

MINUTES

November 17, 2011

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Oakbrook Terrace Community Park District held on November 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., at the Heritage Center, 1S325 Ardmore Avenue, Oakbrook Terrace, DuPage County, Illinois.

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

Commissioners absent from the meeting: *None*.

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

Guests present: *None*.

Mr. Sweitzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – TAX LEVY

The first order of business was to invite public comment for discussion on the Tax Levy.

Director Barron received a telephone call from a resident regarding the tax levy which she explained to the individual. There being no public present, the Public Hearing closed at 7:05.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Upon motion made by Commissioner Lugo, seconded by Commissioner Flanagan, the minutes of the October 27, 2011 meeting are approved as amended. The motion passed; there were no votes in opposition and no abstentions from voting.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Flanagan, seconded by Commissioner Lugo, the minutes of the October 27 Executive Session are approved. The motion passed; there were no votes in opposition and no abstentions from voting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Cizek asked that the future Public Comment item to be put at the end of the meeting. Commissioner Neffke disagreed. It was agreed that Public Comment will be put at the end, but could be moved up to the beginning at the option of the Board of Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

NEDSRA

Director Barron reported that NEDSRA information was reported in her report. She went on to explain that a new funding formula is being worked on which will save the District money but nothing has been finalized.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Approval of the Disbursements for October. Motion to approve: Commissioner Neffke; Second: Commissioner Flanagan. Ayes 5, with Commissioners Flanagan, Cizek, Neffke, Lugo, Sweitzer voting in favor. There were no votes in opposition and no abstentions from voting.

Approval of the Financial Statement for October. Motion to approve: Commissioner Flanagan; Second: Commissioner Lugo. Ayes 5, with Commissioners Flanagan, Neffke, Cizek, Lugo, Sweitzer voting in favor. There were no votes in opposition and no abstentions from voting.

LEGAL

Director Barron has been working with Tim Hoppa and they are waiting for some type of proposal from Wilcox. The platting meeting at the County is December 15th.

OLD BUSINESS

Krilich Property

See above Legal.

Sporting Activities

There have been a number of new ideas which came out of the national conference. The Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation assists entities in obtaining financing for multi-surface fields in at-risk communities.

Indoor golf was described by Commissioner Cizek. It is going to be used by Woodridge.

Commissioner Cizek also saw skate board ramps which can be used for smaller children. Mr. Mulford is looking at a miniature climbing wall for the Fitness Center.

Commissioner Cizek spoke of the need to put teens on the board and to encourage the involvement of teens in the process and suggested sending flyers to schools. Then, the kids will spread the word.

Fitness Center Sign

The Fitness Center sign is done and is very visible. The portable sign is in front of the fire department. The sign will be put in place when an event is forthcoming.

Master Plan

Director Barron has met with the Parks Department, the Fitness Center and the Nature Center. She still has to meet with Recreation and the Business Department.

Dorothy Drennon Park

All of the commissioners were in agreement that the Veteran's Ceremony was wonderful and a very positive event. Residents were in favor of having a parking area at the park. The perennials at the front of the garden are very hearty and should survive the ice during the winter.

It was decided that there will be no charge for individuals to purchase bricks. The corporate pricing will remain in place. Director Barron will have Ms. Long update the flyer and reprint it.

Tax Levy

Having held the Public Hearing on the Tax Levy earlier in the evening, upon motion made by Commissioner Flanagan, seconded by Commissioner Lugo, the Tax Levy is approved as presented and published. The motion passed with Commissioners Flanagan, Cizek, Neffke, Lugo, Sweitzer voting in favor. There were no votes in opposition and no abstentions from voting.

Basketball Courts

Commissioner Neffke asked that a letter be sent to Brandywine and Versailles informing them that the Basketball Courts have been tabled because it will be good public relations. Director Barron will write the letter.

NEW BUSINESS

OSLAD Grant

A proposal was included in the board package so that if the OSLAD grant is received by the District, Design Perspectives would manage the project.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Lugo, seconded by Commissioner Neffke, the Design Perspectives contract is approved, and that if the Grant is not awarded, the contract will be voided. No charges will accrue until the grant is received. The motion passed with 5 ayes, being Commissioners Flanagan, Cizek, Neffke, Lugo, Sweitzer voting in favor. There were no votes in opposition and no abstentions from voting.

President Sweitzer asked that Phase Two be considered for the capital plan if the grant is not received so that there is an alternative plan for development of the remainder of the park.

Commissioner Cizek asked that the parking be considered if the grant is not received because parking will be needed. It was decided to wait and see if the OSLAD grant is received.

Job Descriptions

Job descriptions were handed out previously for Commissioners to review.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Flanagan, seconded by Commissioner Lugo, the Job Descriptions are approved. The motion passed; there were no votes in opposition and no abstentions from voting.

Holiday Party

Director Barron asked if the Commissioners are interested in holding a Holiday Party. It was agreed that the party will be held at Gulliver's on Wednesday, December 14.

REPORTS

Recreation

Mr. Reinbold received a telephone call from the DuPage County Sheriff asking about National Night Out. The Commissioners are in favor of this event.

Mr. Reinbold thanked Commissioners for their help at the Halloween Carnival. Polar Express is almost full, scheduled for December 10th and 11th.

Mr. Reinbold will deliver the flyers to Brandywine.

Lake View Nature Center

Ms. Knight reported that Fall Open House is Saturday.

Commissioner Neffke asked Director Barron to let Mr. Mulford know that Ms. Knight's and Mr. Reinbold's reports are what she would like to see in reporting participation.

Fitness Center

Director Barron reported she has spoken with Mr. Mulford regarding the comprehensive plan, the sign and a climbing wall.

Parks

Director Barron reported on the backup sump pump which was installed at the Splash Pad. Photographs were distributed of the work. Mr. White reported that the graffiti was taken off of the garbage corral.

A new chain saw was purchased because the old one became inoperable.

One of the gators is down due to a brake failure. Right now, two gators will be ok. Once summer arrives, another gator will be needed. It was agreed that nothing will be done until spring.

Marketing

Director Barron passed around the newspaper with the photos from the Veteran's Day ceremony.

Administration

Director Barron asked about the NEDSRA holiday party.

Two rooms have been reserved for the IPRA conference should a commissioner be interested in attending.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. by Commissioner Flanagan, seconded by Commissioner Lugo, and approved by all.

Roger Sweitzer, President

Maryann Neffke, Secretary