



**FOX VALLEY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
Serving the Fox Valley Park District
Kane, DuPage, Kendall and Will Counties, Illinois
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2019 6:00 PM
Prisco Community Center
150 W. Illinois Avenue, Aurora

1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Anderson led 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: Mavis Bates, Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Mary Anne Cummings, Matt Hicks, Jr., Holly Scholz, and President Chuck Anderson. Also present: Executive Director Jim Pilmer, Attorney Hodge, Diana Erickson, John Kramer, Dan Leahy, Jon Michael, Jeff Palmquist, David Summer, Sandie Gilmer, administrative staff and guest.

4.0 ADDENDA TO THE AGENDA

None presented.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Matt Hicks, Jr. made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Al Broholm. Roll call voting Aye: Mavis Bates, Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Mary Anne Cummings, Matt Hicks, Jr., Holly Scholz and President Chuck Anderson. Voting Nay: none, and the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the consent agenda.

5.1 Approve the Open Session meeting minutes of June 10, 2019.

5.2 Approve payables for the period ending June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$1,322,764.24.

5.3 Approve the statement of estimated revenues and expenses for period ending May 31, 2019.

5.4 Approve Department Directors and other reports.

5.5 Approve the capital projects permitting fees & charges, cost summaries, and project bid schedule reports.

5.6 Approve the bid in the amount of \$0.09 per gallon mark-up for unleaded fuel, \$0.12 per gallon mark-up for bio-diesel fuel, \$0.12 per gallon mark-up for diesel off-road fuel and \$0.03 per gallon for diesel winter additive from Fece Oil Company, Minooka, Illinois for the District's annual fuel purchase.

6.0 PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None presented.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None presented.

8.0 ATTORNEY BUSINESS

Attorney Hodge mentioned that the intergovernmental agreements with the Police Departments of the City of Aurora, Village of North Aurora, and Village of Montgomery listed under New Business 11.3, 11.4, and 11.5 are essentially the same with only minor differences because each agreement was reviewed by a different attorney.

9.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BUSINESS

9.1 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Jim Pilmer reported on the following:

- Through grant funding from the Fox Valley Park Foundation, FVPD is providing a 6-week yoga program to the women residing at Mutual Ground.
- National Night Out is coming up on August 6, and will be held at 7 locations in the area, including McCleery Park, Washington Park, Arrow Wood Park, Church Road Park, Copley Boxing Center, McCarty Park and Butterfield Park.
- FVPD Riptides are hosting the 2019 Summer Regional Championship Swim Meet at Vaughan Athletic Center on July 19-21. There will be 130+ events and 600-700 swimmers will participate.
- The Summer Stage production of Annie will offer 4 performances from July 19-21.
- The Mexican Soccer League will host a tournament of 135 adult and youth teams at Stuart Sports Complex on July 20 and 21.
- There is a free Concert in the Park event on July 17 at McCullough Park. This is the third in a series of five for the summer.
- Jeff Palmquist reported on a partnership between ComEd and Open Land to disburse grant funds for green initiatives. FVPD received a \$1,000 grant for the creation and enhancement of a natural area at Stuart Sports Complex in the form of a pollinator habitat.
- John Kramer introduced Jimmy Schmidt, West Maintenance Supervisor who presented the Board of Commissioners with the "Low Salt Community" award given to the District by The Conservation Foundation for the District's efforts to reduce the amount of de-icing salts used to clear walkways and roadways.
- Information regarding the Blackberry Farm Event Barn can be found at each Commissioner's place.

10.0 CONTINUED BUSINESS

None presented.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

11.1 **An Ordinance providing for the issue of approximately \$3,370,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2019, for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the 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.**

Diana Erickson reported to the Board that the last bond issued by the District was in 2017 and that it has since been quickly repaid. She stated that because of the District's excellent Aa1 Moody rating, the District is able to secure a very low interest rate on the sale of bonds. She introduced Anthony Miceli, Senior Vice President of Speer Financial who reported that the District received 5 bids for the bond issuance and the lowest bid came from Aurora Bank & Trust with an excellent rate of 1.68%-the lowest rate that Speer Financial has seen in the last 18 months. Because of the low rate, we are able to resize the bond amount to \$3,466,795. Diana Erickson recommended approval of Ordinance 19-489 for the issuance of the General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bond, Series 2019 in the amount of \$3,466,795.

Mavis Bates made a motion to approve the Ordinance for the bond issuance, seconded by Mary Anne Cummings. Roll call voting Aye: Mavis Bates, Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Mary Anne Cummings, Matt Hicks, Jr., Holly Scholz and President Chuck Anderson. Voting Nay: none, and the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the Ordinance for the bond issuance.

11.2 Approve Ordinance number 19-490 annexing the 16-acre Pulte Homes/Laurelton Place property located east of Eola Road and north of Hafenrichter Road in Aurora into the Fox Valley Park District.

Jeff Palmquist recommended approval of Ordinance 19-490 annexing the Laurelton Place property into the District. Holly Scholz made a motion to approve, seconded by Jerry Butler. Roll call voting Aye: Mavis Bates, Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Mary Anne Cummings, Matt Hicks, Jr., Holly Scholz and President Chuck Anderson. Voting Nay: none, and the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the Ordinance for the annexation.

*The following items 11.3, 11.4, 11.5 were bundled together for approval purposes.

11.3 Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Police Services between the City of Aurora and the Fox Valley Park District.

11.4 Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Police Services between the Village of North Aurora and the Fox Valley Park District.

11.5 Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Police Services between the Village of Montgomery and the Fox Valley Park District.

David Summer recommended approval of three intergovernmental agreements for police services with the City of Aurora, Village of North Aurora, and Village of Montgomery.

Al Broholm made a motion to approve the agreements, seconded by Jerry Butler. Roll call voting Aye: Mavis Bates, Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Mary Anne Cummings, Matt Hicks, Jr., Holly Scholz and President Chuck Anderson. Voting Nay: none, and the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the intergovernmental agreements.

12.0 CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Commissioners did not convene into closed session.

13.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

13.1 President's Comments.

President Anderson shared an article with the Commissioners for their review. He reminded the Commissioners that the Board Budget Retreat will take place on July 31 and asked that each Commissioner bring 2 suggestions or ideas for change or enhancement that they'd like to discuss. President Anderson also shared that he was with family at Phillips Park for a District Summer Camp and commended the camp and counselors for an outstanding job. He also commended PSO Samantha Rodriguez for her professional and attentive behavior.

Commissioner Butler reported that he recently attended two neighborhood meetings. Both were well attended and the common theme was that older residents of the District would like more information regarding what programs and services the District offers. They do not frequently use the internet or access the District website and Commissioner Butler requested the info be in printed form to distribute at these meetings.

Commissioner Cummings stated that the constituents in her neighborhood do not always have access to information regarding District programming, particularly aquatics and asked for a better way to distribute that information to residents in her area.

Commissioner Hicks reported that he attended the Summer Camp at Greenfield Park and watched the kids play kickball and meet Parker the Fox while enjoying ice cream provided by a Kiwanis grant. He also attended the Aurora Housing Authority STEP completion ceremony and was impressed by the young adults who came through that program.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Mavis Bates made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt Hicks, Jr. Voice voting Aye: Mavis Bates, Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Mary Anne Cummings, Matt Hicks, Jr., Holly Scholz and President Chuck Anderson. Voting Nay: none, and the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved to adjourn at 7:36PM.

Respectfully submitted by:



*Kim Nooncaster
Board Secretary*