

**Minutes of the Waukegan Park District  
Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
April 14, 2009**

The Board of Commissioners of the Waukegan Park District met in a regular meeting on April 14, 2009 in the Rose Administrative Center, 2000 Belvidere Street, Waukegan, Illinois.

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by President Wayne Motley who directed a call of the roll.

**II. Roll Call**

Present: Commissioners Durkin, Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, and Motley. Also present was Executive Director Greg Petry, Board Attorney Charles Smith, David Phillips of Speer Financial.

**III. Public Portion**

The Public Portion was deferred to later in the meeting so a presentation could be made to the Special Recreation basketball team.

**IV. Consent Items**

- A. Minutes  
March 10, 2009 (Board of Commissioners)  
March 23, 2009 (Committee of the Whole)
- B. Bills
- C. Payroll
- D. Financial Statements

**Motion by Commissioner Durkin, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to approve the Consent Items and to pay the bills as presented. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

**V. Progress Reports**

- A. Executive Director

Mr. Petry presented a written progress report and orally reported that Land/Cash donations continue to lag because of the slow economy. Construction has stopped on the Forever Construction project on Sunset and President Motley advised that Forever Construction has filed for reorganization and bankruptcy.

Sports Complex - Mr. Petry advised that because of concerns expressed by one citizen, further environmental testing was conducted at the Orchard Hills site for the outdoor sports complex. Preliminary reports indicate that the arsenic levels are below the inhalation standards, which is the main pathway of concern. There are arsenic levels exceeding the ingestion standards. Preliminary findings do not duplicate what Ms. Ryckman presented to us. The Park District has not yet received the complete report of the test results. Upon receipt, Tom Daggett, the Park District's

environmental counsel, will review the report and advise what additional work must be performed, if any.

Groundbreaking Ceremony – The groundbreaking will be deferred until after the construction schedule gets firmed up due to the weather.

IAPD Legislative Breakfast – Mr. Petry reminded the Commissioners that the IAPD legislative breakfast is scheduled for April 18, 2009 at the Steeple Chase Golf Course in Mundelein.

Mr. Petry advised that he and President Motley will be participating in the Illinois Park District Association Legislative Initiative.

Mr. Petry also advised that the money for the Waukegan Park District out of the off-track betting funds is not in the current version of Governor Quinn's budget and urged the Commissioners to contact their local lawmakers to see that it is included.

B. Attorney

Mr. Smith reported that the Vakili case is set for pretrial conference on May 7, 2009 and the Park District is still attempting to meet with representatives of the City in an attempt to resolve the dumping issue.

Mr. Smith advised that he will be filing a lawsuit relative to the damage to several golf carts by four juveniles since the State's Attorney's Office order of restitution does not cover the actual loss incurred by the Park District.

D. Division Reports.

D1. Superintendent of Finance & Administration. Steve Warneke submitted a written report and orally reported that the corporate replacement tax figures are doing better. A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners will take place on April 30, 2009 at 4:15 p.m. to approve the 2009/2010 budget and to review the bids for the third bid package for the outdoor sports complex. In light of the April 30 special meeting the Commissioners cancelled the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 27, 2009.

Commissioner Sarocka asked Mr. Warneke as to how the renovations are proceeding at Bonnie Brook and how long the facility will be without power. Mr. Warneke advised he would have more information concerning the renovation after April 17, 2009 and that the course would be without power on April 15, and possibly April 16, 2009.

The first event scheduled for the renovated clubhouse is June 1, 2009. The Commissioners discussed inviting local businesses, Downtown Association and City Council members to events at the new clubhouse so that they could see the renovations and sample the food.

D2. Cultural Arts. Claudia Freeman presented a written report and orally reported that the final Chorus concert will be on May 9, 2009.

Commissioner Foley expressed her dismay about conflicting dates for performances and the change of dates. She asked for better coordination in scheduling concerts for next season.

D3. Parks. Michael Trigg submitted a written report and orally reminded the Commissioners that Arbor Day is scheduled for April 24, 2009 with a tree planting ceremony at the new outdoor sports complex.

Mr. Trigg also reminded the Commissioners that June is Parks Month and provided a flyer showing the various planned activities, including the June 27, 2009 rededication of the Ray Bradbury Park.

Mr. Trigg advised of a possible grant for Phase III of Roosevelt Park through a Section 319 grant through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. As more information is received, he will advise the Commissioners.

