



**FOX VALLEY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2016
Prisco Community Center
150 W. Illinois Avenue, Aurora
6:00 p.m.**

1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Anderson 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, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne and Denny Wiggins; absent: Theodia Gillespie and Bob Vaughan. 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

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

5.1 Approve the Open Session meeting minutes of 06/13/16.

5.2 Approve payables 06/30/16 in the amount of \$1,777,884.88.

5.3 Approve statement of estimated revenues and expenses for period ending 05/31/16.

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.

Theodia Gillespie arrived at the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Bob Vaughan arrived at the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

6.0 PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

6.1 Resolution in recognition of Mr. Tom Healy

Executive Director Pilmer read aloud a resolution recognizing Tom Healy for a lifetime of dedication to Aurora Youth Baseball. Legion Field at the Stuart Sports Complex will now be known as Tom Healy Legion Field. Tom Healy said this was very touching and it is great to be connected to the fields and boys baseball forever.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT – None presented.

8.0 ATTORNEY BUSINESS

Attorney Hodge informed the board that he had forwarded a copy of a statute that was recently enacted requiring recordings of closed session meetings to be available to new board members upon request.

9.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BUSINESS

9.1 Executive Director's Report

Director Pilmer thanked staff for all of their hard work at the Annual Canoe Kayak Race on June 5; that made it possible for him to participate and it was great fun.

He told the board he went to Stuart Sports Complex to view a soccer tournament hosted by the Kickers soccer club on June 11. He said the tournament is a vision of what Stuart could be. He will be presenting plans in the future of what staff has envisioned for the future of Stuart.

Jaime Ijams updated the board on the advisory council meetings; she told the board the councils are made up of staff, members of the community and a board representative. It's been a great opportunity to find out how the facilities are utilized and what can be done to make programs and the facilities better. A lot of valuable input has been received. Improvements made include simple things such as adding coffee service at the VAC and changing batteries on the lockers; and bigger items such as re-evaluating hours of operation or ADA accessible doors. Alex Alexandrou asked if it was possible to take the same approach at Blackberry Farm or Splash Country; it would be a way to connect with the community, as well as to keep the board informed.

Jon Michael updated the board on the last 30 days of RecTrac. Significant progress has been made. Jon worked with Garry Vaccaro to prioritize critical issues. Jon will continue to work with Michael Hayes to gather feedback from staff and members as they move forward; this will allow them to assess what's working or not working.

Diana Erickson updated the board on the community survey. The Fox Valley Park Foundation hired Jeff Andreasen and aQity, who will mail a questionnaire to 4,000 registered voters. The voters were selected because they had voted in two of the last three statewide elections. Jeff and his staff will call the voters to conduct phone interviews if there is less than 10 percent participation in the survey. Director Pilmer said results should be in around early August. If there is a question for ballot, it needs to be filed by August 19. The question would be to ask voters for operations and maintenance money.

Cathy Schwieger presented an update to the board regarding the Golf for Kids benefit. There were 210 golfers this year; 32 returned from last year; 82 golfers in the morning; 128 golfers in the afternoon. There were 58 sponsors. She said the event was a huge success due to a team of more than 80 volunteers helping out. Total revenue, including in-kind, was \$98,964; gross proceeds were \$50,367.

Director Pilmer reported that the park district honored Leon McNair at the golf outing with a resolution naming Leon as an ambassador to the game of golf. Jim McNair accepted the plaque in honor of Leon and brought it to him. Director Pilmer thanked Jeff Long for his guest commentary on Leon which was published in the Beacon News.

10.0 CONTINUED BUSINESS – None presented.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Land Conveyance and Contribution between the Fox Valley Park District and the City of Aurora.

Jeff Palmquist told the board this is a culmination of a number of months of collaboration between the City of Aurora staff and park district staff. The park district will convey to the city the following properties: 1.5 acres east bank of the Fox River Trail, south of RiverEdge Park; Rathbone/Sard Ave. 3.77 acres; 712 S. River St.; 1 acre Hinckley and Douglas parcels; 1.5 acre parcel Ashland and Douglas; and Lincoln Ave. mini park at 1.2 acres. The district will receive from the city: the 2.77 acres former Aurora Christian site; the Northgate Park (Palace Street) at 1.24 acres; the northeast corner of Orchard and Prairie totaling .6 acres; and the Thaddeus James Weisner Park at .13 acres. The district will be finishing the RiverEdge Park lighting on the east bank parcel, as well as fixing the retaining wall at Jake's Bagels and putting in an asphalt overlay at that property. The City will waive the recapture on the Zausa property along Indian Trail.

Rachel Ossyra motioned, Denny Wiggins seconded and the board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement for Land Conveyance and Contribution between the Fox Valley Park District and the City of Aurora. Roll call – voting Aye: Chuck Anderson, Theodia Gillespie, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne, Bob Vaughan and Denny Wiggins; Alex Alexandrou recused himself from voting; voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

11.2 Approve the bid submitted by Utility Dynamics Corporation for the construction of the Fox River Trail lights in the amount of \$57,147.00.

Jeff Palmquist said park district staff has worked with the City to obtain details on the lighting at RiverEdge Park. Nine poles will be installed, staggered across each side of the trail, extending from the south side of the trail bridge down to the parking lot at north River Street.

Cynthia Penne motioned, Bob Vaughan seconded and the board approved the bid submitted by Utility Dynamics Corporation for the construction of the Fox River Trail lights in the amount of \$57,147.00. Roll call – voting Aye: Chuck Anderson, Theodia Gillespie, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne, Bob Vaughan and Denny Wiggins; Alex Alexandrou recused himself from voting; voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

11.3 Aurora Transportation Center Improvements Informational Item

Jeff Palmquist provided additional information on a project that the City is leading. This information is to keep the board informed and up-to-date on City plans and there will be additional requests forthcoming. The focus of these information items is the proposed trail bridge over the Fox River. This is part of the City's larger \$14,000,000 Aurora Transportation Center Improvement plan; \$10,000,000 is covered by Federal grants; over \$8,000,000 is dedicated to the bridge. The west landing will fall on park district property. The bridge has a 750 foot span with six abutments in the river. The width is primarily 23 feet with a bump-out to 31 feet for viewing. Director Pilmer added that the expected completion date is 2018. He said this is strictly an informational item and that no action is needed.

12.0 CLOSED SESSION

Bob Vaughan motioned, Alex Alexandrou seconded and the board unanimously approved concluding the open session at 6:42 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.

13.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Rachel Ossyra motioned, Bob Vaughan seconded and the board unanimously approved by voice vote to return to open session at 7:45 p.m.

13.1 Approve Closed Session Minutes from 06/13/16.

Bob Vaughan motioned, Rachel Ossyra seconded and the board unanimously approved by voice vote the Closed Session Minutes from 06/13/16.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Alex Alexandrou motioned, Denny Wiggins seconded, and the board unanimously approved by voice vote to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Arlene Kallien

Assistant Board Secretary/Clerk of the Board