

<p style="text-align:center">River Forest Park District Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2009</p>

The Board of Commissioners of the River Forest Park District convened at 8:00pm in regular session on Monday, April 6, 2009, at the River Forest Park District, 401 Thatcher Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

Call to Order/Roll Call – 8:00pm

President Lamm called the meeting to order at 8:00pm, and he requested all to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

A roll call was then taken with Commissioners Cargie, Hague, Jones, and Lamm present. Also present were Executive Director Sletten, Business Manager Dominguez, Park Services Manager Beto, and Athletic Supervisor Kenny.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Minutes of March 16th, seconded by Commissioner Hague. President Lamm asked if there were any additional corrections, and none were made. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Approval of Disbursements: Commissioner Jones moved to approve the March 3-13, 2009 disbursements of \$13,005.59, and April 6, 2009 disbursements of \$65,843.17, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Commissioner Steele noted as present at 7:04pm. Commissioner Jones asked for explanation on why Program Contractual Services expense is over 500% of budget? Director Sletten explained that the budget number for contracted services was a guess, as there was no history on this line item, and staff was still determining the scope of using contracted services at the time the 2008-2009 budget was developed. While the Program Contracted Services expense is 500% (\$40,000) over budget, the program revenue is 250% (\$80,000) over budget. The Park District's contracts with contracted services typically is a 80/20 split, with the Park District getting the 20%. This covers room rental, PR, and indirect costs. President Lamm asked if there were any additional questions, and none were made. A roll call followed, and the motion was approved 5-0.

Public Commentary: None

Staff Reports: Staff discussed their reports. Commissioner Steele asked Mr. Kenny if he had received any complaints on the travel basketball program, and Mr. Kenny stated that he received a few comments only regarding some of the leagues and the schedules. President Lamm asked if an assessment can be conducted on the program after all feedback is received and a report submitted to the Board at a later date. President Lamm asked if lacrosse is a cooperative program with Oak Park, and Mr. Kenny stated that it was.

Commissioner Cargie questioned the value of using organic fertilizer in the parks, which carries a higher expense. Mr. Beto stated that going "green" is a goal of the Park

District. The organic fertilizer is a safer product for the park users, and the product will create a healthier turf in the long run. Commissioner Cargie asked if the Park District will continue the use of Bio-Waste, and Mr. Beto stated that staff will continue using Bio-Waste as a Fall application. The use will be limited, as it can only be applied on a field once every three years.

Executive Director Report: Director Sletten highlighted his report. Commissioner Cargie asked if METRA would be contributing in the improvements to The Depot, and Director Sletten stated that METRA probably will not contribute, as they have stated they do not have the funds. METRA may be able to assist with the design costs, however, it could take up to 12 months to get an answer. There is an urgency to enclose the upper level waiting area due to damage in the building and recreation offices from water puddling in this waiting area. Once the architect designs are complete and costs are budgeted to the project, staff will make another request to METRA for shared funding.

Commissioner Hague requested that the Comprehensive Planning Workshop Committee Members are kept updated on the progress of the status of the Comprehensive Plan. Director Sletten stated that all committee members will be kept apprised of progress on the development on the Comprehensive Plan, and their input will be required once staff develops objectives to the goals agreed upon at the last workshop meeting. President Lamm agreed on the importance to keep the committee members informed on the Plan's progress.

Correspondence to the Board: A thank you letter to Karen Scherrer and Patty Peleschak from Adam West was presented.

Board Business and Reports: Commissioner Steele complimented staff on the upgrades to the batting cages.

Commissioner Cargie stated that he has received a number of requests to set up a boys basketball program in one of the school gyms this summer. Commissioner Cargie stated that he knows a number of parents who would volunteer to be coaches for pickup games. Director Sletten stated that they are working with School District 90 in securing additional space in the gym this summer and should have an answer by the end of the month. Commissioner Cargie asked if staff could review the possibility of installing a set of basketball nets on one of the Keystone tennis courts. Commissioner Cargie asked Director Sletten to contact the West Suburban Special Recreation Association and provide his correct mailing address.

Old Business: The Board discussed the process of selecting the new Directors for the Parks Foundation Board. The Board reviewed and agreed with the Parks Foundation Director job description. The Board agreed to supply the Executive Director with possible questions no later than April 10th, and directed the Executive Director to develop a 5 (+/-) questionnaire that will be completed by individuals interested in serving on the Parks Foundation Board. The questionnaire will be approved by the Board at the April 20th Board Meeting.

New Business: The Board discussed a request by River Forest Youth Soccer to review their athletic field light use rate in lieu of the donation that the organization made to the Park District for the construction of the Keystone Park West athletic field lights. Director Sletten stated that staff is reviewing the actual costs to operate and maintain the lights and would have the information ready by mid summer. Commissioner Jones requested the report include the electric costs and future maintenance costs for the lights. The Board agreed to review this report before making any further decisions on the request.

Safety: None

Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Steele at 9:15pm. President Lamm asked if there were any additional questions, and none were made. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sletten
Secretary