

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Mt. Prospect Park District, Cook County, Illinois, was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at Central Community Center Facility of said Park District. President John Eilering called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. On roll call, the following officers and commissioners were present:

Julia Caporusso
Timothy Doherty
John Eilering
Gary Grouwinkel - Absent
Bill Klicka
Lisa Tenuta
Susan Walsh

Administrative Staff:

Walter Cook, CEO
Lee Howard, Financial Advisor
Sharon Anderson
Lou Ennesser
Pat Kennedy
Cathy Miller
Bob Ancona
Joe Patterson
Lois Kazan

Visitors:

Tom Ziegenfuss
Jean Rezny
Tom Reese
Greg Minter
Tom Martindale
Barb Sabaj
Amy Olson
Carol Kelly
Gene Kelly
John Miller

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Before approving the agenda, President Eilering requested that the agenda item, Prospect High School (School District 214) – Artificial Turf, be moved up on the agenda to be discussed after the Approval of Minutes. Commissioner Klicka moved to accept the agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Walsh and carried by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Caporusso moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 14, 2011 as presented; seconded by Commissioner Tenuta. Commissioner Doherty noted an error in the last paragraph of the minutes – Commissioner Graves needs to be changed to Commissioner Grouwinkel. Commissioner Caporusso moved to accept the minutes as amended; seconded by Commissioner Tenuta and carried by unanimous voice vote.

PROSPECT HIGH SCHOOL (SCHOOL DISTRICT 214) – ARTIFICIAL TURF

W. Cook explained that he met with District 214 during the summer of 2010 to discuss all facets regarding the possibility of the two entities joining forces to install artificial turf at Prospect High School. During the summer of 2011, Arlington Heights, Hersey, and Wheeling High Schools have joined with their respective park districts and have installed artificial turf. The results, installation as well as usage, have met with 100% approval from both entities. Plans are now in progress for Buffalo Grove and Rolling Meadows High Schools to join in the installation with the same anticipated results. Mt. Prospect Park District needs to review, discuss and make a decision regarding a joint effort with Prospect High School if plans are to move forward for completion of a field here by next year.

Sharon Anderson, Director of Recreation, noted that the agreements reached between the schools and park districts already noted have strengthened relations and pride between the various entities and all aspects, i.e. usage, maintenance, etc. have all turned out better than ever anticipated. Joe Patterson, Youth Athletic Coordinator, noted the many benefits the installation of artificial turf would mean to our many soccer, football and baseball teams, i.e. season to season playability, no bare spots left by football, less rain days and the elimination of so many make-up games, allowing for a field resting program, the development of new programs, and many other advantages. S. Anderson also noted that it would be a benefit for those participating in NWSRA programs.

Greg Minter, Prospect High School, noted that there has been a long- standing relationship between the school and the Park District and he believes this new agreement will work well. He also noted that the field is equipped with new bleachers and lights, both an advantage to the Park District.

Commissioner Tenuta questioned the size of the field and if it can be changed to accommodate various teams. It was explained that anchors are installed which allow for the field size to be changed easily.

Commissioner Walsh noted the potential elimination of rainouts as a benefit of artificial turf, example being the Knights concert. She questioned the development of LaCrosse and was told that this was feasible for the Park District if desired but not District 214 at this time.

Commissioner Caporusso asked if affiliates of the Park District, i.e. Green & White Girls Soccer, could use the fields and the answer was definitely in the affirmative.

Commissioner Klicka questioned the life expectancy of the turf and was told this is the best material available and is 10-12 years minimum.

Commissioner Doherty asked if the cost of maintenance would be divided between the Park District and District 214. G. Minter indicated that maintenance was minimal, i.e. a machine for grooming needs to be purchased.

Commissioner Tenuta noted that usage is the key.

Tom Ziegenfuss, Prospect Parent, has been involved with the Boosters for 11 years and strongly supports the two entities coming together noting that the benefits are endless.

