

**Minutes of the Reconvened
Meeting of May 7, 2007, held on May 14, 2007
of the River Forest Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
held at the District Headquarters
401 Thatcher Avenue, River Forest, Illinois**

President Dudek gavelled the meeting back into session at 7:05 p.m. and requested a roll be taken. Commissioners Dudek, Jones, Lamm and Steele were present. Commissioner Hirst was absent, due to a scheduling conflict. Attorney Kostopulos and Interim Director Marx were also present.

Staff then distributed the “official results” of the General Election of April 17, 2007, for the River Forest Park District. Dale Rider received 417 votes, Mary “Molly” Hague received 692 votes, and Thomas Cargie received 460 votes. Therefore, Mary “Molly” Hague and Thomas Cargie were elected to a six-year term on the River Forest Park District board.

President Dudek invited Mary “Molly” Hague and Thomas Cargie to come forward. He then administered the Oath of Office to the new commissioners.

Vice President Lamm then stepped forward and expressed the Park District’s appreciation to retiring board members, Steve Dudek and Holly Hirst. He awarded them a “Certificate of Appreciation”, which will be replaced by an engraved plaque.

Commissioners Hague and Cargie were then seated at the board table.

Vice President Lamm then took charge of the meeting with the first order of business being the election of officers.

Commissioner Jones nominated Commissioner Lamm to be President, seconded by Commissioner Steele. Commissioner Hague asked Commissioner Lamm when his term was over and he stated 2009. As no other nominations were made, a voice vote was taken on the nomination. Commissioner Lamm was unanimously elected President.

President Lamm then recommended and requested board consent for Commissioner Steele to be Vice President and Commissioner Jones to continue his role as Treasurer. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and asked when their terms expired. Commissioners Steele and Jones both replied that their term expired in 2011. No other nominations were made; a voice vote was taken on the motion, which was unanimously approved.

President Lamm then requested the Board consider having the Director fill the role as Secretary, as the secretarial duties are on-going, and sometimes time sensitive. Commissioner Cargie moved to appoint Interim Director Marx as Board Secretary, seconded by Commissioner Jones and was unanimously approved.

President Lamm then deviated from the schedule to discuss the appointment of the District’s representative on the WSSRA Board. He recommended that the Director be put in this position. Commissioner Cargie disagreed and stated he felt a “policy maker” should represent the District on this Board. Commissioner Hague thought it would be a good opportunity for the new Director to work with

the other area directors that are on the Board. As a compromise, Commissioner Hague moved to appoint Commissioner Cargie as the District's representative on the WSSRA Board and that the Director be the alternate, but be required to attend all WSSRA meetings, seconded by Commissioner Steele, and unanimously approved.

President Lamm then returned to the original agenda order, with discussion of the proposed 2007-08 Board Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Hague moved to adopt the proposed schedule, including a May 21, 2007 meeting, and deleting the January 21, 2008 date. Commissioner Hague also clarified that all meetings would be held at the River Forest Park District Headquarters, 401 Thatcher Avenue, seconded by Commissioner Cargie. The motion was then voted upon and unanimously approved.

President Lamm then stated the need to appoint a new "Authorized Agent" to IMRF to replace the former director. The staff recommendation was to appoint Mary Dominguez, as she currently is responsible for all the District's IMRF transactions. Commissioner Hague moved to appoint Mary Dominguez as the District's IMRF Authorized Agent, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The appointment was then unanimously approved.

Draft copies of the 07-08 Budget and Administrative Policy Manual were then distributed to the Board. President Lamm requested that if any Commissioner had any specific questions on either document, to schedule a meeting with the Interim Director to discuss them. He further stated that the documents would be discussed at the May 21st Committee Meeting for action at the Board Meeting later that evening.

President Lamm then briefed the Board about the OSLAD Grant Program. A lengthy discussion took place about the timing of the grant, the funds needed, and the Village's position of the District applied to replace a natural turf field with a "sports turf".

President Lamm proceeded to Board Member Reports/Comments. Commissioner Steele questioned the hours of the District's concession stand at Priory, as it was closed last Saturday. He also stated that he had received complaints about dog droppings left in the parks. A discussion took place regarding adequate signage and the need for some type of enforcement.

Commissioner Hague stated that she felt the Public Comments portion of the meeting should be at the top of the agenda, not the bottom. She also stated that she was excited to be a member of the Board.

Commissioner Jones expressed his concerns about dog droppings, unleashed dogs, and "Field Poaching", especially at Priory. He also felt some form of enforcement was required.

Commissioner Cargie stated that he too was excited about coming on the Board. He inquired about the status of the possible dog park in conjunction with the Cook County Forest Preserve District. He was also interested in the status of the District's updated web site. Finally, he reiterated his desire to see the Park Board expanded to seven members. This would avoid the current problems with the Open Meetings Act, add more voices and diversity to the Board.

President Lamm again congratulated the new members of the Board, and stated he looked forward to working with them. He asked about the policy regarding the lights at the batting cages and the condition of the protective nets. Commissioner Hague chimed in that she was told that there were holes in the pitcher's protective screen as well. Commissioner Cargie asked that the podium be made available during meetings.

President Lamm also reminded the Board about other upcoming IAPD events, and specifically, the Book Camp scheduled for June 19th in Oak Brook. He clarified that this was a legitimate park board expense that had been budgeted. All Commissioners committed to attending.

The floor was then opened to Visitors/Public Comment. Mr. Gregg Gullo, 1402 Monroe, addressed the Board. He stated that he had four questions, and he preceded his questions with thanks for his field permit for his girl's soccer team. He then inquired about Dr. Corcos' request regarding "Affiliation" status for the Strikers Soccer group, the District's determination of a "field resting" policy, a recommendation that a deadline be given for Tier 1, 2 & 3 groups to apply for permits so others could then apply, and finally, that a spreadsheet of field use be posted.

President Lamm thanked him for his comments and asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Cargie and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Marx
Secretary