

**River Forest Park District  
Meeting Minutes of  
September 12, 2011**

The Board of Commissioners of the River Forest Park District convened at 8:00PM in Regular Session on Monday, September 12, 2011, at the River Forest Park District, 401 Thatcher Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

Call to Order – Vice-President Hague called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 8:07PM.

A roll call was then taken with Commissioners Clarkson, Koester, Nieto, and Hague present. Also present was Athletic Supervisor Kenny.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Clarkson moved to approve the August 8, 2011 Board Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. Commissioner Nieto asked to clarify the word “Village” means the “Village of Hinsdale” under Public Comment. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Approval of Disbursements: Commissioner Nieto moved to approve the August 9-31, 2011 Disbursements for \$16,320.81, and the September 1-12 Disbursements for \$100,666.61, seconded by Commissioner Koester. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Public Commentary: None

Correspondence to the Board: None.

President Cargie and Director Sletten entered the meeting at 8:22PM.

Staff Reports: Staff reports were presented. Commissioner Nieto asked if a press release can be issued highlighting the increase in program participant numbers for the summer session. If needed, he is willing to assist staff in developing a press release.

WSSRA Report: Director Sletten noted that the WSSRA Board hired Marianne Birko as the new Executive Director of the Association.

Parks Foundation Report: The Parks Foundation Board Meeting is Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM. The Foundation has received a grant from the Community Foundation for the Community Composting Initiative. River Forest resident, Ross Rodolf, has expressed an interest in serving on the Parks Foundation Board, and has been invited to the meeting.

Board Member Comments: President Cargie discussed the Village Board Meeting he just attended to discuss the proposed amendment to the Keystone Park Athletic Field Light Ordinance. The Village Board tabled a vote until the October 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, and asked the Park District for additional information. President Cargie noted that the October 10<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole Meeting will be dedicated to ideas on how to improve the Park District. The ideas can be capital improvements, operational, programming, and marketing/communication related. There are no bad ideas. Commissioner Hague suggested staff issue a press release to solicit public comment on this issue.

New Business:

Commissioner Hague moved to adjourn at 9:00PM, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Sletten  
Secretary