

**River Forest Park District
Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2007**

The Board of Commissioners of the River Forest Park District met at 7:06 p.m. in regular session on Monday, January 7, 2007 at Park District Headquarters, 401 Thatcher Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: President Dudek, Vice President Lamm, Commissioners Hirst, Jones and Steele
(7:11 p.m.)

Also Present: Executive Director Grundin

2. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

President Dudek said that he added Executive Session to the agenda for purposes of discussing personnel matters, to which no objection was voiced.

3. **Public Comment**

Mr. Chuck Race, 822 Keystone Avenue, addressed the Board as a representative of the Oak Park River Forest Strikers Soccer Club. Mr. Race inquired as to the status of the Field Use Policy and said he was looking forward to a revised policy that would be more equitable for organizations that have teams with a majority of River Forest residents than under the current policy.

Mr. Greg Gullo, 1402 Monroe Avenue, thanked Commissioner Hirst for her efforts on the Park Board, and thanked the Board for their work on the Field Use Policy; stating he's looking forward to an improved revision.

President Dudek then closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting as no other residents were signed-in to address the Board.

4. **Consent Agenda**

a. Approval of December 4, 2006, and December 19, 2006 special session minutes

The Board deferred these minutes to the February, 2007 meeting agenda.

b. Approval of Financial Statements and Disbursements for the month of December, 2006

c. West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA)

Approval of Commissioner Hirst as the regular delegate and Executive Director Grundin as the alternate member to the Board of Director's of the West Suburban Special Recreation Association for calendar year 2007.

d. 2007 Safety Statement

Annual requirement for District Safety Program.

e. Executive Director's Report

Commissioner Jones made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Steele, approving the January, 2007 Consent Agenda items as presented.

Voice vote.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

5. New Business

No new business was discussed.

6. Old Business

a. Field Use Policy

The Board briefly discussed the Field Use Policy, and will have it on the February, 2007 agenda for further discussion/action. Commissioner Jones reported that he'll be hosting a meeting between the Park District and currently sanctioned user-groups to discuss field issues before the February meeting.

7. Board Member reports and comments

Vice President Lamm made several suggestions regarding travel team regulations the District utilizes, and suggested end-users of the program need further information and education as to how the selection process is utilized. Lamm said sod work that was completed in November was fenced currently fenced off, and suggested park staff keep closer tabs as to the security fencing around the newly sodded areas, as members of the public keep trying to tear it down.

Commissioner Hirst inquired as to a number of capital improvement projects the District has planned or is contemplating, and requested information as to their cost and whether or not the District has the funds available to complete them.

8. Executive session to discuss personnel matters (Section 2(c)(1))

Commissioner Jones made a motion, seconded by President Dudek to convene to executive session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Dudek, Lamm, Jones, Steele.

Nays: Hirst

Motion carried

The Board reconvened in regular session at 7:47 p.m. Upon roll call, the following were:

Present: President Dudek, Vice President Lamm, Commissioners Hirst, Jones & Steele

9. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Vice President Lamm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m., which was seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Voice vote.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Steele, Jr./trg
Secretary