissioners are present.

Director Barron received correspondence from the attorneys for the Township. The City petitioned the court to dismiss the Township's counter-claim which was denied.

It was agreed to move the attorney item on the Agenda to next month. Director Barron reported that she spoke with Kathy Elliott regarding the discussion with another attorney.

OLD BUSINESS

Krilich Property

Director Barron reported that there is nothing new on the Krilich property; that the County is investigating the matter. Director Barron was informed that flooding on the bike path would be the District's responsibility. New flooding will be addressed by the County.

Basketball Courts

Director Barron reported that this matter is currently pending while further work is being done on the Splash Pad. The soccer net and the baseball diamond are being utilized on a regular basis. This matter will be changed for future agendas to incorporate other outdoor recreation and will now be retitled Sporting Activities.

Splash Pad/Playground

The Health Department has performed several inspections at the Splash Pad and the District has passed each of them. There have been no shut downs this summer due to either failed inspections or mechanical failure.

There was an incidence of vandalism wherein several finials on the fence were damaged which are being replaced. The new surface will be installed on Friday and Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Commissioner Neffke and other Brandywine residents met with Sandra Pihos who encouraged them to continue speaking out regarding Ardmore Avenue. More Oakbrook Terrace residents need to go to the City Council meetings and speak at the microphone for the record, opposing the Ardmore Avenue extension. A meeting is being scheduled for next month inviting Senator Cronin as well as city officials. Ms. Pihos reiterated her interest in the people.

REPORTS

Recreation

Mr. Reinbold reported that summer is winding down. The kiddie concert will be next Thursday. Movies in the Park will finish up next week.

Commissioner Lugo asked about the humidity in the basement. Mr. Reinbold explained the steps which staff are taking, including the installation of a dehumidifier. Director Barron explained the work that Service Master did to clean, following the water.

Commissioner Lugo was impressed at the picnic in Heritage Park on Monday and commented that the food was good and the day camp children were very well behaved.

Lake View Nature Center

Ms. Knight distributed a newspaper article and commented on Wild Wednesdays activities in the park. There were more than 250 in attendance the previous day. Two new staff people have been hired at the Nature Center.

Fitness Center

Director Barron reported that Mr. Mulford is doing final preparations regarding the installation of the new computer system.

Parks

Commissioner Lugo commented on how nice Terrace View Park looks; Commissioner Neffke concurred regarding her observation at the Fourth of July celebration.

Mr. White purchased a sweeper which he is using for grass clippings and was also used to pick up fireworks after the Fourth of July fireworks show.

Mr. White explained the types of items that PDRMA looks for during its audit of District facilities. Progress will continue on a regular basis.

Mr. White reported on the basement flooding and the various steps which have been undertaken to alleviate future problems.

Marketing

Director Barron reported that Ms. Long is working on promoting the District in a variety of ways.

Administration

Director Barron reported that the off track betting funding has been cut from the state budget. Director Barron elaborated on different items which been undertaken to cut expenses as well as to increase revenues. Mr. Mulford will bring a proposal to the board for future consideration.

The sand has been removed from the playground and the new surface will be installed in the near future.

Eric Anderson will be asked to attend the September meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The August meeting will be moved to August 21st pending Director Barron's discussion with Commissioners Cizek and Flanagan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Due to the absence of two commissioners, the Executive Session will be postponed until the August meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. by Commissioner Lugo, seconded by Commissioner Neffke and approved by all.

Roger Sweitzer, President

Maryann Neffke, Secretary