



**FOX VALLEY PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Serving the Fox Valley Park District  
Kane, DuPage, Kendall and Will Counties, Illinois  
**OPEN SESSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 14, 2017 6:00 p.m.**  
Cole Center 101 W. Illinois Avenue, Aurora

**1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

**2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

President Anderson led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3.0 ROLL CALL**

President Anderson directed the Board Secretary to take attendance by roll call. The following members of the Fox Valley Park District Board of Commissioners were present: Jerry Butler, Mary Anne Cummings, Matt Hicks, Jr., and President Chuck Anderson. Holly Scholz joined the meeting by telephone at 6:13p.m. Excused absent: Cynthia Penne. Absent: Theodia Gillespie.

**4.0 ADDENDA TO THE AGENDA**

None presented.

**5.0 PRESENTATIONS**

**5.1 aQity Research and Insights, Inc.**

Jeff Andresen presented the results of a community survey conducted in October and November 2017.

**5.2 Wight and Company**

Steve Collins presented the results 2017 Master Plan Update.

**6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT - For matters not on the agenda.**

None presented.

**7.0 CONTINUED BUSINESS**

**7.1 Recap of July 2017 Board Retreat**

**7.2 Recap of September 2017 Budget Meeting**

In keeping with the District's five-year financial plan, Director Pilmer gave a recap of the July and September 2017 Board Retreat:

- In past years, while homeowners' EAV was decreasing, the tax rate increased. In recent years, this process is reversing with EAVs increasing and tax rates decreasing.
- The District did not levy taxes for six years, leaving \$4.5 million with the taxpayers. During this time, the District used its reserves to balance the budget and abated \$2 million.
- A more prudent way going forward would be for the District to levy taxes to preserve the EAV, and during good years, abate taxes back to the taxpayers.

- If the District increased the tax levy by .05, based on Speer's calculation using last year's tax levy rate, the capped amount would increase from \$13 million \$15.8 million for operations and maintenance, which would be an additional \$16.67 in taxes annually on a home valued at \$100,000.
- If nothing is done, the current total tax rate (which includes special recreation and debt service), will continue to decline.
- The District's goal is for 50% of revenues to come from the taxpayers, 25% from Recreation programs, and 25% from non-tax revenues.
- The District's 5 year financial forecast beginning in 2017 shows a steady decrease in fund balances which will take the District below the Board approved 6 month reserve level.

#### **8.0 CLOSED SESSION**

None presented.

#### **9.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

#### **10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Mary Anne Cummings motioned to adjourn, Jerry Butler seconded. Voice voting Aye: Jerry Butler, Mary Anne Cummings, Matt Hicks, Jr., and President Chuck Anderson. Voting Nay: none. Holly Scholz abstained. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:41p.m.

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*Respectfully submitted by:*

*Kim Nooncaster*

*Board Secretary*