



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**OF THE FOX VALLEY PARK DISTRICT, KANE, DUPAGE, KENDALL AND**  
**WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**

**Regular Session Meeting Minutes**

**July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Prisco Community Center**

**6:00 p.m.**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

President Rose Smilgys called the Board meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**3.0 ROLL CALL**

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present:

Rose Smilgys, Bill Thompson, Christine Coakley, Emily DeMar, John McGary, Linda Cole and Theodia Gillespie.

Also Present: Steve Messerli, Attorney Gerald Hodge, Administrative Staff, Guests and Media.

**4.0 ADDENDA TO THE AGENDA – none**

**5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

Bill Thompson moved, John McGary seconded, and the Board unanimously approved the following items on the Consent Agenda: Roll Call: Voting Aye: Rose Smilgys, Bill Thompson, Christine Coakley, Emily DeMar, John McGary, Linda Cole and Theodia Gillespie. Voting Nay: None

**5.1** Approved the following meeting minutes:

➤ Regular Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes of 6/9/08.

**5.2** Approved payables 6/1/08 – 6/30/08 in the amount of \$1,924,875.52.

**5.3** Approved statement of estimated revenues and expenses for period ending 5/31/08.

**5.4** Approved Executive Director and Department Head Reports.

**5.5** Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Aurora for Law Enforcement Services at Phillips Park.

**5.6** Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Aurora University on the use of the Vaughan Athletic Center (VAC).

**5.7** Approved the low bid of \$263,644 from Tennis Surfaces Company, Bartlett, IL for the renovation of the tennis courts at Washington Park as part of the 2008 Open Space, Park and Recreation Investment Plan.

**5.8** Approved the bid of \$63,850 and alternate A of \$28,436 from Platt Electric, Inc. Aurora, IL for the lighting improvements and related electrical work at the Washington Park Tennis Courts as part of the 2008 Open Space, Park and Recreation Investment Plan.

**5.9** Accepted the low bid from Midwest Irrigation, of East Dubuque, IL, for the purchase and installation of Satellite Irrigation Controllers for Orchard Valley Golf Course.

**6.0 PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**6.1 Orchard Valley Golf Course Facility Evaluation**

A representative from Billy Casper Golf, LLC presented an overview of their evaluation, report and recommendations of the Orchard Valley Golf Course and restaurant facilities and operations.

**6.2 Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting**

President Smilgys presented the 2007 Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Nancy McCaul, Director of Finance and Theodia Gillespie, Treasurer, Board of Trustees.

**7.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Dale Dobbins presented his concerns about the elimination of the outdoor range and practice area at the Lippold Center and spoke on behalf of the Auroraland Archers.

**8.0 ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS – None presented.**

**9.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS**

Executive Director Messerli reiterated the board's previous decision and action why the outdoor archery range was eliminated and replaced by walking and biking trails for safety issues and other reasons. He also stated that the archers were given alternate sites at other more suitable locations to practice their sport. He briefly updated the board and public on the status of the master planning process at the Lippold Center.

Executive Director Messerli advised the board and public that the August board meeting would be rescheduled from Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> to Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and that a notice would be sent to the media and posted on the website.

Director Messerli introduced several new staff members.

**10.0 OLD BUSINESS - None presented.**

**11.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**11.1 Strategic Plan**

Director of Recreation & Communication, Laurie Hoffman stated that all feedback from the Board of Trustees and Park District Staff will be formulated into a formal publication of the District's Strategic Plan for 2008-2012 and submitted at the August Board meeting for final adoption, subject to yearly revisions. The document will then be available to the public and posted on the website.

She further stated that performance measures will also be developed as a means to measure and communicate the District's progress toward meeting the strategic plan goals and objectives. These measures will be presented to the Board in September or October.

