

**River Forest Park District
Regular Meeting Minutes
of May 4, 2009**

The Board of Commissioners of the River Forest Park District convened at 8:00pm in Regular Session on Monday, May 4, 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, Steele, and Lamm present. Also present were Director Sletten, Business Manager Dominguez, Park Services Manager Beto, Athletic Supervisor Kenny, Recreation Supervisor Scherrer, and Lou Neito.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Steele moved to approve the Minutes of April 20th, 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, with Commissioner Hague abstaining.

Approval of Disbursements: Commissioner Jones moved to approve the April 18th-30th Disbursements for \$11,975.66, and the May 4th Disbursements for \$16,011.90, seconded by Commissioner Hague. President Lamm asked if there were any questions and none were made. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioner Hague abstaining.

Public Commentary: None

Staff Reports: Commissioner Cargie complimented Ms. Scherrer on the success of the Des Plaines River Cleanup.

Commissioner Cargie asked Mr. Kenny if an athletic equipment box key could be made available at the concession buildings at Keystone and Priory. President Lamm asked Mr. Kenny to contact the volleyball coach at Roosevelt School next year to promote the Park District Volleyball program for those girls who do not make the school team.

Commissioner Hague asked Mr. Beto who owns the drinking fountain outside the Library, because it does not work. Commissioner Cargie mentioned that two of the drinking fountains at Keystone are not working. Mr. Beto stated that he will check the fountains immediately. President Lamm asked when the sand and timbers from the old Constitution Park playground were going to be removed, and Mr. Beto stated that the

sand will be used for topdressing the soccer field in June, and the timbers will be removed at the same time.

Executive Director Report: Commissioner Hague questioned the status of the new park signs, and Director Sletten stated that the project was moved back because staff has been working on other projects with a higher priority. Commissioner Cargie asked if staff had looked at the possibility of constructing a basketball court in Constitution Park, and Director Sletten stated that staff is working on this issue and will present a recommendation in the next couple of meetings. Any asphalt work would be included in an asphalt paving bid later this summer. Commissioner Cargie complained about the adult soccer groups using Priory Park without a field use permit.

Correspondence to the Board: An email from Susan Lucci complimenting staff on the Des Plaines River Clean Up was presented.

Board Reports: None

Old Business: A draft Travel Basketball Manual was submitted to the Board. This latest version was revised with language provided by Commissioners Steele and Cargie. President Lamm expressed concern that the Manual's description on the process on whom would be on the tryout selection committee was vague and should be better defined. The Board agreed not to modify the document any further. Commissioner Cargie moved to approve the 05-04-09 Travel Basketball Manual, seconded by Commissioner Hague. President Lamm asked if there were any additional questions, and none were made. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 5-0.

President Lamm requested the On-Line Packet item be placed back on the agenda again, as he feels this item requires a Board vote, not direction to the Executive Director. Commissioner Cargie moved to post the Regular Board Meeting agenda and Board Packet on-line, 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hague.

New Business: The Board discussed the 2009-2010 Operating Budget. The Board directed Director Sletten to prepare the 2009-2010 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance and have the document available for public inspection for a period on 30 days.

Secretary Sletten gave the Oath of Office to Lou Nieto for the office of Park District Commissioner. Vice President Steele took over as Interim President, and congratulated Mr. Lamm for his 6-years of dedicated service and presented Mr. Lamm with a plaque and a Memorial Tree in his name. Mr. Lamm thanked the Board for their support during his term as President and Park Board Commissioner.

The Board agreed to elect the Park Board President by ballot vote. Commissioner Jones received 3 votes and Commissioner Cargie received 2 votes, Commissioner Jones is voted the new Park District Board President. Commissioner Hague moved to

select Commissioner Cargie as Vice President, seconded by Commissioner Steele. President Jones asked if there were any additional questions, and none were made. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 5-0. President Jones appointed Commissioner Nieto as Treasurer, and Director Sletten as Secretary.

Staff presented the 2009-2001 Meeting Schedule with a recommendation to change the meeting days from the first and third Monday of the month to the second and fourth Monday of the month. In addition, staff recommended the first meeting of the month is the Regular Board Meeting and the second meeting is a Committee of the Whole. Commissioner Cargie stated that he liked the Committee of the Whole at 7:00pm and the Regular Board Meeting at 8:00pm, however, he did not see the need for a second meeting during the month. A second meeting can always be called if necessary. Commissioner Cargie moved to hold a 7:00pm Committee of the Whole and an 8:00pm Regular Board Meeting on the second Tuesday of the Month, seconded by Commissioner Hague. President Jones asked if there were any additional questions, and none were made. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 5-0.

Safety: None

Commissioner Cargie moved to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of Acquisition or Lease or Real Property or Selling or Rental Price of Real Estate, seconded by Commissioner Hague at 9:11pm. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Reconvened into Open Session at 9:49pm.

Commissioner Cargie moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hague at 9:49pm. President Jones asked if there were any additional comments, and none were made. A voice call vote followed, and the motion was approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sletten
Secretary