

MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009 AT 5:00 P.M., AT WEST RIDGE CENTER IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, 636 RIDGE ROAD, HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS 60035

Present: President Rosenbaum, Vice President Werhane, Commissioner Waxman, Commissioner Weiss, and Commissioner Bernstein

Also Present: Executive Director Volpe, Director Swan, Director Stumpf, Office Coordinator Mitchell, Superintendent Donahue, Superintendent Coutts, Manager Meyer, Superintendent Baker

Guest: Mike Stein and Sharon Diaz, Congregation Solel

The Workshop session was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

## **WORKSHOP SESSION**

### CONGREGATION SOLEL REQUEST

Director Stumpf introduced Mike Stein and Sharon Diaz from Congregation Solel. Ms. Diaz discussed the plans to update their facility, an option of which includes sharing the driveway at Larry Fink Park. She stated that the City suggested that the District and Congregation Solel share the entrance at Larry Fink Park due to the safety concerns and traffic. Mr. Stein explained the two plans and stated they were open to alternative suggestions. There was discussion on the pros and cons of combining the entrance and the safety issues regarding traffic. Mr. Stein and Ms. Diaz will further investigate feasibility and cost of a shared drive prior to considering a formal request to the park Board.

### GYPSY MOTH MANAGEMENT

Superintendent Baker discussed the proposed plan for the bacterial application to control gypsy moth. There will be a campaign to notify the public about the time of the application and the type of pesticide to be used. The District will be using a biological spray that would be applied in the spring. These controls are made by air and are not harmful to humans or other animals. Public notification will consist of a direct mailing to people who live within a ½ mile radius, announcement on the public access channel, hosting of an informal meeting and have signs throughout the parks. Superintendent Baker stated that they will also coordinate with the City so that can spray at the same time.

### LAKEFRONT DISCUSSION

Executive Director Volpe discussed the process to initiate a renewed planning process for the future of the lakefront. He asked the Board if it is their interest to reaffirm their commitment to the Lakefront. Commissioner Weiss stated that we should continue with the revitalization. Commissioner Werhane stated that we the District should proceed and begin dialogue with the community and look for outside sourcing. President Rosenbaum stated that the community is very concerned about the environment and that the beaches should be done in stages. Commissioner Waxman suggested we look at the plans and see what can be done. Commissioner Bernstein stated he hasn't heard the passion for revitalization from the community. There was discussion on establishing priorities before moving forward. Executive Director Volpe discussed a resolution for land exchange with the City for the Board to consider under the water plant redesign. The exchange will secure the area needed for future recreational development.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion made and seconded. Motion carried to adjourn meeting at 5:57 p.m.

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Secretary