



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

April 13, 2015

Prisco Community Center  
150 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: Alex Alexandrou, Gloria Bunce, Carl Franco, Theodia Gillespie, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne via teleconference and Bob Vaughan. 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 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**5.1 Approve the following meeting minutes:**

- Open Session meeting of March 9, 2015.
- Special meeting held on March 24, 2015, to approve work to be completed to replace the roof at the park district police department building.

**5.2 Approve payables 03/31/15 in the amount of \$1,060,733.01.**

**5.3 Approve statement of estimated revenues and expenses for period ending 02/28/15.**

**5.4 Approve Executive Director, Department Heads and other reports.**

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

**5.6 Award the base bid in the amount of \$223,625.70 from Hacienda Landscaping, Inc., Plainfield, Illinois, for the construction of Birmingham Park Improvements**

**5.7 Approval of a License Agreement with Michael Preston for the use of Spring Lake and Spring Lake Park for the operation of an electric boat rental business ending September 7, 2015.**

**5.8 Approve one year of services with two optional one-year extensions with Wild Goose Chase, Inc., for goose abatement at ten locations at a cost of \$34,264.**

**5.9 Approval of a two-year License Agreement with New Hope Temple Ministries for the use of the District parking lot located across from the Prisco Center on Illinois Avenue.**

- 5.10 Approve the contracted waste removal services bid for a one-year term with two optional one-year extensions from Republic Services in the amount of \$28,767.
- 5.11 Approve the Beverage Agreement Assignment transferring the Coca-Cola distribution rights to Reyes Holdings, LLC and/or its affiliate – Great Lakes Coca-Cola Distribution.
- 5.12 Approve the Phillips Park Tennis Complex intergovernmental agreement between the Park District, City of Aurora and School District #131.
- 5.13 Approve an agreement for the Kane County State’s Attorney’s Office to represent the Fox Valley Park District in ordinance violation expungement proceedings.
- 5.14 Approve the Palmer Park Improvement Plan.
- 5.15 Approve the transfer of \$40,000 from Orchard Valley funds to the Orchard Valley License Agreement capital fund for the completion of bunker renovations.

**6.0 PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**6.1 Presentation on Sci-Tech Feasibility Study from Marketing & Feasibility Advisors**

Jeff Palmquist began the presentation to the board. He said the study confirmed that the market area can support a science center. He summarized that the report recommendations outline a series of steps, beginning with the primary role of SciTech as a STEM programming provider; such a strategy would rely on collaboration with local agencies. This may lead to an expanded facility. Upon the arrival of Dan Martin from Marketing & Feasibility Advisors, Dan continued the presentation. He began by describing his credentials and past relevant assignments. The strength of the idea of a suburban science center is the reason SciTech is here today. Marketing & Feasibility Advisors performed a market analysis and held meetings with stakeholders and staff. The findings were as follows: The market for SciTech is different than for Chicago’s Museum of Science and Industry; he is very impressed with the number of school groups that visit SciTech from the city of Chicago; SciTech has excellent museum-going characteristics; the suburban Aurora market area could easily support a science center; SciTech needs a content makeover as it is not a strong facility; the current hours of operation are not favorable; the programming core is strong but the recommendation would be to make it less of a visitor center; he is impressed at how dedicated the staff is; the market could support a fully staffed and programmed center; he recommends improved programming off-site through a variety of partnerships e.g., the Fox Valley Park District, school districts and hospitals; in the long run, SciTech could be a full science center within a decade, starting with programming; the existing facility is not adequate; he recommends utilizing the old post office and/or possibly the library site next door to the current facility; recommends SciTech work with the City of Aurora on renovations to the current building.

Bob Vaughan asked what makes it a science center. Dan Martin said it’s hands-on science with exhibits and strong on programming. Alex Alexandrou asked if the timeline should be two-pronged; expand the market and renovate? Carl Franco asked about potential competition. Dan Martin said maybe the Robert Crown Center in Hinsdale, but that’s health related; and the DuPage Children’s Museum in Naperville, but that doesn’t cater to the very young.

**7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT** – None presented.

**8.0 ATTORNEY BUSINESS** – None presented.

**9.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BUSINESS**

Director McCaul updated the board regarding the dam removal; she and Jeff Palmquist met with the Village of North Aurora. She gave the board handouts of financial indicators and a Treasurer’s report. Director McCaul also

turned their attention to handouts of the reminder for the May 8 Kane County Leaders Summit; volunteers needed for the Spring Spruce-up; and the Save-the-Date for the grand opening of the Stuart Sports Complex on June 17.

**10.0 CONTINUED BUSINESS** – None presented.

**11.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**11.1 Acceptance of Board Member resignations**

Director McCaul announced the official resignation of board members Gloria Bunce and Carl Franco; unfortunately for the board and the Fox Valley Park District, other opportunities have arisen for them. Carl Franco said for him it's not quite official yet but he was selected to be an alderman. He said the FVPD is a great entity and he appreciates the opportunity he was given to serve on the board; the district has a very dedicated, great staff; it has been a great experience. Gloria Bunce said she echoes Carl in her sentiments; it has been a real honor to serve. She has lived here in the district for 24 years and serving on the Board of Trustees has been a chance to give back and contribute. She has had the opportunity to work with great people. Bob Vaughan presented both Gloria Bunce and Carl Franco with certificates of appreciation. Their resignations are effective immediately.

**11.2 Appointment of Board Vice-President**

Upon the resignation of Gloria Bunce, Bob Vaughan ascends to the position of President of the Board of Trustees. President Vaughan told the board that Alex Alexandrou's schedule has opened up and he would now like to serve as Vice President of the Board of Trustees. President Vaughan proposed Alex Alexandrou as the new Vice President. Attorney Hodge said the appointment of Alex Alexandrou as Vice President of the board would be ratified at the May 2015 Board of Trustees meeting.

**12.0 CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. The Conservation Foundation**

Thank you for your donation.

**2. Chuck Hoscheit**

Congratulations on the Blackberry Farm IAPD State Award.

**3. Sen. Jim Oberweis**

Thank you for contacting me regarding Gov. Rauner's proposed budget cuts.

**4. Ken Holden**

Email – Your article regarding Bluebird Monitors was an inspiration.

**5. Fox Valley Park District in the News**

Various recent news article(s) concerning the District.

**13.0 CLOSED SESSION**

Rachel Ossyra motioned, Alex Alexandrou seconded and the board unanimously approved concluding the open session at 6:53 p.m. and moving into closed session for the reasons stated on the agenda. Due to the resignations of Gloria Bunce and Carl Franco which are effective immediately, they did not participate in the vote to enter into closed session. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Theodia Gillespie, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne, Bob Vaughan; voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

**14.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**14.1 Approve Closed Session Minutes from 03/09/15.**

Rachel Ossyra motioned, Theodia Gillespie seconded and the board unanimously approved the closed session minutes from March 9, 2015, by roll call vote. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Theodia

Gillespie, Rachel Ossyra, Bob Vaughan; voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

**15.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Rachel Ossyra moved, Theodia Gillespie seconded, and the board unanimously approved by voice vote to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted By,*

*Arlene Kallien*

*Assistant Board Secretary/Recorder*