

**River Forest Park District  
Meeting Minutes of  
July 25, 2011**

The Board of Commissioners of the River Forest Park District held a Public Meeting at 7:00pm on Monday, July 11, 2011, at the River Forest Park District, 401 Thatcher Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

Call to Order – President Cargie called the Public Meeting to order at 7:00pm.

President Cargie noted that the Public Meeting was called to provide residents the opportunity to comment on the Park District's consideration to request an amendment to the Keystone Athletic Field Ordinance. The Park Board will decide on the final request at their August 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting and will submit a request to be placed on the Village of River Forest August 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Agenda.

President Cargie noted that Maureen Heakin, 344 Keystone, sent a letter regarding her opinion on the Ordinance Amendment request (see attached)

Agatha Gallo, 348 Forest Avenue, submitted a letter and voiced the following opinions (see attached):

1. Did not want to see the platform tennis court lights on after 10:00 PM.
2. Felt that 8 platform tennis court lights were too many.
3. Did not know that the Park District was considering construction of a platform tennis court and felt that she should have been notified by mail of the Park District's intentions when discussion on the facility began.

John Heakin, 344 Keystone, voiced the following opinions:

1. The addition of platform tennis court lights will add too many lights into the park, making the park brighter.
2. The platform tennis court lights are only for the convenience of parents so their children can fit a platform tennis program into their schedule.
3. The platform tennis facility will create car door slamming and trash dumping in the area, and attract people to hang around the park.
4. Nobody uses the park facilities that already exist.
5. Did not know that the Park District was considering construction of a platform tennis court and felt that he should have been notified by mail of the Park District's intentions when discussion on the facility began.
6. Against any lights for the sled hill. Kids can sled during the day.
7. There are no leaves to block the glare of the sled hill lights.

Beth Ann Cafaro, 503 Keystone, voiced the following opinions:

1. The platform tennis courts will create too many activities that are not productive, such as door slamming and trash dumping.

2. Concerned that the midnight time is unfair to the neighbors.
3. Would be ok with an abbreviated sled hill light schedule.

John Roeser, 345 Forest, voiced the following opinions:

1. Did not want to see the platform tennis court lights on after 10:00 PM.
2. Concerned not so much with the lights, but activity in the park if the facility is open beyond 10 PM.
3. Concerned with policing the platform tennis courts, as he feels there currently is not enough police presence in the park. Too much drinking in the parks.

Kitty Bingham, 1027 Keystone, voiced the following opinions:

1. Felt the platform tennis court information has been well distributed and it has been noted numerous times in the 3 local newspapers over the past 18 months.
2. Discussed her experience with platform tennis.
3. Explained the need/reason for the 12:00 AM platform tennis court light time so 3-1.5 hour matches can be scheduled at night. Based on league play, Tuesdays and Thursdays would be the nights that matches would exceed the 10:00 PM time.

Joe O'Conner, 351 Thatcher, submitted a letter and voiced the following opinions (see attached):

1. Was ok with extending the light use of Keystone Park West to 10 PM as requested.
2. Was ok with the platform tennis court light to be on until 10 PM, but not sure of 12:00 AM.
3. Was ok with lighting the sled hill as requested.

Mr. O'Connor submitted a letter from his wife, Joan O'Connor, regarding her opinion on the Ordinance Amendment request (see attached).

Thomas Blackman, 347 Keystone, voiced the following opinions:

1. Was against any lights being on past 9 PM.
2. Would be ok with an abbreviated sled hill light schedule.
3. Asked the Board to consider construction of an indoor aquatics facility at Keystone Park.
4. Asked for the Park District to coordinate with the Village the installation of traffic control devices and painting of crosswalks on Hawthorne.
5. Asked for the Park District to coordinate with the Village the installation of bike lanes on Village streets.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.