D4. Recreation. Alicia Mentell presented her written report and orally reported that Rose Eisenberg has declined to serve as the Grand Marshal for the American Independence Parade due to poor health. The Waukegan High School Bulldogs, which finished second in the recent Illinois State High School Association Basketball tournament, will be honored as the Grand Marshal and the team is extremely excited to be Grand Marshal for the parade.

**VI. Review, Discuss, Decide**

A. Interfund Transfers. **Motion by Commissioner Durkin, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to approve the Interfund Transfer as presented.**

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Memorial/Endowment (Wilson #24)	\$3,000.00	
Recreation (022486-Special Events)		\$3,000.00
<u>Purpose:</u> Bowen Park Theatre and Opera Company		

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Memorial/Endowment (JBC Scholarship #2)	\$2,425.00	
Recreation (022411)		\$2,425.00
<u>Purpose:</u> Scholarships – General		

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Memorial/Endowment (O'Dell #16)	\$200.00	
Recreation (022411)		\$200.00
<u>Purpose:</u> Scholarships - Dance		

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Memorial/Endowment (Hughes #28)	\$150.00	
Recreation (022411)		\$150.00
<u>Purpose:</u> Scholarships		

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Memorial/Endowment (Maxwell #49)	\$125.00	
Recreation (022411)		\$125.00
<u>Purpose:</u> Scholarship		

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Memorial/Endowment #37 Recreation (022411)	\$100.00	\$100.00
<u>Purpose:</u> Scholarship		

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Memorial/Endowment (WSOCC #29) Recreation (029111)	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
<u>Purpose:</u> Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus		

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Working Cash (111111) Corporate (011111)	\$13,667.91	\$13,667.91
<u>Purpose:</u> Interest Earnings through March 31, 2009 Transfer to Corporate		

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Memorial/Endowment (Kahn #12) Recreation (029111)	\$150.00	\$150.00
<u>Purpose:</u> Scholarships		

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Memorial/Endowment (Favero #48) Recreation (022411)	\$900.00	\$900.00
<u>Purpose:</u> Scholarships		

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Recreation (021313) Memorial/Endowment (Rec. Schol. #51)	\$56.00	\$56.00
<u>Purpose:</u> North Shore Gas		

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Recreation (021313) Memorial/Endowment (#42)	\$1,365.00	\$1,365.00
<u>Purpose:</u> Polar Bear Plunge Proceeds		

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Memorial/Endowment (#42) Special Recreation (084866)	\$90.00	\$90.00
<u>Purpose:</u> Independent Leisure Skills Scholarships		

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Memorial/Endowment (#43) Recreation (029781)	\$1,640.00	\$1,640.00
<u>Purpose:</u> B.A.S.E Scholarships		

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Recreation (021313)	\$1,000.00	
Memorial/Endowment (M51)		\$1,000.00
<u>Purpose:</u> Winterfest Proceeds		

**Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Authorization to Accept Bids/Quotes

Administration – Quarterly Brochure Printing. Prices received for the various options from Castle Printech were noted as: 100# gloss, 56 pages/\$10,925.00, 64 pages/\$11,770.00, and 72 pages/\$12,775.00. For 80# gloss, 56 pages/\$11,540.00, 64 pages/\$12,385.00 and 72 pages, \$13,390.00. **Motion by Commissioner Sarocka, seconded by Commissioner Duffy, to approve the expenditure of \$13,390 with Castle-Printech, of DeKalb IL, for the 2009/2010 quarterly seasonal brochures. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.** The Park District has used Castle-Printech for years and has provided quality service and did submit the lowest quote.

Golf Division

Bonnie Brook Golf Cart Replacement - **Motion by Commissioner Sarocka, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to approve the bid of Nadler Golf Car Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$38,405 to purchase 15 2004 reconditioned Club Cars for the amount of \$39,000, after a trade-allowance for 14 2001 electric Club Cars in the amount of \$5,600, along with 80 information holders for \$1,120, and the purchase of 37 fold-down windshields for the amount of \$3,885. These are all gas operated carts and will replace the electric carts. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

Parks Division

IGA Agreement with Libertyville Township. **Motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to approve an intergovernmental agreement with Libertyville Township for the construction of a trail as amended. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

Powell Park Bridge Replacement – **Motion by Commissioner Durkin, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to approve the quote of Contech Construction Products, Inc., of Oak Brook IL, in the amount of \$17,072, and the quote of Midwestern Construction, of Downers Grove IL, in the amount of \$4,950 for emergency replacement of the pedestrian bridge over the Waukegan River in Powell Park. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

Sports Complex Award of Contracts Bid Package #2

Asphalt Paving/Green Bay/Beach Road – **Motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by Commissioner Sarocka, to approve the low bid of Hardin Paving Company, Inc. in the amount of \$902,209 for asphalt paving at the outdoor sports complex, and to approve the low bid of Berger Excavating Contractors in the amount of \$934,000 for the resurfacing of areas of Green Bay Road and Beach Road for the outdoor sports complex. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Durkin asked to be provided with spreadsheets showing all the contractors and the amounts awarded in order to track the expenditures for the outdoor sports complex. Mr. Petry advised that he would provide a monthly statement as he has on other projects such as the fieldhouse.

