

## **Minutes of the Waukegan Park District May 8, 2007**

The Commissioners of the Waukegan Park District met in a regular meeting on May 8, 2007 in the Administrative Office of the District, 2000 Belvidere Street, Waukegan, Illinois.

### **I. Call to Order**

President Bill Durkin called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and directed the roll.

### **II. Roll Call**

Commissioners Duffy, Motley and President Durkin were present. Commissioner Jimerson was absent.

### **III. Consent Items**

The following items were presented for review and approval under the consent section of the agenda:

- A. Minutes
  - March 26, 2007(Committee of the Whole)
  - March 26, 2007 (Special Meeting)
  - April 10, 2007 (Board of Commissioners)
  - April 23, 2007 (Committee of the Whole)
  - April 23, 2007 (Special Meeting)
- B. Bills
- C. Payroll
- D. Financial Statements
- E. Authorization to Receive Bids/Quotes
  - Parks Division
    - Vehicle/Equipment Replacement
      - Parks Pickup Trucks
      - Parks Tractor
      - Parks Mower
      - Golf Mower
      - Golf Utility Vehicles
      - Golf Sand Pro
    - Parking Lot Patching at Orchard Hills & Bonnie Brook Maintenance
    - Bonnie Brook Playground and Park Improvements
    - Roosevelt Park Landscaping
    - Roosevelt Park Improvements/Discovery Boardwalk
    - Belvidere Recreation Center Roof Repairs

- Bowen Park Ravine Steps Replacement
- Washington Park Veterans Plaza Flag Wall
- Southwest Community Bike Path
- Park Maintenance Facility Mechanic AC Unit Replacement
- Jack Benny Center Water Leak Repair
- Basketball/Tennis Court Maintenance (Kirk, Country Lane and Armory Parks)

**Motion by Commissioner Motley, seconded by Commissioner Duffy, to approve the consent items and to pay the bills as presented. Roll call to the motion: Durkin, Duffy, Motley,. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **IV. Public Portion**

No members of the public sought to address the Board.

#### **V. Progress Reports**

A. Executive Director - Greg Petry presented a written report to the Board and orally reported on the Illinois Association of Park District (IAPD) legislative conference Commissioner Duffy and he attended. He stated that there are three major issues that the IAPD is following: One is the potential amendment to the Open Meetings Act that would allow two members of the Board to meet and discuss issues without being in violation of the Open Meetings Act, but it would require the affirmative vote of three commissioners in order to approve any matter. The Legislature is also considering a bill that would allow economically disadvantaged communities, which may presumably include Waukegan, to receive 90% in grants rather than having a 50% match. Mr. Petry also reported that there are different versions of gaming bills under consideration in the General Assembly that could be beneficial to the Waukegan Park District

At 3:35 p.m. Commissioner Jimerson was seated.

Mr. Petry went on to report as to his discussions with Bonnie Thomson-Carter, the Chairman of the Lake County Forest Preserve District concerning golf courses.

Land/Cash Donation: Mr. Petry reported that he had met with Mr. Tomlin and Ferris Homes to review the Pritzker property and the potential development and the park donation that the Waukegan Park District will seek for that property.

Land Acquisition: A phone conference is scheduled for May 20, 2007 with the USEPA and the IEPA concerning the Johns Manville site.

2007 NRPA Congress will be from September 25–29, 2007 in Indianapolis. Mr. Petry asked which Commissioners planned on attending.

Commissioner Duffy asked about the Historical Society and Claudia Petrusky advised that the Waukegan Historical Society is looking at the possibility of making repairs and maintaining the Rosenwald Cottage. Mr. Petry advised that he will continue to work with the Historical Society.

Commissioner Motley advised that the City of Waukegan has approved \$22,000 to fund all Park District events for the year and this would give the District the money hoped for for the American Independence Festivities Parade.

B. Attorney Report – Mr. Smith reported that he had just recently received material from attorney Anne Linn for the City of Waukegan relative to the Bluff Street property and that he will be proceeding with legal action against the landowners for damage to the ravine.

Mr. Smith advised that he has recorded the Park Donation Agreement entered into with Phoenix Developers for their subdivision. The developer has abandoned the project, but this will serve to record the Park District's interest in receiving the promised donations.