President Eilering indicated that he approves of the project as long as the financials can be worked out. He noted that timing is of the utmost importance.

Commissioner Tenuta is concerned about the financial aspect and takes it very seriously. W. Cook explained that the cost estimate is around \$1,000,000 and would be divided 50/50.. He also noted that the Board of Commissioners had the foresight last year, with the interest rate being low, to approve the sale of \$3,000,000 in Alternate Bonds to be used for projects such as this.

President Eilering would like to have a more exact cost estimate and was told it is forthcoming. W. Cook explained that approval at this meeting was only to confirm the Park District's interest in working with the School District to establish a timeline, work out details and return with the financials.

Commissioner Walsh moved to confirm the Park District's desire to enter into a mutual agreement and sharing of financials with School District 214 for the installation of artificial turf and Prospect High School; seconded by Commissioner Tenuta.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Pass</u>
Commissioner Caporusso	X		
Commissioner Doherty	X		
Commissioner Eilering	X		
Commissioner Grouwinkel			absent
Commissioner Klicka	X		
Commissioner Tenuta	X		
Commissioner Walsh	X		

Motion carried.

PARKS FOUNDATION UPDATE

Commissioner Caporusso noted that the Foundation is in the process of scheduling fundraising days through Carson Pirie Scott. Commissioner Tenuta noted again that the Parks Foundation is in need of new members and asked that everyone try to find interested individuals.

GOLF COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Caporusso reported that the Golf Committee meeting was very productive. Development plans for irrigation and draining were discussed. W. Cook noted that Greg Martin, Golf Course Architect, contacted him and the matrix that was requested and other ideas are ready. Golf Committee members will discuss availability and set a date.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

Lee Howard, Financial Consultant, reviewed the year to date departmental expenditures analysis, revenue trends and profitability of the District's key revenue facilities

RATIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Klicka moved to ratify the payment of the accounts payable for the month of December for check numbers 145019 through 160140 in the amount of \$3,280,500.71; seconded by Commissioner Doherty.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Pass</u>
Commissioner Caporusso	X		
Commissioner Doherty	X		
Commissioner Eilering	X		
Commissioner Grouwinkel			absent
Commissioner Klicka	X		
Commissioner Tenuta	X		
Commissioner Walsh	X		

Motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF PAYROLL

Commissioner Klicka moved to ratify the payment of the salaries and wages for 11/09/11 & 11/23/11or check numbers 184170 through 184903 in the amount of \$317,662.98; seconded by Commissioner Caporusso.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Pass</u>
Commissioner Caporusso	X		
Commissioner Doherty	X		
Commissioner Eilering	X		
Commissioner Grouwinkel			absent
Commissioner Klicka	X		
Commissioner Tenuta	X		
Commissioner Walsh	X		

Motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Klicka moved to ratify the payment of the accounts payable for the month of December for check numbers 160142 through 160425 in the amount of \$494,321.92 ; seconded by Commissioner Doherty.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Pass</u>
Commissioner Caporusso	X		
Commissioner Doherty	X		
Commissioner Eilering	X		
Commissioner Grouwinkel			absent
Commissioner Klicka	X		
Commissioner Tenuta	X		
Commissioner Walsh	X		

Motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF PAYROLL

Commissioner Klicka moved to ratify the payment of the salaries and wages for 12/07/11 & 12/21/11 for check numbers 184904 through 185623 in the amount of \$310,638.01; seconded by Commissioner Doherty.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Pass</u>
Commissioner Caporusso	X		
Commissioner Doherty	X		
Commissioner Eilering	X		
Commissioner Grouwinkel			absent
Commissioner Klicka	X		
Commissioner Tenuta	X		
Commissioner Walsh	X		

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

W. Cook was proud to announce that the Mt. Prospect Park District is once again the recipient of the Government Finance Officers Award. This prestigious award has been received annually for over a decade.

