

**PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Park District of Highland Park, was held in the Board Room at the West Ridge Center, 636 Ridge Road, Highland Park, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Meyers.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Bernstein, Commissioner Flores Weisskopf, Commissioner Ruttenberg, Vice President Kaplan, President Meyers

Staff Present: Executive Director McElroy, Director Becker, Director Stumpf, Director Donahue, Director Baker, Director Behlow, Asst. Director Malartsik, Asst. Director Romes, Manager Curtis, and Manager Carr

Guests: Resident Janet Bernstein, and Councilman Alyssa Knobel

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON AGENDA - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from December 17, 2014 Board Meeting; Minutes from December 17, 2014 Special Meeting; Minutes from January 14, 2014 Workshop Meeting; Minutes from February 11, 2014 Workshop Meeting; Minutes from February 11, 2014 Special Meeting; Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$973,034.93; Audit Recommendation; Ordinance 14-01- Change in Fiscal Year; Ordinance 14-02 – Identifying Work Contracts to the Installment Purchase Agreement Entered into in Connection with the Issuance of Debt Certificates, Series 2013; HVAC Preventative Maintenance Agreement Bid in the amount of \$95,056.00; 2014 Hidden Creek AquaPark Kiddy Play Area Flooring Bid in the amount of \$33,865.00; concession Lease Services at HCAP & SVGC in the amount of \$28,000.00; Glencoe Park District Beach Agreement; NSSRA Resolution 2012-1.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ruttenberg, seconded by Vice President Kaplan, to accept the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call:

Aye: Commissioner Bernstein, Commissioner Flores Weisskopf, Commissioner Ruttenberg, Vice President Kaplan, President Meyers

Nay: None

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Central Park Stairs Update

Vice President Kaplan reported that he, Liza, and Rick Stumpf attended the last Highland Park City Council Meeting of the Whole at which the Central Park Stair project was discussed. A straw poll of Councilmen was taken regarding the favored design of the Stairs and a unanimous decision was not reached.

President Meyers said a future Joint Meeting should be set up with the City of Highland Park and Park District of Highland Park to reach consensus on how to proceed with this project.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Director Becker reported that December and January are two of the District's slower months in terms of revenue generation. December had three payrolls and \$1.3 was paid out on the District's debt issues resulting in an excess of expenses over revenues over \$2 million. However, the District's projections indicate that both the Corporate and Recreation funds will exceed expectations with the Corporate Fund estimates showing a surplus as opposed to a deficit, and the Recreation Fund a much larger surplus than what was budgeted. Centennial, because of gymnastics as well as Ice, is performing very well and Recreation Center activity has far exceeded expectations.

From a capital standpoint, work is continuing on Rosewood Beach and the Central Park Stairs.

NEW BUSINESS

Recreation Center Report

Manager Carr highlighted recent Recreation Center promotions and program trends. He noted the Spin Room was remodeled and new equipment was purchased, there are new programs with focus on seniors, the Fitness Center has over 3,000 members, and Pickelball is getting a great response. The Recreation center has recouped the memberships from the opening of LA Fitness.

Director Report

Executive Director McElroy gave highlights of recent Park District events including Winterfest, Nature Day at Heller, and celebrations for 2014 Olympic competitor Jason Brown. A new publication, *Highland Park Landmark*, will be featuring a lot of future Park District events.

Commissioner Flores Weisskopf gave positive comments on the recent Daddy/Daughter Enchanted Ball and said over 100 couples attended. She thanked staff for their outstanding efforts.

OPEN TO PUBLIC TO ADDRESS BOARD

Resident Janet Bernstein addressed ownership and maintenance of school ball fields and playgrounds.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Flores Weisskopf, seconded by Commissioner Ruttenberg, to adjourn into Closed Session for discussion of Section 2(c)(1) – the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline of the District including legal counsel for the District; Section 2(c)5 – the purchase or lease of real estate including discussion on whether a certain parcel of property should be acquired; Section 2(c)6 – the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District; Section 2(c)8 – security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property; Section 2(c)11 – litigation against or on behalf of the District or where the District finds that an action is probable or imminent; Section 2(c)21 – the discussion of minutes lawfully closed under the Act, whether for the purposes of approval of said minutes or for conducting the semi-annual review of the minutes as set forth in Section 2.06 of the Act; Section 2(c)29 – for discussions between internal or external auditors and the Board.

Roll Call:

Aye: Commissioner Bernstein, Commissioner Flores Weisskopf, Commissioner Ruttenberg, Vice President Kaplan, President Meyers

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned into Closed Session at 6:31 p.m.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

President Meyers reported that the Board met in Closed Session under Section 2(c)5 – the purchase or lease of real estate including discussion on whether a certain parcel of property should be acquired; Section 2(c)6 – the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District.

No action needs to be taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Vice President Kaplan, seconded by Commissioner Ruttenberg, and approved by unanimous voice vote. The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liza McElroy, Secretary