

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Mt. Prospect Park District, Cook County, Illinois, was held on Wednesday, July 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
John Eilering
Gary Grouwinkel
Bill Klicka
Lisa Tenuta
Susan Walsh
Timothy Doherty

Administrative Staff:

Walter Cook, CEO
Lee Howard, Financial Director
Jim Jarog, Director of Parks & Planning
Sharon Anderson, Director of Recreation
Teri Wirkus, Exec. Prof./Compliance Manager

Visitors:

Phyllis Swedberg
Connie Caroscelli
Leroy Rodgers
John Benson
Grace Rizzo
Chuck Mueller
Don Normandt
Katey Smith
Joe & Julie Maslanka
Don Maslanka
Jessica Martin
Charles Wetterling
John Ostrem
Dick Coleman
Thomas Braun
Robert Kawslek
Richard Johnston
John Cabanski
Roy Damer
Jerry Clauser
Jeff & Jane Everett
Steven Smith
Tom Doherty

PUBLIC COMMENT

Connie Carosielli, Assessor Officer of Elk Grove Township and MP resident addressed the board and stated that she felt the Golf Course should just have the irrigation and drainage. She hears from concern tax payers that Cook County tax bills are on the rise and feels that this isn't the time to have such a big project.

Tom Braun addressed the board next and stated that he enjoys the park district, the community and the Golf Course. He would like to see the Village and the Park District work together on the drainage situation with new reservoirs. He feels that it will save money if they would work together.

John Cabanski stated that the golf course is a great course. He felt there are a lot of needs and a lot of wants for the course. He feels that the expansion is a want. Shelve the issue and take into consideration the needs only.

Joe Maslanka doesn't want to see any increase in his tax bill, could we operate more efficient? Do we have an opportunity to lower our tax bill?

Lee Howard, Financial Director answered the tax question: that less than 6% of our tax bill is for the park district- we get our revenue from programs, golf course, rentals, pools etc.

Phyllis Swedberg is for the drainage & irrigation only and wanted to know why don't we get a referendum? She asked for an explanation about the debt and bonds.

Lee Howard did a short explanation of the law and short term/long term debt. We have an excellent credit rating of AA.

Bob Doall asked if the Agenda could be more descriptive on what is going to be discussed. He stated that we need to do things at the golf course in stages; dig out the ponds first.

Commissioner Eilering explained that the reason the Park District would like to do a project at one time as not to inconvenience the public more than once.

John Ostrem stated he is a retired individual and is worried. He understands that certain needs have to be done but believes that the Golf Course is beautiful now.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Grouwinkler moved to accept the agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Tenuta and carried by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Grouwinkler moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 27, 2012 as presented; seconded by Commissioner Klicka and carried by unanimous voice vote.

PARKS FOUNDATION

None

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 Walsh would like a more descriptive itemized list of everything on all the credit cards, just like we do for the voucher lists. Lee stated that everything we do is transparent and he will look into it.

RATIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Klicka moved to ratify the payment of the accounts payable for the month of June 2012 for check numbers 161958 through 162312 in the amount of \$775,771.08 seconded by Commissioner Tenuta.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</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

Commissioner Klicka moved to ratify the payment of the salaries and wages for June 6, 2012 through June 20, 2012 for check numbers 18965 through 190648 in the amount of \$379,289.31; seconded by Commissioner Grouwinkel.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</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

Walter Cook updated the Board on the projects that are in progress. The Synthetic Turf Football Field Project has been completed ahead of schedule! Go over to Prospect High School Football Field to admire a great job. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be on September 21. Melas Light Project is on schedule. The weather has really helped the project progress. Commissioner Tenuta asked why the orange fencing was up at Melas Park. The orange fencing was put up by the Arlington Hts. Park Districts for their synthetic turf project. Commissioner Doherty asked Sharon Anderson for a breakdown schedule for the use of the Prospect Hts High School Turf. The Capital Wish List for our ten year plan and our Budgets for 2013 are in progress. The final and Phase 3 of the RecPlex Roof is now underway. The portion of the roof that covers the pool and fitness is being taken off .If the weather will keep cooperating everything will continue to run smooth. We will be completing the ADA pool upgrades at the same time. We have the ADA ramp at RecPlex installed. Commissioner Tenuta asked if we have purchased Lake Michigan water? Walter stated no not yet, fortunately we have had some rain fall that help to fill up our ponds at the golf course. She also stated the rock plates that have been vandalized at the golf course and maybe we need to have stronger rock plates. She inquired if the board would be able to look at the progress of the new website and schedule a meeting. Commissioner Walsh asked where we were at with the driving range at Melas. Walter stated that since the late 1980's the driving range has been a "concept" not near construction. This is a concept plan.

NEW BUSINESS

The board received a preliminary Golf Course Restoration Plan Proposal from Dave Esler with suggestions on how to proceed. The Park District understands that we have an infra-structure problem and needs-not wants for the irrigation systems that was installed in 1983. The Park District does not take these problems lightly. We know that the irrigation system is breaking down often. When we use the water from Clearwater pond we have to change the PH factor and de-silt them. We need more and larger ponds. It is an unbelievable domino effect! Infra-structure has to be fixed.

Commissioner Caporusso discussed meeting with Dave Esler (Architect) for a second opinion and stated she would like to put her support in having Esler Design give MPPD a plan. Commissioner Walsh said she wanted Esler to give us a plan for drainage and irrigation. Commissioner Tenuta was behind having Esler Design for a second opinion. She stated that restoration for drainage is the key because of major flooding on all the different holes. Let's move forward and make good solid decisions. She feels it is a bonus to have two experts taking a look at our golf course. Commissioner Doherty also stated that he would like to see what Esler Design has to say. Commissioner Klicka wanted to say that no matter who the Park District goes with we will have to close the course to do the irrigation & drainage or any other plan. What will it cost from point A to point B? We have to do something. Commissioner Grouwinkel feels that the plan will cost the same no matter who will be doing it because of what has to be done. Commissioner Eilering is intrigued with what Esler Design has to say. After we

receive the proposal from Esler Design we need to give Martin Design a chance to review. The time frame for Dave Esler's proposal to be back to the Park District will be in the early part of fall.

Walter Cook stated that new rules and regulations might pass on the close of this year for the "storm water storage" to take effect in 2013. This could be an issue for the plans on the golf course. The Park District will be doing some research to see what the impact would be. Commissioner Walsh wanted to discuss bond issues. Commissioner Eilering stated that we will have David Phillips from Speer Financial Inc.(which is the Park Districts financial advisors) at the August 22 Board Meeting where he will be explaining General Obligation Bonds. Commissioner Eilering invited everyone to come back and join the board for this informative session. He wanted to thank the Mt. Prospect Park District staff on their hard work and an outstanding job again this season.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Klicka moved to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 9:15p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Grouwinkel and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia R. Caporusso, Secretary