

**River Forest Park District
Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2009**

The Board of Commissioners of the River Forest Park District convened at 8:00pm in regular session on Monday, April 20, 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, Jones, Steele, and Lamm present. Also present were Attorney Kostopulos, Executive Director Sletten, Business Manager Dominguez, and Athletic Supervisor Kenny.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Minutes of April 6th, seconded by Commissioner Cargie. 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 April 7-17, 2009 disbursements of \$13,940.78, and the April 20, 2009 disbursements of \$377.26, seconded by Commissioner Steele. Commissioner Cargie asked about the 2 identical payouts to Northwestern Lighting for \$215.02, and Director Sletten explained that the 2 payouts were for 4 light fixtures for the Priory Park bathrooms that were delivered and invoiced 2 at a time.

Public Commentary: None

Executive Director Report: Director Sletten highlighted his report. The Illinois Department of Revenue has notified the Park District that it will take 60 days to receive a response on the 501(c)3 application.

Correspondence to the Board: An invitation to a reception for Village President Frank Paris was presented.

Board Business and Reports: Commissioner Cargie requested staff to research the possibility of constructing a recreation basketball court at Constitution Park and research the possibility of posting field closings on the website. Commissioner Cargie also discussed a conversation he had with a resident who had enrolled her son in the Park District Lacrosse program, however, the program was cancelled after the RFYBS registration deadline, so her son was unable to register for baseball. He asked if something could be worked out with the affiliate groups, so this does not happen again.

Commissioner Steele commented that he received a number of complaints over the weekend, because the new outfield fence was not installed at the Keystone ball field.

Director Sletten explained that staff has been working with RFYBS on this matter, and we offered to install the white fence as a temporary fence, however, RFYBS declined the offer.

President Lamm requested staff research options to keep non-permitted users from using the soccer goals at Priory and Washington Parks. The Board discussed the pros and cons of removing the nets, moving the goals, collapsible goals, and installing a fence in front of the goals. President Lamm requested that staff place their Constitution Park portable bathroom per recommendation on the May 4, 2009 Board Meeting Agenda.

Old Business: A draft Travel Basketball Manual, which was developed by Commissioners Steele and Cargie, Director Sletten, and Mr. Kenny, was discussed by the Board. Commissioner Steele expressed his opinion that the manual should guarantee a minimum of one quarter playing time to all the players on a team. The Board agreed to modify the philosophy of the document to encourage coaches to play all the participants, however, playing time is not guaranteed. The volunteer committee overseeing the Recreation and Travel Basketball Programs will be referred to as a Youth Basketball Committee or Youth Basketball Advisory Board. The group's ability to make policy decisions will be deleted in the manual.

New Business: Commissioner Jones moved to approve Resolution 090401: a resolution granting the Treasurer authority to make certain interfund transfers, transferring \$190,000 from the Debit Service to the Capital Projects Funds. President Lamm asked if there were any additional questions, and none were made. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

President Lamm requested that the Regular Board Packet, excluding Executive Session items, be posted on the Park District's website 48 hours before the posted Board Meeting. The Board agreed with this request and directed Director Sletten to post on the Park District website the Regular Board Packet, excluding Executive Session items, 48 hours before the posted Board Meeting.

Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of Acquisition or Lease of Real Property or Selling or Rental Price of Real Estate, seconded by Commissioner Steele at 9:00pm. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Reconvened into Open Session at 9:40pm.

Commissioner Cargie moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Jones at 9:40pm. President Lamm asked if there were any additional questions, and none were made. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sletten

Secretary