

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Mt. Prospect Park District, Cook County, Illinois, was held on Wednesday, July 27, 2011 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 (absent)
John Eilering
Gary Grouwinkel
Bill Klicka
Lisa Tenuta
Susan Walsh

Administrative Staff:

Walter Cook, CEO
Lee Howard, Financial Advisor
Lou Ennesser, Director of Parks & Planning
Lois Kazan, Executive Assistant

Visitors:

None

PUBLIC HEARING

President Eilering announced that the purpose of this hearing is to receive public comments on the proposals to sell (i) General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the district in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000, the proceeds of which will be used to (a) replace the roof of the RecPlex Recreational Building, demolish a garage and construct a war memorial at Lions Park, provide lighting at the Melas Park fields and driving range, and (b) alter, repair, renovate, improve and equip other facilities of the district, and to provide for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, and (ii) General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000, the proceeds of which will be used for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of land purchased or condemned for parks, to refund certain outstanding debt certificates and alternate bonds and for the payment of costs of issuance.

President Eilering asked for written or oral comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Walsh noted that she was not clear on where the money was going. President Eilering explained that the proceeds are for capital projects and needs determined by the staff and approved by the Board. He noted that the projects may change as varying needs arise.

W. Cook went on to explain that there are two issues involved. The first is the annual General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000, the proceeds of which will be used for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of land purchased or condemned for parks, to refund certain outstanding debt certificates and alternate bonds and for the payment of costs of issuance. He continued that annually staff prepares a list of needs

for their departments, mainly infrastructure, which usually totals well beyond the money available. This list is pared down and presented to the Board usually in September. This is a “living” document that changes throughout the year as unexpected and/or emergency situations occur. The Board is kept informed.

The second issue is the General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the district in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000. It was determined that, due to the economic climate at this time, this would be a favorable time to sell these bonds, the proceeds of which will be used to (a) replace the roof of the RecPlex Recreational Building, demolish a garage and construct a war memorial at Lions Park, provide lighting at the Melas Park fields and driving range, and (b) alter, repair, renovate, improve and equip other facilities of the district, and to provide for the payment of the expenses incident. The projects as named are subject to change and definitely not “cut in stone”. A meeting of the Board will be scheduled in the near future to review the current list of priorities.

Commissioner Grouwinkel questioned the progress on the Veterans Memorial Annex. W. Cook informed him that depending on MWRD and Village of Mount Prospect regulations, the garage may be demolished this fall. If this is not possible, the demolition and construction will take place in the spring. It is hoped that this will help to stimulate the sale of bricks.

President Eilering asked for written or oral comments from the public. There were none.

President Eilering asked for additional comments from the public. There were none.

President Eilering asked for a motion to finally adjourn the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Grouwinkel moved to finally adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:17 pm; seconded by Commissioner Klicka.

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

Motion carried.

President Eilering declared the hearing finally adjourned.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Klicka moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 22, 2011 as presented; seconded by Commissioner Tenuta and carried by unanimous voice vote.

PARKS FOUNDATION UPDATE

None. The scheduled meeting was cancelled.

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. President Eilering extended kudos to the aquatics department, as once again their financial numbers for the season are excellent.

Commissioner Klicka asked about our losses from the tornado and recent storms. W. Cook informed the Board that a list should be available shortly itemizing our losses.

Commissioner Walsh questioned the 23% decrease in the sale of passes, and although somewhat stable in light of the economy, thought it might be a good idea to have the Recreation Committee meet to discuss the overall situation. A date will be scheduled in the near future.

Commissioner Tenuta asked in the new indoor swimming facility being constructed across from Meadows Pool will have an impact on the District. W. Cook feels it will have a definite impact on our pool.

RATIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Klicka moved to ratify the payment of the accounts payable for the month of July for check numbers 143103 through 143475 in the amount of \$737,814.60; seconded by Commissioner Grouwinkel.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Pass</u>
Commissioner Caporusso	X		
Commissioner Doherty			Absent
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 06/08/11 and 06/22/11 for check numbers 179131 through 180195 in the amount of \$377,965.42; seconded by Commissioner Grouwinkel.

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

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

W. Cook reviewed the damages, problems, etc. throughout the District resulting from the recent storms. It has been a difficult time for all facilities, programs, etc., and the staff is to be commended for doing an excellent job of keeping the District functioning.

Our lifeguards, 22 of whom are new this season, are likewise to be commended for continuing their high performance standard and coming through the annual MRMA audits with outstanding scores once again. Sarah Thompson is to be commended for doing a marvelous job with training and managing the lifeguards.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Tenuta received many calls regarding various situations in the District of which she was unaware. W. Cook explained that these situations are handled by the staff and therefore, if there is a question, it is best to simply get back to the individual after checking with him.

Commissioner Walsh asked if “Talk to Us” could be moved to the beginning of the website as it is difficult to find in its present position. She was informed that the site will be updated in the near future and changes will be made. Commissioner Walsh also asked about a more detailed map of the District that shows the boundaries more clearly. W. Cook indicated that this has been done already.

Commissioner Caporusso discussed the dates of publication for the brochure and asked if a topic could be included in the Recreation meeting.

Commissioner Tenuto asked if golf course programming can be included in the upcoming Golf Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Klicka moved to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:55 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Grouwinkel and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia R. Caporusso, Secretary