

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Serving the Fox Valley Park District
Kane, DuPage, Kendall and Will Counties, Illinois
November 10, 2014
Prisco Community Center
150 W. Illinois Avenue, Aurora
6:00 p.m.

1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Vaughan called the Board 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, Gloria Bunce, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne, and Bob Vaughan. Excused: Carl Franco, Theodia Gillespie. 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 moved, Cynthia Penne seconded and the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda items. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Gloria Bunce, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne and Bob Vaughan. Voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

- **5.1** Approve the following meeting minutes of 10/20/2014:
 - Special meeting of the consultant presentations for the Prisco Fitness Center project
 - Open Session meeting
- **5.2** Approve payables 10/31/14 in the amount of \$9,196,957.85.
- **5.3** Approve statement of estimated revenues and expenses for period ending September 2014.
- **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.

6.0 PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

6.1 GFOA Budget Award – President Vaughan presented the GFOA Budget Award to Director of Finance & Administration Diana Erickson and Superintendent of Finance Jennifer Paprocki. The criteria included meeting four categories in the budget document. Finance and Administration rated *Outstanding* in 14 categories.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Carol Mascow of Florida Ave., Aurora, addressed the Board regarding a proposed park on parcels behind Northgate Mall, currently parking lots. She expressed her concern about the safety of children, citing no sidewalks, curbing or lights. She FOIA'd police reports from 2012-2013 regarding crime. She stated she is an educator and agrees with the need for green space but questions the proposed location.

8.0 ATTORNEY BUSINESS

8.1 HB 5623/P.A. 98-0930 – Decision on newly passed law requiring email contact for board members on the District's website.

Attorney Hodge discussed the new mandate. This act provides that every unit of local government and school district that maintains an electronic mail system and an Internet website shall: (1) provide an electronic mail address for the use of each of its elected officials, including board members, and appointed officers, to be used in the course of their official duties; and (2) provide a means for the public to transmit correspondence directly by electronic mail to each elected and appointed official, including board members, through its official website.

Attorney Hodge proposed implementing a single link to a staff member, who would then disperse the email to the appropriate board members. He expressed concern for OMA issues if there were to be more than one email link available. Rachel Ossyra stated that she prefers to give her own email address and offer a direct link to the public. Alex Alexandrou believes there would be OMA issues with only one email address link offered to the public; he prefers to have a link to each individual board member under their photo with a "cc" to staff.

Staff was directed to bring back two options to the December meeting: a single email option and an individual email option. The decision to discuss the pros and cons of one general email address versus individual email addresses for each board member was delayed until a "test" can be done to choose the best process; no action was taken at this time.

9.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BUSINESS

9.1 Accept 6-month update on 2014-17 Strategic Plan.

Director McCaul reported that staff had completed 28 short-term objectives and eight long-term objectives from the 2014-2017 Strategic Plan. Upon approval the 6-month Update will be posted on the website. Gloria Bunce moved, Cynthia Penne seconded and the Board unanimously approved to accept the 6-month update of the 2014-17 Strategic Plan. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Gloria Bunce, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne and Bob Vaughan. Voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

9.2 IAPD Credentials – Approve appointment of Robert Vaughan as Fox Valley Park District delegate at the Annual Business Meeting of the Illinois Association of Park Districts.

Rachel Ossyra moved, Alex Alexandrou seconded and the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Robert Vaughan as Fox Valley Park District delegate at the Annual Business Meeting of the Illinois Association of Park Districts. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Gloria Bunce, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne and Bob Vaughan. Voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

Director McCaul thanked Debbie Thompson for all of her dedication and hard work as an employee of the Fox Valley Park District over the past 25 years. She invited all board members and staff to join her in wishing Debbie well in her retirement at a cake reception following the meeting.

10.0 CONTINUED BUSINESS – None presented.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Award the base bid in the amount of \$159,802 from Barton Electric, Inc., Trenton, IL, for the installation of new ball field lights at Copley 1 Park.

Jeff Palmquist reported that the project at Copley 1 Park would be proceeding in two phases. Alex Alexandrou moved, Cynthia Penne seconded and the Board unanimously approved to award the base bid in the amount of \$159,802 from Barton Electric, Inc., Trenton, IL, for the installation of new ball field lights at Copley 1 Park. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Gloria Bunce, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne and Bob Vaughan. Voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

11.2 Approve the agreement between the Fox Valley Park District and Cordogan Clark and Associates, Inc. for architectural services for the expansion and renovation of the Prisco Community Center.

Alex Alexandrou moved, Gloria Bunce seconded and the Board unanimously approved the agreement between the Fox Valley Park District and Cordogan Clark and Associates, Inc. for architectural services for the expansion and renovation of the Prisco Community Center. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Gloria Bunce, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne and Bob Vaughan. Voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

11.3 Approve the SciTech Repositioning Study agreement between Market Feasibility Advisors and the Fox Valley Park District for a fee of \$18,000.

Alex Alexandrou commented that he felt it was a great opportunity to collaborate with the community to enhance the quality of life for residents. He has been approached by many people telling him they are very pleased with SciTech. Rachel Ossyra moved, Cynthia Penne seconded and the Board unanimously approved the SciTech Repositioning Study agreement between Market Feasibility Advisors and the Fox Valley Park District for a fee of \$18,000. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Gloria Bunce, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne and Bob Vaughan. Voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

11.4 Declare miscellaneous items as surplus.

Mike Erickson reported that the surplus items are being advertised on the FVPD website; most items will sell; there are no ties to the antiques. Cynthia Penne moved, Rachel Ossyra seconded and the Board unanimously approved to declare miscellaneous items as surplus. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Gloria Bunce, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne and Bob Vaughan. Voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

12.0 CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Al Miller, Greater Auroraland Athletic Directors Association Thank you for your continued support of the "City of Lights" Fall Tournament Series

Jeff Craig, Superintendent, West Aurora School District 129

Email – Thank you for allowing us to host our cross-country STAMPEDE at the Stuart Sports Complex.

Jason Buckley, Athletic Director, West Aurora High School

Thank you for making the NFL Flag Football League a great experience for the kids.

Diane Renner, Director, Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry

Thank you for your "In-kind" donation of a discounted facility rate for the "Fill the Bowls" fundraiser.

Fox Valley Park District in the News

Various recent news article(s) concerning the District.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

Alex Alexandrou moved, Rachel Ossyra seconded and the Board unanimously approved concluding the Open Session at 6:40 p.m. and moving into Closed Session for the reasons stated on the agenda. Roll call – voting Aye: Alex Alexandrou, Gloria Bunce, Rachel Ossyra, Cynthia Penne and Bob Vaughan. Voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

14.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

14.1 Approve Closed Session Minutes from 09/08/2014.

Minutes of September 8, 2014 Closed Session were approved for release as redacted by legal counsel for pending matters upon motion by Alex Alexandrou and seconded by Cynthia Penne; unanimously approved.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Alex Alexandrou moved, Gloria Bunce seconded and the Board unanimously approved adjourning the meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, President Vaughan thereupon adjourned the Open Session meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Arlene Kallien Executive Assistant

Cynthia Penne, Secretary Board of Trustees

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