**11.2 Purchasing Policy**

Linda Cole moved, John McGary seconded, and the Board unanimously approved the revised Purchasing Policy. Roll Call: Voting Aye: Rose Smilgys, Bill Thompson, Christine Coakley, Emily DeMar, John McGary, Linda Cole and Theodia Gillespie. Voting Nay: None

**11.3 Engineering Consulting Services**

Theodia Gillespie moved, John McGary seconded, and the Board unanimously approved the proposal from Hey and Associates in the amount of \$107,000 for engineering consulting services for shoreline stabilization at Orchard Valley Golf Course. Roll Call: Voting Aye: Rose Smilgys, Bill Thompson, Christine Coakley, Emily DeMar, John McGary, Linda Cole and Theodia Gillespie. Voting Nay: None

**11.4 Land Acquisition Ordinance**

Theodia Gillespie moved, Linda Cole seconded, and the Board unanimously approved Ordinance #412 for the acquisition of a 0.17 acre property at 617 Highland Avenue in Aurora (May Street Park addition) in the amount of \$75,000 as part of the 2008 Open Space, Park and Recreation Investment Plan. Roll Call: Voting Aye: Rose Smilgys, Bill Thompson, Christine Coakley, Emily DeMar, John McGary, Linda Cole and Theodia Gillespie. Voting Nay: None

**11.5 Land Acquisition Ordinance**

Linda Cole moved, Bill Thompson seconded, and the Board unanimously approved Ordinance #411 for the acquisition of a 0.96 acre property at 2011 West Indian Trail in Aurora (Vaughan Athletic Center site expansion) in the amount of \$345,000 as part of the 2008 Open Space, Park and Recreation Investment Plan. Roll Call: Voting Aye: Rose Smilgys, Bill Thompson, Christine Coakley, Emily DeMar, John McGary, Linda Cole and Theodia Gillespie. Voting Nay: None

**11.6 Land Acquisition Ordinance**

Bill Thompson moved, Linda Cole seconded, and the Board unanimously approved Ordinance #410 for the acquisition of a 19.81 acre parcel at the southeast corner of Mair Road and Montgomery Road in Aurora in the amount of \$3,050,000 as part of the 2008 Open Space, Park and Recreation Investment Plan. Roll Call: Voting Aye: Rose Smilgys, Bill Thompson, Christine Coakley, Emily DeMar, John McGary, Linda Cole and Theodia Gillespie. Voting Nay: None

**12.0 CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Kane County Chronicle, Saturday, June 28, 2008  
Article on Alison Krantz, scholarship winner, who plays four times a week in a summer class at the Vaughan Athletic Center.
2. Fox Valley Park District in the News  
(Various FVPD news articles were attached).

**13.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Bill Thompson moved, Linda Cole seconded, and the Board unanimously approved convening into Executive Session of the Fox Valley Park District Board of Trustees at 7:29 p.m. under Section 1 (c) (1) discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District; and Section 2 (c) (5) discussion of terms for an offer to acquire, or negotiations and strategy during the acquisition of specific parcels of real estate, or discussion of terms for the sale of real estate. Roll Call: Voting Aye: Rose Smilgys, Bill Thompson, Christine Coakley, Emily DeMar, John McGary, Linda Cole and Theodia Gillespie. Voting Nay: None

**14.0 RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Linda Cole moved, Bill Thompson seconded, and the Board unanimously approved returning to Regular Session at 8:00 p.m. Roll Call: Voting Aye: Rose Smilgys, Bill Thompson, Christine Coakley, Emily DeMar, John McGary, Linda Cole and Theodia Gillespie. Voting Nay: None

**14.1 Executive Session Minutes**

Linda Cole moved, Theodia Gillespie seconded, and the Board unanimously approved the Executive Session Minutes of July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Roll Call: Voting Aye: Rose Smilgys, Bill Thompson, Christine Coakley, Emily DeMar, John McGary, Linda Cole and Theodia Gillespie. Voting Nay: None

**15.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Bill Thompson moved, Christine Coakley seconded, and the Board unanimously approved adjourning the meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, President Rose Smilgys thereupon adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

*Debbie Thompson, Assistant Board Secretary*