C. Administration

Refunding G.O. (Alternate Revenue Source) Park Bonds, Series 1998 and 1999 – Dave Phillips, of Speer Financial, made a presentation concerning the issuance of refunding of General Obligation (Alternate Revenue Source) Park Bonds, Series 1998 and 1999. Mr. Phillips has worked to determine the potential best savings to the Park District and was requesting the Board to approve a parameters ordinance that would allow the Park District to save a minimum of \$175,000 on these bonds. The savings could be considerably more than the final negotiations with First Trust Bank of Wheaton indicating that the minimum savings would be \$175,000. **Motion by Commissioner Sarocka, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to approve Ordinance 09-03 for the issue not to exceed \$5,250,000 of general obligation refunding park bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2009. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

D. Request for Donation

Waukegan Main Street request for donation for Artspace – The request from Waukegan Main Street for donation for Artspace was deferred until the May 2009 meeting.

**III. Public Portion**

Presentation of IAPD/IPRA Agency Showcase Award Plaques - The Park District, along with State Representative Eddy Washington, honored the 2008/2009 Special Recreation All-Star Basketball Team, which compiled a 12-2 record and secured the silver medal at the state tournament. Representative Washington spoke of the team's good sportsmanship and outstanding play and presented the team with a resolution approved by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois honoring the Waukegan Special Recreation Basketball Team.

The team and its coaches, Kari Drew and Sue Smock, were presented with certificates by Representative Washington acknowledging their accomplishments. The players honored were: Thomas Blake, Angela Dobson, Joe Edwards, Sam Miller, Raphael Moss, Tony Paniagua, Gary Richards, Pavel Sedov, Mark Talley, and Christian Torres.

Jerry Sullivan, who has worked extensively on the Dandelion Wine Festival, addressed the Board seeking support for the annual Dandelion Wine Festival. Mr. Sullivan requested that the Board consider wine tasting as part of the event. In the past, the Park District has not allowed alcoholic beverages to be part of the event. The Board directed Claudia Freeman, Director of Cultural Arts, to make recommendations concerning this request and to bring it back to the Board. Plans for this year's Dandelion Wine Festival were discussed and the Board thanked Mr. Sullivan for his efforts in organizing and promoting this project.

E. Salary Schedules

**Motion by Commissioner Duffy, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to approve the salary schedule as presented. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

F. Budget and Reappropriation Ordinance

**Motion by Commissioner Duffy, seconded by Commissioner Sarocka, to approve Ordinance 09-02, Reappropriation Ordinance FY 2008-09. Roll all to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

G. Developer Cash Donation Agreement for Banner Acquisitions

**Motion by Commissioner Durkin, seconded by Commissioner Sarocka, to approve the Developer Cash Donation Agreement between the Waukegan Park District and the Residences at Fountain Square, LLC, as presented. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

VII. Closed Session

No closed session was held.

VIII. Questions from Commissioners

Commissioner Durkin requested a list of all employee salaries, including hourly employees, for fiscal year 2010. He congratulated Commissioners Foley and Duffy on their re-election.

Commissioner Sarocka congratulated Commissioners Foley and Duffy on their re-election.

Commissioner Duffy asked Mr. Warneke what the Park District does to assist the golf team at Waukegan High School. Commissioner Duffy stated that he has received comments from constituents that the Park District is not doing enough to aid golf and requested that the Park District prepare a letter outlining all the ways in which the Park District attempts to assist young people, particularly on the golf teams, who are interested in golf.

Commissioner Sarocka also read a list of suggestions that was given to him by a citizen suggesting ways in which the Park District could aid the golf program at the high school. This letter was given to Mr. Warneke.

President Motley congratulated Commissioners Foley and Duffy on their re-election.

VIII Adjournment

**Motion by Commissioner Durkin, seconded by Foley, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:15p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Smith  
Secretary