

**PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2013**

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, President Meyers

Absent: Vice President Kaplan

Staff Present: Executive Director McElroy, Director Stumpf, Director Donahue, Director Becker, Director Behlow, Asst. Director Romes, Director Baker, Asst. Director Malartsik, Manager Naatz, Manager Meo, Assistant Manager Rivi, and Recording Secretary Jendreas

Guests: Resident Janet Bernstein, and Robert Blake from Lake Forest

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON AGENDA

Resident Janet Bernstein suggested incorporating an open water swim course at Rosewood Beach.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of September 24, 2013 Regular Meeting; Minutes of October 8, 2013 Workshop Meeting; Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$1,639,678.07; IAPD/IPRA Credentials Certification; Deer Creek Lighting Fixtures Bid in the amount of \$76,440.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bernstein, seconded by Commissioner Ruttenberg, to accept the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call:

Aye: Commissioner Bernstein, Commissioner Flores Weisskopf, Commissioner Ruttenberg, and President Meyers

Nay: None

Absent: Vice President Kaplan

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rosewood Construction Update

Director Stumpf said that construction permits were released by the City of Highland Park on October 16th, and he gave an update of the primary work that will be done in the next two weeks. Ms. McElroy said that updates, along with photos, will be posted on the Park District's website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Director Becker advised that consolidated financial statements will begin in November. He explained that the bulk of the second installment of property taxes is received in September and that is why the revenue numbers are skewed. He gave a brief review of the funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Advisory Committee Reports

Director Donahue provided a brief overview of the Senior Program Advisory Committee meeting, and listed the 55 and over group's request of active programs and ideas on marketing. They wanted to be referred to as seniors and felt the Committee name was appropriate. The next meeting is scheduled for April.

The Youth Program Advisory Committee held their first meeting, and Director Donahue said the tweens, grades 5 through 7, requested more time to discuss an appropriate name for their group. They currently use the Park District website, but also wanted to see more information on programs in the school newsletter, school broadcasts, and perhaps during the lunch hour. The group also identified a number of activities they would like to see the Park District explore. The next meeting is scheduled for January.

Hidden Creek AquaPark Year End Report

Manager Meo and Assistant Manager Rivi presented the 2013 Hidden Creek Report.

Manager Meo listed the improvements to the AquaPark. He explained the camp wristband program, seasonal and Groupon promotions, and outlined the goals and recommendations for 2014.

Assistant Rivi reported that attendance was down because of the cool and rainy weather at the beginning of the season. To save on expenses, the pool was closed early and staff was sent home, when needed, to offset low attendance.

There was discussion on possible ways to increase attendance, and President Meyers suggested checking out the demographics and adjusting programs accordingly.

Director Report

Executive Director McElroy said that the recent 40 Year Centennial Anniversary event was a big success, and thanked Manager Meo, Assistant Manager Rivi and Assistant Director Malartsik for all their hard work and leadership. The Greenprint 2024 survey is closed and staff is compiling information.

COMMISSIONER/COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS - None

OPEN TO PUBLIC TO ADDRESS BOARD

Robert Blake, 711 W. Old Elm, Lake Forest, expressed his opinion on the Falcons Hockey Program.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Bernstein, seconded by Commissioner Flores Weisskopf, 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, President Meyers

Nay: None

Absent: Vice President Kaplan

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned into Closed Session at 7:15 p.m.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

President Meyers reported that the Board met in Closed Session under 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bernstein, seconded by Commissioner Ruttenberg, to adjourn.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Vice President Kaplan

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Bernstein, seconded by Commissioner Flores Weisskopf, and approved by unanimous voice vote. The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liza McElroy, Secretary