

**PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 2, 2019**

The Special 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 6:30 p.m. by President Kaplan.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Vice President Ruttenberg, Commissioner Flores Weisskopf, President Kaplan

**Absent:** Commissioner Bernstein

**Staff Present:** Executive Director McElroy, Voss, Assistant Director Smith, Director Romes

**OPEN PUBLIC TO ADDRESS BOARD**

The following neighbors of Kennedy Park expressed their concerns about the lease that NSSD 112 agreed to with the Highland Park Community Nursery School to relocate on the north end of Kennedy Park.

Linda Feinstein, 960 Stonegate, Highland Park – Complimented the Park District in being good stewards of the Parks. She had concerns regarding the process for the relocation of the Nursery School. She asked the Park District to provide pre-school classes at West Ridge Center.

Cathy Nachman, 844 Highland Place, Highland Park – Asked if the Park District of Highland Park would maintain the south end of the park.

Ed Stein, 875 Stonegate, Highland Park – Expressed concern for the impact on the park.

Steve Feinstein, 960 Stonegate, Highland Park – Expressed concern with the process.

Mike Applebaum, 292 Hastings Avenue, Highland Park – Had concerns regarding the impact on the park.

Marc Swerdlow, 284 Hastings Avenue, Highland Park – Had concerns on the lack of disclosure and the process that had been taken thus far.

President Kaplan explained the Park District of Highland Park's role in the process.

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David Fisher, 790 Stonegate, Highland Park – Had concerns with the lease with school District 112.

Commissioner Flores Weisskopf and President Kaplan talked about the lease and what took place in 2015.

Annette Lidawer, 366 N. Deere Park, Highland Park – Expressed that the City, schools and Park District need to work together.

Sue Blumberg – Highland Park Community Nursery School – Wanted to know when the meeting was posted. She stated that Highland Park Nursery School has been looking for a location since 2017, and that the nursery school will need four classrooms.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion was made by Vice President Ruttenberg, seconded by Commissioner Grossberg, 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:

Adjourned into Closed Session at 7:29 pm

### **ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION IF ANY**

President Kaplan 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; Section 2(c)11 – litigation against or on behalf of the District or where the District finds that an action is probable or imminent.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Vice President Ruttenberg seconded by Commissioner Grossberg and approved by unanimous voice vote. The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Liza McElroy, Secretary