

**River Forest Park District
Meeting Minutes of
July 11, 2011**

The Board of Commissioners of the River Forest Park District convened at 8:00pm in Regular Session on Monday, July 11, 2011, at the River Forest Park District, 401 Thatcher Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

Call to Order – President Cargie called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 8:00pm.

A roll call was then taken with Commissioners Hague, Koester, Nieto, and Cargie present. Also present was Executive Director Sletten, Park Services Manager Beto, Lissa Christman, Calvin Davis, and Bill Dwyer (Forest Leaves).

Commissioner Hague moved to amend the agenda and move Closed Session and Possible Action from Closed Session to third and fourth on the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Commissioner Hague moved to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of the consideration of the appointment of a member to fill a vacancy on the Board, and the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, dismissal, performance or personal status of employee, officer, and legal counsel for the Park District, seconded by Commissioner Nieto at 8:02pm. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0

Reconvened into Open Session at 8:22pm.

Commissioner Hague moved to appoint Beth Clarkson to fill the Board vacancy, seconded by Commissioner Koester. A roll call followed, and the motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioner Nieto abstaining. The Board asked Director Sletten to contact the candidates to notify them of the Board's appointment and thank them for their participation.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Hague moved to approve the June 13th and June 28th Board Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. President Cargie noted an incorrect line in the June 28th Minutes that should read "Vice-President Hague called the Special Meeting to order at 7:30pm". A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Approval of Disbursements: Commissioner Hague moved to approve the June 14-31, 2011 Disbursements for \$14,503.97, and the July 1-11, 2011 Disbursements for \$52,759.00, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Public Commentary: None.

Correspondence to the Board: None.

Staff Reports: Staff reports were presented. Commissioner Nieto asked if staff could provide more reporting on participation numbers to the Board and public relations the numbers to the general public.

WSSRA Report: Director Sletten updated the Board on the WSSRA Executive Director search.

Parks Foundation Report: The next Parks Foundation Board Meeting is Monday, July 18th, 7:00pm. The five Park Board candidates who interviewed, but were not selected for the vacancy, will be invited to the meeting as possible candidates to the Parks Foundation Board.

Board Member Comments: President Cargie solicited Board Member input regarding the need to have a staff representative attend each Park Board Meeting. Commissioners Hague and Nieto liked the face-to-face contact with staff, but were open to revising the meeting schedule to better accommodate staff. President Cargie and Director Sletten will make a new meeting schedule proposal at the August Regular Board Meeting.

Commissioner Nieto asked if staff could coordinated with River Forest Youth Baseball press release information regarding league and state tournament play.

Commissioner Nieto asked if the Park District could buy a Bocce Ball set that could be rented to the public.

New Business: Commissioner Hague moved to establish a Platform Tennis Courts Task Force and appoint President Cargie, Commissioner Hague, Director Sletten, Recreation Manager Scherrer, River Forest resident Kitty Bingham, and two other to-be-determined River Forest residents to serve on the task force, seconded by Commissioner Koester. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Commissioner Hague moved to adjourn at 9:00pm, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Sletten
Secretary