



**FOX VALLEY PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
April 6, 2015  
Cole Center  
101 W. Illinois Avenue, Aurora  
6:00 p.m.**

**1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

President Bunce called the 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: Gloria Bunce, Carl Franco, Theodia Gillespie, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne via teleconference and Bob Vaughan. Excused: Alex Alexandrou. A quorum was present. Also present: Executive Director Nancy McCaul, Attorney Gerald Hodge, administrative staff and guests.

**4.0 ADDENDA TO THE AGENDA – None presented.**

**5.0 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – None presented.**

**6.0 ATTORNEY BUSINESS – None presented.**

**7.0 CONTINUED BUSINESS**

**8.0 NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

**8.1 Award the base bid in the amount of \$59,330 and the bid alternate in the amount of \$15,175 from Aurora Sign Company, Aurora, Illinois for the construction of monument signs at the Stuart Sports Complex.**

Jeff Palmquist reminded the board of the rejected bids for the monument signs at the Stuart Sports Complex; the bids had multiple errors. The contractors quickly rebid. The winning bid was submitted by Aurora Sign Co. for a combined total of \$74,505. Rachel Ossyra motioned, Theodia Gillespie seconded and the board unanimously approved awarding the base bid in the amount of \$59,330 and the bid alternate in the amount of \$15,175 from Aurora Sign Company, Aurora, Illinois for the construction of monument signs at the Stuart Sports Complex. Roll call – voting Aye: Gloria Bunce, Carl Franco, Theodia Gillespie, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne, Bob Vaughan; voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

**9.0 NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**9.1 Cell tower proposal at Lincoln Park/Greenhouse**

Mike Erickson said a new proposal was submitted to the park district for a cell tower at Lincoln Park; it looks more like a flag pole and has a smaller foot print of approximately 50'x50', as opposed to the original 100'x100'. They will need a small easement to gain access. He is still working on the logistics. Bob Vaughan asked if there is a tower at the VAC and what we receive in compensation. Mike responded, yes, \$2,000. The board directed staff to pursue this option.

## **9.2 Leases at 712 S. River St.**

Director McCaul reported there are ongoing costs with the property at 712 S. River St. The CIS lease ends December 31, 2015; FVSRA occupies the first floor and their lease expires January 31, 2016. Their leases have an automatic renewal unless they receive a 60-day notice. This year costs are break-even; the past has been a loss of about \$5,000 - \$10,000. Attorney Hodge advises to continue with the current tenants. Bob Vaughan wondered if School District #129 would consider purchasing the property. Gloria Bunce asked what the district's operating costs are for this building; Nancy McCaul said last year was around \$35,000 – \$40,000. Gloria Bunce asked is there would be an advantage to keep the property; Attorney Hodge said the park district is limited by statute on what they can do. Rachel Ossyra asked about “mothball” costs; Nancy McCaul said the HVAC system incurs more costs when the building is empty. Theodia Gillespie said she is not comfortable displacing a nonprofit organization. Nancy McCaul said she will work with Attorney Hodge for a new agreement.

## **9.3 Discussion on April 13 board meeting agenda items**

Jeff Palmquist reported on his follow-up with the neighbors of Palmer Park; they agree the shelter should be taken down; the discussions reinforced that it is used as a trail point. Jeff thought it would be a good idea to have something telling the background of the Gilman trail; it would give people an understanding of the importance of who Virgil Gilman was.

Diana Erickson told the board that health insurance has gotten more complicated. She gave the board a handout of possible insurance scenarios. The district is looking at forecasting the Cadillac Tax at an approximate cost to the district of \$500,000; they are looking at minimizing costs. Steve Morcos said insurance rates are set each year; the medical underwriting determines if you're accepted into the plan; Bob Vaughan asked if the rate is guaranteed and the district needs to look at things other than simply rates. Steve Morcos said any plan changes were made last July (2014). The Cadillac Tax will increase costs by \$400,000 and they are trying to be strategic with the Affordable Care Act. It is important to start the implementation of the insurance policy; the process began back in November 2014. Bob Vaughan asked if the district has high claims experience; Nancy McCaul said yes. There is going to have to be some cost shifting. Nancy McCaul suggested we extend our current plan to allow more time to investigate Hub International options. Steve Morcos said he will extend the current park district policy until January 1, 2016. The board directed staff to work with Steve Morcos on making health insurance plan recommendations.

Jeff Palmquist said everything was good with the Birmingham Park bids.

Mike Erickson said the district will renew its agreement with Cruisin' Waves. The natural areas maintenance went back out to bid; received four proposals. Wild Goose Chase was the only bidder for the goose abatement; the bid is for 10 locations. The district has drawn up a 2-year agreement with New Hope Temple Ministries; they would like to use the upper parking lot on Sundays. Republic Services was the low bid for refuse removal services.

Laurie Hoffman reported the district will renew its beverage agreement transferring the Coca-Cola distribution rights to Reyes Holdings. The Phillips Park Tennis intergovernmental agreement has been approved by the City of Aurora; should be approved by School District #131.

Mark Johnson reported the Kane County State's Attorney's Office would like to represent the Fox Valley Park District in ordinance violation expungement proceedings.

Director McCaul spoke to the board regarding proposed protocol of how to deal with open seats on the Board of Trustees; she said there should be a formal board acceptance of resignation; it's important to keep a history of board openings; Alex Alexandrou will be appointed vice president.

## **9.4 SciTech update**

Jeff Palmquist reported that Dan Martin from Marketing and Feasibility Advisors is working on wrapping up his report and will present his findings at the board meeting. He has tried to facilitate communication between SciTech and the Museum of Science and Industry. The market supports improvements but the cost is in the millions.

## **9.5 Vaughan Athletic Center changing rooms update**

Laurie Hoffman reported there are 6 changing rooms; to be ADA accessible the room(s) will need to accommodate a lift and changing table; cost should be under \$17,000.

## **9.6 Orchard Valley Golf Course bunker and operations update**

Laurie Hoffman informed the board of her conference call with Billy Casper and Orchard Valley Golf

Course; Billy Casper and the Fox Valley Park District will each contribute \$40,000 toward the \$80,000 project. Carl Franco asked if some of the bunkers could be converted to waste bunkers; that would save money. Laurie Hoffman said last year 12 bunkers were improved for around \$32,000. Rachel Ossyra asked how many bunkers are to be included for \$80,000; Laurie Hoffman replied 25 or 30. Laurie also updated the board on the Orchard Valley Golf Club restaurant operations; there has been a great response; the fish fry grew in popularity and there were over 300 people for Easter brunch.

**9.7 Preschool program**

School District #129 received a 4-year grant to prepare at-risk 4- to 5-year olds for school. District #129 needs space; Prisco may be a possible solution. The park district needs to look at the feasibility. Currently, preschool enrollment is declining. Bob Vaughan said this could be a great partnership

**9.8 Trustee comments and questions**

Theodia Gillespie asked if there was any update on the Northgate shopping center parking lot and the proposed park; the district needs to entertain that discussion with residents and Ald. Mike Saville. Director McCaul said the park district has worked with Ald. Saville. Jeff Palmquist said the district needs to know if the owners are willing to sell.

**10.0 CLOSED SESSION**

The board determined there was no reason to enter into closed session.

**11.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Rachel Ossyra motioned, Carl Franco seconded and the board unanimously approved by voice vote to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:40 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted By,*

*Arlene Kallien*

*Assistant Board Secretary/Recorder*