

MINUTES

November 20, 2008

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Oakbrook Terrace Park District held on November 20, 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.

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

Commissioners absent from the meeting: None.

Others present: Laura Barron, Director of Parks and Recreation; Larry White, Superintendent of Parks; Liane Knight, Nature Center Superintendent; Shawn Flaherty and Tim Hoppa from Ottosen, Britz, et al; Lauri Bauer, Recording Secretary.

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Approval of the minutes of the October 30, 2008 Regular Meeting, as amended. Motion to approve: Commissioner Flanagan; Second: Commissioner Lugo. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstentions: 0.

NEDSRA

Director Barron introduced Karen Lesniak and Carrie Stenger from NEDSRA who thanked the park district for their support over the years. Ms. Lesniak highlighted some of the programs which are offered by NEDSRA to over 4,600 individuals through a number of programs.

Ms. Stenger discussed some of the programs held at Oakbrook Terrace Park District facilities. Seven children from the community participated in summer camp. The fishing derby is another event that is held each spring at Terrace View Park.

Ms. Lesniak and Ms. Stenger left the meeting.

FINANCIAL

Several questions were regarding the lighting invoices from Fitzgerald Lighting from last month. Commissioner Flanagan asked to check with another vendor for future work to compare pricing.

Approval of Disbursements for the month of October. Motion to approve: Commissioner Cizek; Second: Commissioner Flanagan. Ayes: 5, with Commissioners Flanagan, Cizek, Neffke, Lugo, Sweitzer voting in favor, Nays: 0, Abstentions: 0.

Approval of the Financial Statement for October. Motion to approve: Commissioner Cizek; Second: Commissioner Lugo. Ayes: 5, with Commissioners Flanagan, Cizek, Neffke, Lugo, Sweitzer voting in favor, Nays: 0, Abstentions: 0.

LEGAL

Culvert

Mr. Flaherty and Laura Barron have spoken with regard to the culvert situation. Mr. Flaherty has been receiving materials regarding the lawsuit. A letter was received from Tressler, Soderstrom regarding their agreement to work with the Ottosen firm.

OLD BUSINESS

Krilich Property

Commissioner Neffke stated that there is a hearing at DuPage County on December 11, 2008 regarding the property.

Sporting Activities

The Winter Spring brochure will be out in early December announcing a number of activities in the park. Fall softball was a success.

Splash Pad – Playground

The district is waiting for the fabrication of the clam shell basket which will be in the spring. Director Barron wants to hold a ribbon cutting in the spring with Ms. Pihos. The hopscotch has been painted.

Ardmore Avenue Extension

The extension has been tabled and Commissioner Neffke asked individuals to stay visible on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

One of the hvac units at the gym went out. An estimate has been received from Inland in the amount of \$8,000 but Director Barron will secure another proposal before going ahead.

Commissioner Cizek asked how the attorneys want to bill the district. Mr. Flaherty suggested that his firm could bill either hourly or on a retainer basis. Director Barron asked Mr. Flaherty about levying for social security. Mr. Flaherty stated that to add a new rate would have to be done by referendum and that it would not add to the total tax receipts.

REPORTS

Recreation

Director Barron reported that Polar Express and Holidays Around the World are upcoming. A number of special events have been held. The parks department is going to build some games for future use to lower out of pocket costs.

Lake View Nature Center

Ms. Knight highlighted activities from the nature center. Fall Open House is this Saturday from noon until 4 p.m. Paul has been installed a bench made from a log a well as a mushroom toadstool seat by the nature center. Children attendees will be spreading mulch in the area next week.

There was a public hearing on the property at Hodges and Monterey. Approval is needed from the city to exchange the property around the creek with another vacant piece of property. The parking lot would increase in size substantially.

Fitness Center

Director Barron reported that she spoke with Shawn Mulford and that a number of members have switched to the eft system.

Parks

Mr. White reported that he has five six foot round tables which are very heavy and which PDRMA has suggested phasing out. Director Barron will ask Brandywine if they are interested or see if the Salvation Army wants them.

Marketing

Director Barron reported that Marianne Long is working hard on the holiday party as well as the fitness center promotion.

Administration

Director Barron covered her items during the regular meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The roof repairs were discussed with regard as to how to proceed.

Reminder: There will be a Special Meeting December 22nd at 1:00 .m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. by Commissioner Flanagan, seconded by Commissioner Cizek and approved by all.

Roger Sweitzer, President

Maryann Neffke, Secretary