



BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Serving the Fox Valley Park District
Kane, DuPage, Kendall and Will Counties, Illinois
February 11, 2013
Prisco Community Center
150 W. Illinois Avenue, Aurora, IL
6:00p.m.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Ossyra called the Board meeting to order at 6:00 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: Dan Barreiro, Nancy Hopp, Bill Thompson, Rachel Ossyra, Theodia Gillespie, Chris Studebaker and Paul Greviskes. Absent: None. Also Present: Executive Director Nancy McCaul, Attorney Gerald Hodge, Administrative Staff and Guests.

4.0 ADDENDA TO THE AGENDA – None presented.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Bill Thompson moved, Nancy Hopp seconded, and the Board approved the Consent Agenda items. Roll Call: Voting Aye: Dan Barreiro, Nancy Hopp, Bill Thompson, Rachel Ossyra, Theodia Gillespie, Chris Studebaker and Paul Greviskes. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

5.1 Approved the regular session meeting minutes of January 14, 2013.

5.2 Approved payables 1/1/13 – 1/31/13 in the amount of \$1,448,328.73.

5.3 Approved statement of estimated revenues and expenses for period ending 12/31/12.

5.4 Approved Executive Director, Department Heads and other reports.

5.5 Reviewed capital projects permitting fees and charges, cost summaries and project bid schedule report.

5.6 Rejected the bids for the construction of the trail connection structure at South River Street Park.

5.7 Approved the Blackberry Farm Window Replacement bid from L. J. Dodd Constructions in the amount of \$51,500.

5.8 Approved the O'Donnell Ball Field Fencing bid from Classic Fence Inc. in the amount of \$41,747.

6.0 PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

6.1 Marketing Awards

President Ossyra presented several marketing awards won at the IPAD/IPRA State Conference to the marketing team thanking them on behalf of the Fox Valley Park District for their exceptional work and well deserved awards.

6.2 Virgil L. Gilman Pedestrian Bridge Award

Mr. Pete Wallers, from Engineering Enterprise Incorporated, presented to the district and Planning Department an Engineering Excellence Award for the design and construction of the Virgil L. Gilman pedestrian bridge over Galena Blvd in Aurora.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Joel Wyeth, President of Boys Baseball Association, a baseball league affiliate, presented his concerns about the increase in the fee structure for Aurora Boys Baseball participants (boys ages 6-12). He requested that the board reconsider the \$10 fee increase and stated that the fee increase may have a negative effect on the league and may exclude participants who cannot afford the fee increase.

8.0 ATTORNEY BUSINESS – none presented.

9.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BUSINESS

Director McCaul highlighted some “Save the Date” events coming up for the board members and directed their attention to the OSPRI newsletter at their table.

10.0 CONTINUED BUSINESS - None presented.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS- none presented.

11.1 Lippold Park Construction Bids

Nancy Hopp moved, Dan Barreiro seconded and the board unanimously approved the the base bid in the amount of \$814,500 from R.C Wegman Construction Company, Aurora, Illinois for the construction of Lippold Park phase two improvements. Roll Call: Voting Aye: Dan Barreiro, Nancy Hopp, Bill Thompson, Rachel Ossyra, Theodia Gillespie, Chris Studebaker and Paul Greviskes. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

11.2 May Street Park Renaming General Discussion

Jeff Palmquist presented a letter of recommendation, with detailed background information, from Mr. Jerry Butler to formally request the re-naming of May Street Park in honor of Mr. Wilbur Walters. Also attached was a copy of the Board-approved Naming of Parks Policy for the board’s consideration. The board heard comments at the meeting from Mr. Jerry Butler and Mr. Larry Shepard who were both present at the meeting to speak on behalf of the park’s re-naming. After considerable discussion from the board, including individual comments from board members on the merits of this re-naming opportunity in honor of Mr. Walters, it was a consensus to table this item and wait to formalize the name on the sign until the next meeting and until additional input may be obtained and whether the word “Coach” should be added to the formal name or not. No motion taken.

11.0 CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Dan Cronin, Chairman DuPage County Board
Thank you to Fox Valley Park District for the board's action to freeze property tax levy for the second year in a row.
2. Staff at the City of Aurora Animal Control and Care Facility
Thanks to the district for donation of dog food for the sheltered animals.
3. Fox Valley Park District in the News
Various recent news article(s) concerning the District.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

At 6:35 p.m. Chris Studebaker moved, Bill Thompson seconded and the Board unanimously approved convening into Closed Session of the Fox Valley Park District Board of Trustees under 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 or lease of real estate; and Section 2 (c) (11) discussion of pending, or probable and imminent, litigation when an action against affecting , or on behalf of the District has been filed and is pending in a court or administrative tribunal; and Section 1 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, dismissal, performance or personal status of employees, officers and legal counsel for the park district. (*Illinois Park District Law Handbook 6th Edition, 2010*)

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present: Dan Barreiro, Nancy Hopp, Bill Thompson, Rachel Ossyra, Theodia Gillespie and Chris Studebaker. Excused: Paul Greviskes. Also Present: Executive Director Nancy McCaul, Attorney Gerald Hodge and Jeff Palmquist.

14.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 7:20 p.m. Chris Studebaker moved, Theodia Gillespie seconded and the Board unanimously approved convening back into Open Session. Roll Call: Voting Aye: Dan Barreiro, Nancy Hopp, Bill Thompson, Rachel Ossyra, Theodia Gillespie and Chris Studebaker. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

14.1 Executive Director's Compensation Modification

Nancy Hopp moved, Bill Thompson seconded and the Board unanimously approved the Executive Director's compensation modification as presented by President Ossyra. Roll Call: Voting Aye: Dan Barreiro, Nancy Hopp, Bill Thompson, Rachel Ossyra, Theodia Gillespie and Chris Studebaker. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

14.2 Closed Session Minutes

Bill Thompson moved, Chris Studebaker seconded and the Board unanimously approved the Closed Session meeting minutes from 1/14/13. Roll Call: Voting Aye Dan Barreiro, Nancy Hopp, Bill Thompson, Rachel Ossyra, Theodia Gillespie and Chris Studebaker. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

14.3 President's Comments

President Ossyra informed the board about her and Director McCaul's meeting with Kane County Board Chairman Chris Lauzen and highlighted some topics of discussion that occurred during the meeting.

President Ossyra also informed the board about hosting a possible "meet and greet" informal event with local legislators at Cool Acres to be scheduled sometime in June with specific details to come.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Nancy Hopp moved, Chris Studebaker seconded and the Board unanimously approved adjourning the meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, President Ossyra thereupon adjourned the Open Session meeting at 8:00 p.m. Roll Call: Voting Aye: Dan Barreiro, Nancy Hopp, Bill Thompson, Rachel Ossyra, Theodia Gillespie and Chris Studebaker. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

*Respectfully Submitted By,
Debbie Thompson
Assistant Board Secretary*