

# **MINUTES**

*April 22, 2009*

Minutes of a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Oakbrook Terrace Park District held on April 22, 2009 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: Maryann Neffke, Susan Lugo, Roger Sweitzer; Dan Flanagan.

Commissioners absent from the meeting: William Cizek.

Laura Barron, Director of Parks and Recreation; Larry White, Superintendent of Parks; Liane Knight, Superintendent of the Nature Center; Lauri Bauer, Recording Secretary.

## **MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of the March 29, 2009 Regular Meeting as amended. Motion to approve: Commissioner Flanagan; Second: Commissioner Lugo. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstentions: 0.

## **NEDSRA**

Director Barron reported that NEDSRA is holding their 100 hole golf outing on May 7 and Director Barron will be participating.

Director Barron has been speaking with Larry Reiner who has given the District some tips on the new legislative session.

NEDSRA has passed a balanced budget.

## **FINANCIAL**

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

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

## **LEGAL**

Mr. Hoppa has prepared an Ordinance for Surplus Property which still needs a listing of equipment which will be put on the agenda for May.

### **Truck Purchase**

Mr. Hoppa indicated that the pricing for the truck is subject to competitive bidding and will have the bid package along with the required legal advertisement for the May meeting.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Lugo, seconded by Commissioner Neffke, Mr. Hoppa will prepare the bid documents for the truck, including the truck specifications, which will also include additional language which may be needed for future bids. The motion passed with Commissioners Flanagan, Neffke, Lugo, Sweitzer voting in favor. There were no votes in opposition and no abstentions from voting, with Commissioner Cizek absent from the voting.

### **IDOT Easement**

Mr. Hoppa turned over the signed documentation for the easement. A temporary sign will be installed however, a permanent sign will not be erected.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Krilich Property**

The initial plat work will begin and Mr. Hoppa believes that the Park District should contact Mr. Krilich and meet with the developers to initiate a dialogue with regard to the land cash donation for this project. The Commissioners were in favor of having Mr. Hoppa contact the Krilich developers to move forward and report more next month.

### **Sporting Activities**

Director Barron reported that the tennis and soccer nets will be going up shortly. Mr. White has secured a couple of quotes on the tennis court refinishing but will be getting another one.

### **Splash Pad – Playground**

Director Barron reported that the substance of the work is to be done. Minor amendments need to be made.

Director Barron suggested the dates of May 23<sup>rd</sup> or June 6<sup>th</sup> for possible dates for the ribbon cutting of the splash pad reopening.

### **Ardmore Avenue Extension**

Nothing much is expected until the swearing in of the city council on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Roof Update**

The top of the roof is done and there has been no leaking. The Parks Department has been working on the floor of the theatre.

The sides of the roof are anticipated to be completed after May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Replacement Schedule for Equipment**

Weed Whip #2 is shaking and should be replaced and the Board agreed to move this piece of equipment up on the replacement schedule.

#### **2009/2010 Budget**

Upon motion made by Commissioner Flanagan, seconded by Commissioner Neffke, the Budget was amended to include Weed Whip #2 is approved. Commissioner Sweitzer voted in favor. Commissioners Lugo, Neffke, and Flanagan voted in opposition. Commissioner Cizek was absent from voting. The motion was defeated.

The complete budget will be made available for the next meeting by Director Barron.

Director Neffke asked about the Christmas party which is in the budget. Commissioner Neffke is committed to nobody attending the state or the national conference.

President Sweitzer asked about closing the preschool to which Director Barron responded that this matter is going to be addressed. Director Barron committed to preschool revenue covering both staff and preschool supplies. Director Barron also explained the other programs which are being addressed.

Commissioner Flanagan is committed to not laying off employees, canceling the holiday party, and eliminating conferences for all staff.

Director Barron will amend the budget to eliminate the state conference for all, eliminate the holiday party and include the capital items which were approved tonight.

There was also a suggestion to purchase banners to post on Ardmore Avenue. Director Barron will contact Dick Schroeder regarding the placement of signs to market more programs.

Commissioner Flanagan sees the Fitness Center and Recreation with profits and losses as the keys to the budget.

Director Barron will prepare a new budget with the cuts as discussed and possible increased revenues.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Flanagan seconded by Commissioner Lugo, the 2009-2010 Budget is approved as amended with the capital budget changes, cutting state conference and national conferences and eliminating the Christmas party. The motion passed with Commissioner Flanagan, Neffke, Lugo and Sweitzer voting in favor. There were no votes in opposition and no votes in abstentions, with Commissioner Cizek absent from the voting.

## **REPORTS**

### **Lake View Nature Center**

Ms. Knight reported that the Nature Center won the Wise Kids Outdoors grant and will be working with Mr. Reinbold and the summer day camps.

The Nature Center is getting ready for Spring Celebration on May 16<sup>th</sup> and several different vendors will be attending. A Boy Scout Troop will be at the Celebration to help as well.

### **Recreation**

Director Barron reported that Mr. Reinbold is working with Chiro One on various activities. Summer Day Camp registration is being taken. TC is working on the garage summer for May 2<sup>nd</sup> and has received a good response.

### **Fitness Center**

The Fitness Center is continuing on expanding programs. EFTs are continuing.

### **PARKS**

Mr. White is working on the parks as much as possible within the constraints of the weather. The beaver has now left the park.

Mr. Azzarello is working on the lighting of the gazebo area.

## **Marketing**

Ms. Long has been working on a number of areas to publicize the District's activities to encourage participation.

## **Administration**

Director Barron has addressed her areas during the meeting.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Nothing to Report.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Nothing to report.

## **Old Business**

Commissioner Neffke asked that a card be sent to Arnold Noble express the Board's sympathies on the passing of his mother.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. by Commissioner Neffke, seconded by Commissioner Lugo, and approved by all.

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Roger Sweitzer, President

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Maryann Neffke, Secretary