



**FOX VALLEY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 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 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: Alex Alexandrou, Chuck Anderson, Theodia Gillespie, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne, Bob Vaughan and Denny Wiggins. A quorum was present. Also present: Executive Director Jim Pilmer, Attorney Gerald Hodge, administrative staff and guests.

4.0 ADDENDA TO THE AGENDA – None presented.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

5.1 Approve the following meeting minutes:

- Open session special meeting of 09/02/15
- Open session meeting of 10/19/15

5.2 Approve payables 10/31/15 in the amount of \$9,218,603.89.

5.3 Approve statement of estimated revenues and expenses for period ending 09/30/15.

5.4 Approve Department Heads and other reports.

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

5.6 Resolution to approve appointment and employment agreement of Jim Pilmer as Executive Director of the Fox Valley Park District.

5.7 Accept 6-month update of the 2015-18 Strategic Plan.

5.8 Approve the bids to purchase strength fitness equipment for the Eola Community Center from Life Fitness in the amount of \$22,394 and Direct Fitness Solutions in the amount of \$46,990. The combined total purchase amount is \$69,384.

6.0 PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

6.1 Veteran's Day Proclamation

Director Pilmer recognized all those who serve our country in the Armed Forces. He told the Board and those in attendance of the Veteran's Day Luncheon being held at the Prisco Community Center on November 10, with guest speaker Connie Payton. President Vaughan proclaimed November as Veterans Recognition Month in honor of the sacrifices made by those who serve in our Armed Forces. During the month of November, veterans and their families may enjoy Eola Fitness Center, Prisco Community Center and Vaughan Athletic Center for free admission. He also gave special recognition to veteran and past board member Bill Thompson, who was in attendance.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT – None presented.

8.0 ATTORNEY BUSINESS – None presented.

9.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BUSINESS

9.1 Trustee Rachel Ossyra voted Rotarian of the Year by the Rotary Club of Naperville for her medical mission work in Nigeria.

President Vaughan recognized Rachel Ossyra for her medical mission work in Nigeria and the board's good fortune of having her serve as trustee.

10.0 CONTINUED BUSINESS – None presented.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

Director Pilmer recognized Diana Erickson as Director of Finance and Administration. Diana preceded Speer Financial's presentation by saying Speer determined the Fox Valley Park District had the following strengths: 1) Participation in the Chicago metropolitan area's deep and diverse regional economy; 2) Strong median household effective income levels and adequate per capita market values; 3) Stable financial operations; and 4) Very strong general fund reserves. She said the district's bond rating stayed at AA+.

11.1 Ordinance #463 providing for the issue of approximately \$3,420,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2015A, for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Dave Phillips of Speer Financial, Inc. said the AA+ rating is a reaffirmation of policy choices that were made by the park district. He said there were a total of 15 bids submitted by five bidders. His recommendation to the district is to accept the low bid by RBC Capital Markets.

Alex Alexandrou motioned, Theodia Gillespie seconded and the board unanimously approved Ordinance #463 providing for the issue of approximately \$3,420,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2015A, for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Chuck Anderson, Theodia Gillespie, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne, Bob Vaughan and Denny Wiggins; voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

11.2 Ordinance #464 providing for the issue of approximately \$26,140,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds, Series 2015B, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the Park District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Anthony Miceli of Speer Financial, Inc. said there were a total of 26 bids submitted by six bidders. He said the best bid was from Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. and recommended the district accept that bid. He added the district would save approximately \$3 million from this sale.

Alex Alexandrou motioned, Denny Wiggins seconded and the board unanimously approved Ordinance #464 providing for the issue of approximately \$26,140,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds, Series 2015B, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the Park District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Chuck Anderson, Theodia Gillespie, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne, Bob Vaughan and Denny Wiggins; voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

11.3 Ordinance #465 authorizing and directing the execution of an Escrow Agreement in connection with the issue of approximately \$26,140,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds, Series 2015B.

Director Pilmer noted that Anthony Miceli is a member of the Fox Valley Park District. He thanked Mr. Phillips and Mr. Miceli personally for their hard work in saving the district \$3 million.

Alex Alexandrou motioned, Cynthia Penne seconded and the board unanimously approved Ordinance #465 authorizing and directing the execution of an Escrow Agreement in connection with the issue of approximately \$26,140,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds, Series 2015B. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Chuck Anderson, Theodia Gillespie, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne, Bob Vaughan and Denny Wiggins; voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

11.4 Approve the Eola Community Center interior stair railing replacement bid from ATP Enterprise Group, Inc., Northfield, Illinois, in the amount of \$24,000.00.

Mike Erickson addressed the board and told them as part of improvements to the Eola Community Center, the railing leading from the first floor lobby to the second floor exercise area was identified as needing replacement. The current railing is made from painted steel and because of the high volume of patrons using the stairway, there is much wear requiring painting and repainting; the upkeep is becoming cost prohibitive. Due to this, replacement of the railing with a more maintenance free option is recommended.

A stainless steel railing with glass panels was recommended by Kluber Architects, which is more cost effective than a stainless steel only railing. Eight contractors received project manuals. The district received one bid from ATP Enterprise Group. Mike said he contacted some of the companies who received the project manuals, most of whom said they did not have time to prepare their bids. Cynthia Penne said she felt the replacement of the railings is a good idea not only because of aesthetics but cleanliness as well.

Rachel Ossyra motioned, Cynthia Penne seconded and the board unanimously approved the Eola Community Center interior stair railing replacement bid from ATP Enterprise Group, Inc., Northfield, Illinois, in the amount of \$24,000.00. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Chuck Anderson, Theodia Gillespie, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne, Bob Vaughan and Denny Wiggins; voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

12.0 CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Vaughan thanked Jeff Long for the great press release regarding the appointment of Jim Pilmer as the new executive director of the Fox Valley Park District. He said it is not often that media outlets will use a press release word for word in their news stories.

1. Marilyn Weisner, Executive Director, Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry
Thank you for your participation in “Hunger Action Month.”
2. Michael W. Cobb, Executive Director, Hesed House
Thank you for your Gift-In-Kind Sponsorship.
3. Bill Thompson
Thank you for remembering our veterans.
4. Quad County Urban League
Thank you for supporting our 2015 Annual Equality Gala.

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

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

Alex Alexandrou motioned, Cynthia Penne seconded and the board unanimously approved concluding the open session at 6:25 p.m. and moving into closed session for the reasons stated on the agenda. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Chuck Anderson, Theodia Gillespie, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne, Bob Vaughan and Denny Wiggins; voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

14.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

14.1 Approve Closed Session Minutes from:

- **September 2, 2015**
- **September 21, 2015**
- **October 5, 2015**
- **October 6, 2015**

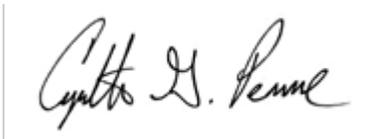
Rachel Ossyra motioned, Denny Wiggins seconded and the board unanimously approved Closed Session Minutes from September 2, 2015; September 21, 2015; October 5, 2015; and October 6, 2015. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Chuck Anderson, Theodia Gillespie, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne, Bob Vaughan and Denny Wiggins; voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Rachel Ossyra motioned, Cynthia Penne seconded, and the board unanimously approved by voice vote to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Arlene Kallien
Assistant Board Secretary/Recorder



Cynthia Penne, Secretary
Board of Trustees