

River Forest Park District Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2007

The Board of Commissioners of the River Forest Park District met at 8:00 p.m. in regular session on Monday, June 4, 2007 at the River Forest Park District, 401 Thatcher Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

Call to Order/Roll Call – 8:00 p.m.

President Lamm called the meeting to order at 8:00p.m. and asked all present to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

A roll call followed with the following Commissioners present:

Present: President Lamm, Vice President Steele, Commissioners Cargie, Hague, and Jones

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

Commissioner Cargie moved to approve the Regular Session Minutes of May 21, 2007, seconded by Commissioner Hague. President Lamm asked if there were any additions or corrections and as none were made he asked for a voice vote on the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

There were no members of the public present and therefore no Public Commentary was made.

Commissioner Hague moved to approve the disbursements for the month of May, 2007 totaling \$75,204.03, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Commissioner Cargie asked about the expense of \$1000. to the Illinois State Police and he was informed it was for costs involved with the legally mandated criminal background checks of all employees. Commissioner Hague asked for clarification of the “class” column which reflected the fund charged. The consensus was the new report was very good but it was crammed together. The elimination of the “Class” column was suggested since it was redundant with the report title. Commissioner Hague asked for and received confirmation that Visionary Webworks was our web page designer. The motion was then voted upon and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Correspondence from the Illinois Association Park Districts inviting all commissioners to the Annual Legislative Golf Outing, July 26th was reviewed. Commissioner Hague volunteered to invite Senator Harmon. All commissioners were asked to decide if they would attend and let the Director know before the end of June.

The Board also acknowledged the receipt of the formal election results from Cook County Clerk David Orr from the April 17th election.

President Lamm then moved to Old Business and discussion on the proposed Policy Manual. Commissioner Hague moved to adopt the Board Policies and Procedure Manual as dated June 4, 2007 with the exception of Section 3/14, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Commissioner Cargie stated that he felt the policy should have been posted on the district’s web site for public comment before its adoption. Commissioner Steele stated that it had been on the agenda for a few meetings so the public should have been aware of it. Commissioner Jones said he had no problem adopting the policy then he agreed that it should be posted on the web site. Commissioner Hague agreed totally with Commissioner Jones. President Lamm stated that he request that staff double check the document for grammatical or technical errors and that page 17 be explained as “Under Development”. He also asked for clarification of what it would be called. The Interim Director replied either the District’s “Policy Manual” or “Administrative Policy Manual”.

A vote was then taken with Commissioner Hague, Jones, Steele and Lamm voting yes and Commissioner Cargie voting no. Motion to adopt the River Forest Park District's Policy Manual approved 4-1.

President Lamm then updated the Board on the pending OSLAD grant application. Commissioner Hague moved to enter into a contract with Bonestroo to prepare an OSLAD grant application for a sports turf field at Keystone West at a fee of \$5,500.00 and to schedule a public hearing on the matter at 8:30 p.m. on June 18, 2007; provided the Village is updated about the application and they provide no objections, seconded by Commissioner Cargie. Commissioner Jones expressed his desire to be sure the Village provides no major stumbling blocks. A vote was then taken with Commissioners Hague, Cargie, Jones, Steele and Lamm. All voting approved.

The secretary then presented and read in full Ordinance 07-06-01 providing for Prevailing Wages on Public construction projects. Commissioner Cargie moved to adopt Ordinance 07-06-01, seconded by Commissioner Hague. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Cargie, Hague, Jones, Steele and Lamm all voting to approve Ordinance 07-06-01 adopted 5-0.

President Lamm asked if any Commissioners had any business to bring before the Board. Commissioner Hague reminded everyone that the Board now has a very busy schedule with the addition of a special meeting on July 25th to meet with Ted Flickinger. On June 18th the Budget and Appropriation Hearing at 6:45 p.m., followed by the 7:00 p.m. Committee meeting, the 8:00 Board Meeting, and the 8:30 p.m. OSLAD Grant public hearing. The next day, June 19th is the IAPD Boot Camp new Board members training. She also commented that recycling containers be near the concession stands.

Commissioner Jones reviewed the meeting with the police department and the need to build a working relationship with them. He requested that additional signs be posted.

Commissioner Steele asked what the cost might be for infield tarps. Commissioner Hague added that she too found the Priory concession stand closed this past Saturday.

President Lamm thanked Molly for riding on the District's Memorial Day float. He thanked the entire Board for their cooperation and attendance at all the meetings and training opportunities especially with the summer holidays. He also requested that the staff be made part of each month's second Board meeting.

It was now 8:40 pm and with the agenda completed. Commissioner Hague moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Steele and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Marx/mjd
Secretary