



**FOX VALLEY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2015
Prisco Community Center
150 W. Illinois Avenue, Aurora
6:00 p.m.**

1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Vaughan called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

3.0 ROLL CALL

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present: Alex Alexandrou, Chuck Anderson, Theodia Gillespie, Cynthia Penne, Bob Vaughan and Denny Wiggins; excused: Rachel Ossyra. A quorum was present. Also present: Attorney Gerald Hodge, administrative staff and guests.

4.0 ADDENDA TO THE AGENDA – None presented.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Alex Alexandrou motioned, Theodia Gillespie seconded and the board unanimously approved the consent agenda items. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Chuck Anderson, Theodia Gillespie, Cynthia Penne, Bob Vaughan and Denny Wiggins; voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

5.1 Approve the following meeting minutes:

- Public Hearing meeting of 09/21/15
- Open Session meeting of 09/21/15

5.2 Approve payables 09/30/15 in the amount of \$1,452,204.35.

5.3 Approve statement of estimated revenues and expenses for period ending 08/31/15.

5.4 Approve Department Heads and other reports.

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

6.0 PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION – None presented.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT – None presented.

8.0 ATTORNEY BUSINESS

8.1 Approval of Settlement Agreement relating to parking easement at Copley I Park.

Attorney Hodge addressed the Board about the settlement of a piece of litigation regarding a parking easement affecting Copley I Park. The park district received property with an easement that was never used as an easement; ATMI stores its precast items there. ATMI agreed to put in parking,

but are now settling with a neighbor because the neighbor decided to pursue rights relative to the old easement. Part of the settlement includes the park district being formally granted parking easement rights in exchange for releasing the easement that is never used. This settlement agreement clears up the easement rights.

9.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BUSINESS – None presented.

10.0 CONTINUED BUSINESS – None presented.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Approve the Blackberry Farm modular retaining wall bid from Fuerte Systems, Oswego, Illinois, in the amount of \$39,950.00.

Mike Erickson told the board this is the second phase of retaining wall improvements at Blackberry Farm. The current retaining wall is made from limestone. The budget allowed for \$75,000 and the lowest bid was far below that amount. Bob Vaughan asked if the material would be the same as was used around the lake; Mike Erickson said yes. Denny Wiggins motioned, Chuck Anderson seconded and the board unanimously approved the Blackberry Farm modular retaining wall bid from Fuerte Systems, Oswego, Illinois, in the amount of \$39,950.00. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Chuck Anderson, Theodia Gillespie, Cynthia Penne, Bob Vaughan and Denny Wiggins; voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

11.2 Approve the unit price bid from The Mulch Center, Deerfield, Illinois, for playground fiber in the amount of \$14.35/cubic yard.

Mike Erickson reported the yearly budget for playground fiber is \$30,000; playground fiber is added to as many parks as the amount purchased allows. Two companies submitted bids and the low bid was \$.10 per cubic yard cheaper than last year's cost. Funding in the past was provided through the ADA fund. Safety surfacing is now required in the fall zone at playgrounds regardless of whether or not it is ADA compliant. Therefore, the playground fiber will now be funded through the Corporate Fund. Alex Alexandrou asked if there were any bids other than the two; would an option be to request bids from some of the national suppliers who were at the NRPA conference. Mike Erickson replied no. Alex Alexandrou motioned, Denny Wiggins seconded and the board unanimously approved the unit price bid from The Mulch Center, Deerfield, Illinois, for playground fiber in the amount of \$14.35/cubic yard. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Chuck Anderson, Theodia Gillespie, Cynthia Penne, Bob Vaughan and Denny Wiggins; voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

11.3 Approve the grant of easements to Aurora West School District Number 129 for the construction and operation of geothermal heat pump systems at the Hall, Jefferson, Schneider and Washington Park/School sites.

Jeff Palmquist told the board in 2012 School District #129 was granted an easement by the Fox Valley Park District to construct geothermal heat pump systems at Smith School/Park. The school district had great success with that. With that success, School District #129 is requesting easements to construct more geothermal heat pump systems. Cynthia Penne motioned, Theodia Gillespie seconded and the board unanimously approved the grant of easements to Aurora West School District Number 129 for the construction and operation of geothermal heat pump systems at the Hall, Jefferson, Schneider and Washington Park/School sites. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Chuck Anderson, Theodia Gillespie, Cynthia Penne, Bob Vaughan and Denny Wiggins; voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

11.4 Approve the License Agreement between the Fox Valley Park District and City of Aurora for the expansion of the Animal Control and Care Facility parking lot.

Jeff Palmquist reported to the board that during peak times and special events, the parking lot at the Aurora animal control facility does not have enough parking to accommodate demand. The City of Aurora is asking the district for an expansion across a small portion of adjacent Park District property. This expansion would allow for 20 parking spaces. Jeff explained that this intergovernmental cooperation allows animal control to expand parking while allowing park patrons to also use the parking lot. Denny Wiggins motioned, Chuck Anderson seconded and the board unanimously approved the License

Agreement between the Fox Valley Park District and City of Aurora for the expansion of the Animal Control and Care Facility parking lot. Roll call – voting Aye: Chuck Anderson, Theodia Gillespie, Cynthia Penne, Bob Vaughan and Denny Wiggins; recused from voting: Alex Alexandrou; voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

11.5 Appointment of Executive Director and approval of employment agreement

President Vaughan thanked the board and staff for all of their help and cooperation in the search for the next Executive Director. He said the district saved approximately \$30,000 by performing the search in-house. Approximately 60 candidates submitted resumes and the board narrowed the pool down to the top four. Four key staff – Ivan Chambers, Diana Erickson, Joe Hernandez and Jeff Palmquist – took each candidate on a tour of the district. After the interviews and tours were finished, the board listened to input from the key staff. The final decision was made based on interviews with the board and input from staff. Ultimately, the board agreed unanimously to hire Jim Pilmer. Bob Vaughan said he is very happy to have Jim Pilmer as our next Executive Director. Jim’s starting date will be November 9 and his employment agreement is a 3-year contract for \$150,000/year. Denny Wiggins commented that this was the best process he’s ever seen and would like to congratulate staff and the rest of the board for a job well-done.

Denny Wiggins motioned, Chuck Anderson seconded and the board unanimously appointed Jim Pilmer as Executive Director and approved the employment agreement. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Chuck Anderson, Theodia Gillespie, Cynthia Penne, Bob Vaughan and Denny Wiggins; voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

Jim Pilmer thanked Bob Vaughan, the Board of Trustees and staff. He said he had great dialogue with everyone throughout the process and looks forward to joining the Fox Valley Park District.

Alex Alexandrou recognized Jeff Palmquist as Interim Executive Director and extended his thanks to Jeff and to staff for doing such a good job. He said the 10-year anniversary celebration at the Vaughan Athletic Center went well and everyone had a great time.

12.0 CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Fox Valley Park District in the News
Various recent news article(s) concerning the District.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held, so the Board proceeded to section 15.0.

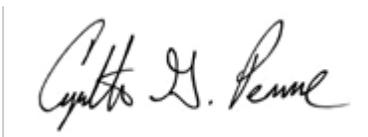
14.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Alex Alexandrou motioned, Denny Wiggins seconded, and the board unanimously approved by voice vote to adjourn at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Arlene Kallien
Assistant Board Secretary/Recorder



Cynthia Penne, Secretary
Board of Trustees