

MINUTES

June 25, 2009

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Oakbrook Terrace Park District held on June 25, 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, Roger Sweitzer, Dan Flanagan, Susan Lugo.

Commissioners absent from the meeting: William Cizek.

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

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Approval of the minutes of the May 28, 2009 Regular Meeting. Motion to approve: Commissioner Flanagan; Second: Commissioner Neffke. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstentions: 0, with William Cizek absent from the meeting.

NEDSRA

Director Barron reported that she has received an invitation for the NEDSRA golf outing and also a thank you for the Reach for the Stars sponsorship.

Director Barron reported that new front doors are being investigated for alternatives which would be handicapped accessible. More information will follow at a later date.

FINANCIAL

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

LEGAL

Mr. Hoppa asked to move the Commissioner swearing in and election of officers to the position following the prevailing wage ordinance.

Mr. Hoppa asked whether he should be at the summer board meetings. He will be notified if he is needed in attendance at a board meeting; otherwise his attendance will not be required.

Krilich Property

Mr. Sweitzer spoke of the plan submitted by Mr. Krilich to the City of Oakbrook Terrace several years ago wherein twenty two acres was committed to park land.

Director Barron spoke with Marty Bourke regarding the cash in lieu which amends the ordinance which now bases the price paid on the purchase price of the land.

Sporting Activities

Mr. Reinbold reported that there are many activities going on in the parks each day. Discussion occurred with regard to securing a bus through a grant. For trips, the District has availability of vehicles through NEDSRA.

Splash Splash – Playground

The ribbon cutting for the reopening of the Splash Pad was a great success inspite of less than ideal weather conditions. Director Barron reported that there was a nice turnout and the barbershop quartet thanked the District for inviting them to sing.

The Splash Pad is seeing a great deal of use. Yesterday, there were sixty-eight children at the Splash Pad. Director Barron will look into options for the surface and will also check with PDRMA.

Movies in the Park

There were about 75 to 100 people at the movie. A lesser amount was watching the band which preceded the movie. Commissioner Neffke thanked Dee for volunteering her assistance to the night's activities.

Ardmore Avenue Extension

The mayor wants this matter to come to a conclusion with Ardmore Avenue not being extended.

Heritage Center Roof Project

The roof is complete. There is an area of concrete washing away from the building because there are no gutters on the roof. The repair to the concrete is \$4,500. Water is now getting into the mechanical room as well. A public project costing \$5,000 requires a bond. The Commissioners would like to see a couple of other quotes for this project.

This matter will be taken off of the agenda and changed to Concrete Project.

NEW BUSINESS

Swearing in of Commissioners

Director Barron swore in Mr. Sweitzer upon his reelection to the Board of Commissioners. Director Barron then swore in Ms. Neffke upon her reelection to the Board of Commissioners.

Election of Officers

Upon motion made by Commissioner Lugo seconded by Commissioner Neffke, the positions will remain the same with Roger Sweitzer as President; Susan Lugo as Vice President; William Cizek as Treasurer; and Maryann Neffke as Secretary.

The Prevailing Wage Ordinance was distributed. Upon motion made by Commissioner Lugo, seconded by Commissioner Neffke, Ordinance 09-0625, Prevailing Wage Ordinance, is approved. The Ordinance passed with Commissioners Lugo, Neffke, Flanagan, Sweitzer voting in favor. There were no votes in opposition and no abstentions from voting, with Commissioner Cizek absent from the meeting.

Employee Manual – Benefits Section

The benefits portion of the Employee Manual was distributed. Director Barron reported that previously the Board approved accruing benefits on a calendar year basis. Mr. Hoppa indicated that in this manner, benefits are earned on an annual basis and not in a lump sum. Mr. Hoppa recommended accruing up to a limit.

Director Barron provided this material for review with further discussion and possible approval next month.

Mr. Hoppa indicated that the fuel agreement with the City of Oakbrook Terrace is not cost effective for the District as it currently exists. The agreement is not acceptable in its current form.

Mr. Hoppa left the meeting.

REPORTS

Recreation

Mr. Reinbold indicated that summer is up and running and everything is very busy.

The commissioners were in agreement to purchase the banner Mr. Reinbold showed them. Commissioner Neffke asked if there is the ability to make these banners in-house and Mr. Reinbold will investigate this. Discussion continued as to the making of the banners in future years.

Commissioner Neffke asked about vandalism to which the response was that there hasn't been a problem with vandalism this summer.

Director Barron reported that the garden with the Home Depot planting is complete.

Lake View Nature Center

Ms. Knight passed out a Wild Wednesday flyer. The snapping turtle was released into the lake. The passport program is going very well.

Fitness Center

The Fitness Center has a new marketing piece which was passed out along with guest passes to the Fitness Center.

Parks

The fountain is operational. There was nothing in addition to Mr. White's written report.

The new equipment is working well. Money was saved by using Russo.

The new truck is ordered and delivery is anticipated in eight to ten weeks.

Ms. Neffke encouraged the Commissioners to attend the fourth of July festivities.

The board in the tennis court is going to be ripped down. The light towers are being investigated. Resurfacing is being held over until stimulus grant money is received.

Marketing

Director Barron passed out various marketing materials which Ms. Long has prepared for the District announcing various programs and activities.

Administration

Director Barron reported that Versailles apartments are going to have their chiller replaced and have asked the District to land a helicopter on District property on July 2nd.

Mayor Ragucci is working on resolving the culvert matter.

Director Barron is working with IAPD who has a broker who would analyze the District’s gas and electric costs. Director Barron passed out a commitment letter.

Director Barron reported that the District now has a work program. One person is going to possibly work in maintenance. There may be more individuals. This is a county program in which the individuals would be employees of the County and not the Park District.

The District has received various planting materials and labor to update the water garden at no cost from Home Depot.

Paradise Bay in Lombard is now open and Director Barron attended the opening.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. by Commissioner Neffke, seconded by Commissioner Sweitzer, and approved by all.

Roger Sweitzer, President

Maryann Neffke, Secretary