

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Mt. Prospect Park District, Cook County, Illinois, was held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at Central Community Center Facility of said Park District. President 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
Bill Klicka
Lisa Tenuta
Susan Walsh

Administrative Staff:

Walter Cook, CEO
Thomas Hoffman, Attorney
Lee Howard, Financial Advisor
Lou Ennesser
Sharon Anderson
Teri Wirkus
Cathy Miller
Carolyn Malz
Carol Brodie

Visitors:

Rich Mayer, Journal
Kevin Grouwinkel
Bob McKillop
Bill Starr
Tom Reese
Gayle Reese & Mother
William Walters
Jerry Clauser & family
Karen Blair
Numerous Residents and Veterans

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Grouwinkel moved to accept the agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Klicka and carried by unanimous voice vote

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Duchacu, Resident and Veteran, noted that he and many other veterans in the audience, noticed that there was no American Flag hanging in the meeting room and there should be one present. President Eilering stated that one has been in the room previously and is in total agreement that one should be present. He also stated that the Pledge of Allegiance should be recited at the beginning of each meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Doherty noted a correction was needed as to President Eilering calling the meeting to order. Commissioner Walsh noted that she had received a copy of the budget and the statement that she did not was incorrect. Commissioner Doherty moved to accept the minutes as amended; seconded by Commissioner Grouwinkel and carried by unanimous voice vote.

PARKS FOUNDATION UPDATE

William Walter, President of the Parks Foundation, noted that although Jerry Clauser, retiring Parks Foundation Director, was being honored later this evening, he wanted to extend his best wishes and thanks for the many years of tireless service to the Park District and Foundation and his dedication and work with the Veterans Memorial Bandshell.

W. Walters informed the Board that the Foundation was successful with the Carsons Community Days selling 23 books and will schedule another day and a donor tree for the Friendship Park Conservatory was being developed.

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. Commissioner Grouwinkel noted that there is a great deal of competition in the area that may be reflected in the pass sales. Commissioner Walsh asked about the driving range and concessions and their profitability. Lee Howard explained they typically do not return a large profit. Commissioner Walsh asked Commissioner Tenuta, chairperson of the Recreation Committee, to have the topic on the agenda of the next committee meeting.

RATIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – JANUARY 2012

Commissioner Klicka moved to ratify the payment of the accounts payable for the month of January for check numbers 160929 through 161206 in the amount of \$619,993.70; seconded by Commissioner Grouwinkel.

<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	X		
Commissioner Klicka	X		
Commissioner Tenuta	X		

Commissioner Walsh X
Motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF PAYROLL – JANUARY 2012

Commissioner Klicka moved to ratify the payment of the salaries and wages for 3/14/12 & 3/28/12 for check numbers 187412 through 188131 the amount of \$319,706.71; seconded by Commissioner Grouwinkel;.

<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	X		
Commissioner Klicka	X		
Commissioner Tenuta	X		
Commissioner Walsh	X		

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

W. Cook informed the Board that the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District has renewed the lease for Melas Park for 39 years – expiration date 2051. He also informed the Board that the bid for installing lights at Melas will be on the agenda next month. He also reminded the Board that the Economic Interest Statement deadline was May 1 and the Auditors are due in on May 7. Additionally, he noted that Ernie Kuehl, Center Director at RecPlex, retired after 14 years of service to the Park District and will be missed and Lou Ennesser, Director of Parks & Planning, will be retiring the end of May.

BID AWARD: VETERANS MEMORIAL BANDSHELL ANNEX

President Eilering explained that standard procedure will be followed, i.e. a motion will be placed on the floor regarding the bid award and discussion will follow, first from the Board and then from the audience.

Commissioner Grouwinkel moved to award the bid for the Veterans Memorial Bandshell Outdoor Expansion at Lions Memorial Park, to include the base bid and deduct Alternate Nos. 1, 2, and 4, to Nicholas & Associates, the lowest responsible bidder, for a cost not to exceed \$584,000.00; seconded by Commissioner Klicka.

Commissioner Doherty noted that the project was started long before he became a Commissioner and feels it is a fantastic project and has his support.

Commissioner Tenuta expressed her support for the Veterans Memorial but is against the scale of the project as it is too costly. She is most appreciative of the veterans and what they have done for our country, she has family members who have served in the Armed Forces, but feels she must be fiscally responsible and vote “no”.

Commissioner Walsh noted that in talking to Bill Starr, Commander of the American Legion, he noted that they were “on opposite sides” which is not true. She stated that she loves and respect veterans, appreciates what they have done and has a long line of relatives who have served over the years. She feels that the Park District projects need to be looked at individually and this one is too large and expensive considering the economic times.

Commissioner Caporusso noted that she too supports the Veterans but is against the fountain as it is in too close proximity to the school.

Commissioner Grouwinkel is in favor of the project and wants to get it done. He also wants it clarified that taxes will not go up because of the project but at the same time is disappointed that the Village did not contribute to the project.

Commissioner Klicka stated that he is the only Board member present from the start of the project, it deserves to be completed and has his 100% support.

Commissioner Eilering indicated that we all believe in the Veterans, it is just there is a difference in the scope of the project. He, too, noted a disappointment in the Village of Mount Prospect not contributing.

Bob McKillop, a veteran and long- time resident of Mount Prospect who was involved with the Veterans Memorial since its inception, spoke very eloquently and shared many memories regarding the community and the Memorial Bandshell project,going back to the time when Lions Park was correctly named Lions Memorial Park to more recent times when purchase of bricks had to be turned down due to lack of space. There was a covenant made with the Park District to develop this as a Living Memorial and a covenant is an unbreakable agreement. The memorial needs to be completed, not just for us but for our children.

Bill Walters was on the Board when the Bandshell project began and feels it must be completed.

Tom Reese, former Commissioner, has been excited about the project for years and the plans for the project have been around for years and the veterans helped to design the concept. It will serve as a quiet zone, provide a space for reflection as well as a place to bring children to learn about our American heritage.

Gayle Reese lost a brother at sea and has never been found. She bought a brick and looks forward to bringing her mother to a calm and beautiful Veterans Memorial to reflect and remember.

Commissioner Grouwinkel repeated his motion to award the bid:

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<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	X		
Commissioner Klicka	X		
Commissioner Tenuta		X	
Commissioner Walsh		X	

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Doherty moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of SECTION 2(c)(1): PERSONNEL and SECTION 2(c)(11): PROBABLE LITIGATION at 8:10 pm; seconded by Commissioner Grouwinkel.

<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	X		
Commissioner Klicka	X		
Commissioner Tenuta	X		
Commissioner Walsh	X		

Motion carried.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

As there was no Closed Session business to discuss, President Eilering called for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, Commissioner Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Caporusso a.

<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	X		
Commissioner Klicka	X		
Commissioner Tenuta	X		
Commissioner Walsh	X		

Motion carried.

Julia R. Caporusso, Secretary