

**PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 25, 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 6:02 p.m. by President Meyers.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

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

Guests: Residents Janet Bernstein, Lane Young, David Small, and Scott Freres from the Lakota Group.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON AGENDA - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of May 29, 2013 Regular Meeting, Minutes of May 29, 2013 Annual Board Meeting; Minutes of June 11, 2013 Workshop Meeting; Minutes of June 11, 2013 Special Meeting; Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$2,222,063.04; Cunniff Tennis Court Fence Replacement Bid in the amount of \$89,900.00; Cunniff Tennis Court Resurface Bid in the amount of \$54,440.00; Reel Grinder Bid in the amount of \$31,747.00; National IPA Bid on Joint Purchasing Program; West Ridge Center Lead and Asbestos Abatement Project.

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

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

NOVA Program

Resident David Small gave a presentation about the Nova Program. Their goal is to provide safe, supervised and productive after school programming and activities for high school students.

Mr. Small would like to transition the program to partner with the Park District of Highland Park, City of Highland Park and Highland Park High School. This would involve a two year commitment with \$25,000 in funding per year, providing a staff member to serve on the Advisory Board, providing use of facilities, and assisting in promoting Nova events to the community. Thirty to forty programs are held per year, which are mostly grand funded. He said the Program would continue to operate as a 501C3 with proper insurance.

President Meyers asked staff to provide the Board with the appropriate policies and procedures regarding the process of considering affiliates. He asked that this item be placed on the next Board Workshop agenda for discussion.

Mr. Small exited the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Green Print 2024

Scott Freres, from Lakota Group, gave a brief synopsis of the Greenprint 2024 Program, which is a community vision for the Park District of Highland Park. He highlighted the “Engaging Process”, which is the stage they are at now, and which includes: Electronic Media, Stakeholder Interviews, Community Input Sessions, and Community Flyer/Posters. He said the first Community Workshop will be held on July 25th, and an information booth will be set up at Sunset Park during the 4th of July festivities.

President Meyers felt that the City of Highland Park should be an important part of this process, and Commissioners wanted to see input from as many residents as possible. He asked the liaisons, Commissioners Bernstein and Flores Weisskopf, to keep the Board updated on the Program.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Director Becker gave a brief review of funds.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Prevailing Wage Ordinance

Treasurer Becker reported that the Park District of Highland Park determines the prevailing wage that is required to pay workers employed on public works projects in the county in which work, on behalf of the Park District, may be performed. This is done through the Prevailing Wage Act enacted by the State of Illinois.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bernstein, seconded by Vice President Kaplan, to approve Ordinance #13-06 adopting the prevailing wage rates to be paid to laborers, mechanics and other workers performing construction of public works for the Park District of Highland Park.

Roll Call:

Aye: Commissioner Bernstein, Commissioner Flores Weisskopf, Commissioner Rutenberg, Vice President Kaplan, and President Meyers
Nay: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Motion carried.

Summer Program Update

Director Donahue gave an update on camp registration numbers and said they are down 43 participants from last year. There is hope for more registrations through the second session of camp.

Director Donahue spoke about upcoming events, which she said are all listed on the Park District's website. She also commented that staff is working on securing more people for the Senior Advisory Committee.

Asst. Director Romes provided information on the Firecracker 5K Run and Walk on June 30th, and said the Sandlot Sluggers, pre-school through kindergarten, has over 100 kids enrolled in the program.

Director Report

Ms. McElroy said that the public is invited to an Open House at West Ridge Center from 6-8pm on Tuesday, July 16th, to view the design of the United States Army Corp of Engineers' (USACE) Rosewood Beach restoration project. The District is experiencing trouble with a contractor at Mooney Park. She will keep the Board updated on the completion date for that playground.

COMMISSIONER/COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS

Commissioner Bernstein asked staff to keep residents informed about the Emerald Ash Borer/ash tree program and also post it at the golf course. Ms. McElroy said that staff will keep the community advised through the Park District website.

OPEN TO PUBLIC TO ADDRESS BOARD

Janet Bernstein expressed her comments about having a community garden in the future.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Florres Weisskopf, seconded by Vice President Kaplan, 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)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 Rutenberg, Vice President Kaplan, President Meyers

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned into Closed Session at 7:49 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)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 Kaplan and seconded by Commissioner Bernstein to release the closed session minutes from May 14, 2013, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ruttenberg and seconded by Commissioner Flores Weisskopf to approve IMRF Resolution 13-5 with the intention to further investigate this issue for future prospective applications.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Bernstein seconded by Commissioner Kaplan, and approved by unanimous voice vote. The Board Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liza McElroy, Secretary