

**River Forest Park District  
Meeting Minutes of  
May 9, 2011**

The Board of Commissioners of the River Forest Park District convened at 8:00pm in Regular Session on Monday, May 9, 2011, at the River Forest Park District, 401 Thatcher Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

Call to Order – 8:00pm

President Jones called the Regular Board 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, Nieto, Steele, and Jones present. Also present was Executive Director Sletten, Athletic Supervisor Kenny, OP Township Manager Gavin Morgan, and Robert Graham.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Hague moved to approve the April 25<sup>th</sup> Board Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 5-0.

Approval of Disbursements: Commissioner Hague moved to approve the April 12-30, 2011 Disbursements for \$30,598.97, and the May 1-9, 2011 Disbursements for \$39,755.53, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 5-0.

Public Commentary: None.

Correspondence to the Board: The Board received emails from Shamar Lott, Dale Rider, and Eric Taubman, regarding their interest in the future Park Board vacancy.

Staff Reports: Staff reports were presented. Commissioner Nieto suggested that staff publicize the summer camp session registration numbers.

WSSRA Report: Commissioner Hague moved to approve a Resolution of Appreciation to Sandy Gbur for 28 years of service with WSSRA, seconded by Commissioner Cargie. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 5-0.

Director Sletten noted that Sandy Gbur's farewell party will be held on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm at the Park District of Forest Park.

Parks Foundation Report: The next Parks Foundation Board Meeting is Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm.

The next Thoughtful Living Series workshop is on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, at the River Forest Public Library.

Board Member Comments: President Jones and Commissioner Steele thanked the Board and staff for their support and discussed the many accomplishments that occurred during their term.

Old Business: Commissioner Nieto moved to approve funding for the Youth Interventionist Program, July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012, seconded by Commissioner Steele. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-1.

New Business: Commissioner Steele moved to approve the construction of a single bocce ball court and a covered seating structure at Memorial Parkway, seconded by Commissioner Hague. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 5-0.

The Board reviewed the letter from the Board Attorney discussing the River Forest Property Tax Appeal and decided not to file the intervention paperwork.

President Jones and Commissioner Steele stepped down from the Board.

Paul Koester was sworn in as a River Forest Park District Board Commissioner.

Commissioner Hague moved to appoint Commissioner Cargie as President and Commissioner Hague as Vice-President of the Park Board, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0

Commissioner Cargie moved to appoint Commissioner Koester as Treasurer, and Director Sletten as Secretary of the Park Board, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

President Cargie read 2 Resolutions of appreciation to Dale Jones and Ronald Steele for their 6 years of service on the River Forest Park District Board. Commissioner Hague moved to approve 2 Resolutions recognizing the service of appreciation to Dale Jones and Ronald Steele for their 6 years of service on the River Forest Park District Board, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Staff presented the 2011-2012 Regular Board Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Nieto noted a typo that the December 14<sup>th</sup> date should be December 12<sup>th</sup>, and the April 9<sup>th</sup> date should be moved back to April 16<sup>th</sup> to avoid conflict with Easter. Commissioner Hague moved to approve the amended 2011-2012 Regular Board Meeting Schedule, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

The Board discussed the Board vacancy and agreed to post a notice of the vacancy. Any interested resident will be sent a brief questionnaire that must be returned prior to the June 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. The Board will review the questionnaire responses and possibly select a Board Member at the June 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Director Sletten noted that Joe Montroy withdrew his name from consideration.

Commissioner Hague moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:58pm for the purpose of review of Executive Session Minutes. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Reconvened into open session at 9:10pm.

Commissioner Hague moved to adjourn at 9:10pm, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Sletten  
Secretary