He was also happy to announce that, after the changes made last year, the health insurance this year is a -1.1%. The Liability Insurance is under review and will be reported on in March. The Board was also reminded that they are required to complete Open Meetings Training by the end of 2012 and a copy of their certificate of completion needs to be on file.

Commissioner Tenuta noted that the External Affairs report indicated that Karen Blair is leaving for another job opportunity. She feels that Karen has been an unbelievable support to the Park District, done a fabulous job and should receive the Board's thanks. President Eilering asked

that Karen be invited to the next board meeting to be honored. Commissioner Tenuta asked when the final phase of roof replacement at RecPlex would begin. L. Ennesser indicated that the project is going out to bid in April/May and work should begin in June. She also noted that she will be calling a Recreation Committee Meeting to discuss programs and fitness sale, especially in light of the new facilities that have opened in the area.

UPDATE: VETERANS MEMORIAL BANDSHELL ANNEX

President Eilering explained that this topic is on the agenda as an update and not for voting purposes.

Lou Ennesser reviewed the entire Bandshell project from its inception in 1994 to the present. Commissioner Walsh questioned the fountain, i.e. the “season”, fiberglass grid, potential for vandalism and if a steering committee had been formed. L Ennesser responded that the season for the fountain is weather related and would probably be March to November, and the fiberglass grid is still being investigated. The bandshell has had minimal incidents of vandalism and the philosophy of the District has always been not to penalize the vast majority in favor of the few who vandalize. The veterans have served as the committee dating back to 1994 and promises made to them. The plans have been shown to the VFW and American Legion.

Carol Kelly, resident, indicated that she had no knowledge of this project until recently and is concerned with where it is heading. She honors our veterans, but feels the fountain is unwarranted use of our dollars and needs to be studied. Although late in beginning she is willing to serve on a steering committee as this moves forward.

Kevin Johnston, resident, noted that the availability of information regarding meetings is poor and could not find it on the website. He was informed that notice is sent to all newspapers, available at all facilities and on the website, however, the District is aware that the website is in need of some revision. He also indicated that the priorities of the district are not correct – irrigation at the Golf Course is a high priority. “Need to get best bang for the buck.”

Barb Sabaj, resident and Parks Foundation Director, noted that she has been involved with the Park District for a long time, this idea has always been in the works and is a culmination of a promise to our veterans. Pools and golf course are important, but other aesthetics need to be considered also. We made a promise, we need to fulfill it.

Commissioner Tenuta feels that garage needs to come down but her objection is the scope and cost of the project as well as the fountain as it is too near the school. A walkway connecting to the street would be lovely.

Commissioner Klicka stated that he has been on the project since day and is 100% behind it. The widows and families of our veterans need to see it finished.

Commissioner Caporusso appreciates the idea and the plan has already sold bricks but does not approve of the fountain as it is too close to the school.

Commissioner Walsh stated that she does not approve of the fountain as it is too close to the school. She appreciates the lovely gardens throughout our Park District with the flowers grown in our own conservatory and feels this would provide an amazing memorial.

President Eilering stated Lions garage needs to be demolished and that the scope of the project should be reviewed. He is in agreement that there are many projects, Big Surf among them, that are on the list of improvements needed.

TENTATIVE BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Eilering reminded the Board that the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance has been on file at the Mount Prospect and Des Plaines Libraries since December. Adoption is scheduled for the March 21 Regular Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Doherty moved to adjourn to closed session at 9:30 p.m. for the purpose of Section 2 (c)(1): Personnel; seconded by Commissioner Klicka.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Pass</u>
Commissioner Caporusso	X		
Commissioner Doherty	X		
Commissioner Eilering	X		
Commissioner Grouwinkel			absent
Commissioner Klicka	X		
Commissioner Tenuta	X		
Commissioner Walsh	X		

Motion carried.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Doherty moved to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 9:51 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Klicka and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia R. Caporusso, Secretary