

River Forest Park District Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2007

The Board of Commissioners of the River Forest Park District met at 8:00 p.m. in regular session on Monday, May 7, 2007 at the River Forest Park District, 401 Thatcher Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

Call to Order/Roll Call – 8:06 p.m.

Upon roll call, the following persons were:

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

Also Present: Attorney Margaret Kostopulos and Interim Director, Alex Marx

In the Audience: Commissioners Elect, Molly Hague and Thomas Cargie.
Wednesday Journal Reporter, Bill Dwyer, and several residents

President Dudek then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dudek then requested deleting Agenda Item 5b. There were no objections to the deletion.

Vice President Lamm then moved to approve the Consent Agenda, April 9, 2007, Regular and Executive Session Minutes and the disbursement of \$34,201.56 for the month April, 2007. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon discussion, Commissioner Jones asked for clarification of the Pinner Electric bill of \$1,364.91 for “resetting due to power outages”. The Director stated he would have the clarification for the next meeting. A roll call vote followed with Commissioners Lamm, Jones, Hirst, Steele and Dudek all voting approval.

Moving on to old business, Commissioner Steele moved to approve the purchase of a Toro Sandpro for \$15,001.83 for use on baseball infields, seconded by Commissioner Lamm. During discussion, staff clarified that the old piece of equipment will be saved as a back-up, and even though the season is well underway, a new machine would provide a level of insurance, should the old machine fail. President Dudek requested a roll call vote, upon which Commissioners Steele, Lamm, Hirst, Jones and Dudek all voted approval of the purchase.

At this time, President Dudek moved to recess the meeting until 7:00 p.m., May 14, 2007, at 401 Thatcher Avenue, so that the “certified election results” can be received, seconded by Commissioner Steele. Commissioner Hirst then requested consideration of allowing the “public comment” section of the meeting to proceed since some members of the public may not be able to come to the May 14th meeting. After some discussion, it was the consensus to allow “public comment” and then proceed with a vote on the motion.

Eleanor Flavin, who resides at 411 Thatcher Avenue, expressed concerns over the upkeep of landscaping and trash removal at the playground at Keystone West immediately south of the apartment building where she resides. There was also concern about juveniles removing the field stones on their property and putting them out in the Park District’s lawn.

Joan O’Connor of 351 Thatcher Avenue, questioned why public comment was placed at the end of the agenda, not at the beginning where it used to be. She also requested an update on the Keystone West lights, when they would become operational, and what hours they would be used.

Agatha Gallo of 348 Forest Avenue, also questioned the movement of the public comment portion of the agenda. She wanted to know the status of the controls and modifications that were to be made to the Keystone West baseball and soccer lights. She was aware that the Park District was studying a policy for “resting fields” and she was especially interested in how and when Keystone would be rested. Finally, she wanted to be sure the Keystone East tennis court lights would go off at 10:00 p.m., and whether night time tennis players could be required to use the north courts and only use the south courts if both north courts are in use.

There being no further comment, President Dudek asked for a vote on the motion to recess. Upon a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Steele, Jr./am
Secretary