C.1 Finance & Administration – Steve Warneke presented his written report to the Board and advised that an Appropriation Ordinance for fiscal year 2008 will be considered at a public meeting on June 12, 2007 that will be published in the newspaper at least one week in advance.

C.2 Cultural Arts - Claudia Petrusky presented her written report to the Board and distributed information regarding the Illinois Arts Alliance event on May 19, 2007.

C.3 Parks – Michael Trigg presented a written report to the Board. Commissioner Motley questioned why Margaret Carrasco was sending out flyers stating that she had use of Park facilities for soccer and Mr. Trigg responded that the flyers are for use of school property, not Park District property, and that all the Park District fields are committed and that the Park District has further leased certain school district property for soccer.

C.4 Recreation - Alicia Mentell presented her written report and advised that the American Independence Festivities could well use the money that the City has donated and the plans for the parade are proceeding well. Thus far, the Park District has raised \$6,000 for the event, but would need \$6,000 to \$7,000 more in addition to the City's revenue.

## VI. Review, Discuss, Decide

A. RESOLUTIONS. **Motion by Commissioner Motley, seconded by Commissioner Duffy, to approve NorStates Bank and First Midwest Bank as depositories for Park District funds for fiscal year 2008 and that the officers and**

commissioners be authorized to sign the bank signature authorizations. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Motley, Jimerson. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

B. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT BIDS/QUOTES. Motion by Commissioner Jimerson, seconded by Commissioner Duffy, to award a contract for digital IP telephone systems to Abletech in the amount of \$42,900 to provide upgrades to existing phone services for all Park District facilities. Roll Call to the Motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Motley, Jimerson. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

C. INTERFUND TRANSFERS. Motion by Commissioner Motley, seconded by Commissioner Duffy, to approve the interfund transfer in the amount of \$4,555 from the Recreation Fund to the Memorial Endowment Fund. Roll call to the Motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Motley, Jimerson. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

D. AGREEMENTS. Motion by Commissioner Motley, seconded by Commissioner Duffy, to approve the University of Illinois Extension Service & Park District lease for the Urban 4-H Program and to approve the agreement between the Waukegan Park District and the Boys & Girls Club of Lake County to provide the facility for the Urban 4-H Program. Roll call to the Motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Motley, Jimerson. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Duffy questioned why the Boys & Girls Club was using Midlane Country Club for their annual golf outing rather than a Park District facility and Mr. Petry stated that the Waukegan Park District had made a proposal to the Boys & Girls Club, but they decided to hold their event at Midlane, they have said they will return to Bonnie Brook Golf Club in 2008.

KILEY PARKING AGREEMENT – Motion by Commissioner Motley, seconded by Commissioner Duffy, to approve a Letter of Commitment to allow parking on Park District property by the Kiley Center subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Use of parking spaces at Dugdale Park will only be allowed during normal business hours.
2. There will be postings indicating that parking will be at the owner's risk and that the Waukegan Park District will not be responsible for damage or loss to the vehicles.
3. Unauthorized vehicles will be towed at the owners' expense.

**4. The Kiley Center will be responsible for snow removal at the eastern end of the Dugdale parking lot.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**GENESEE THEATER – MESSIAH – Motion by Commissioner Jimerson, seconded by Commissioner Motley, to approve a Use License Agreement between SMG and the Waukegan Park District for the use of the Genesee Theater for the Joe Favero Do It Yourself Messiah Memorial Concert on December 22, 2007, subject to attorney approval. Roll call to the Motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Motley, Jimerson. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

**E. WAUKEGAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.** Mr. Petry advised that the Lake County Chamber of Commerce is looking for the Park District to provide a representative to the Lake County Chamber and Mr. Petry volunteered to fulfill that function.

**F. RECREATION PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Motion by Commissioner Motley, seconded by Commissioner Jimerson, to approve Jeff Wait to the Recreation Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.**

**G. CANVASSING OF ELECTION RESULTS.** The Board received the official election results from the Lake County Clerk certifying that Wayne Motley and Bill Sarocka had won six year terms and that Patricia Foley had been elected to a two year term.

**H. OATH OF OFFICE.** The Oath of Office was administered by Board Secretary and Attorney, Charles Smith, to Wayne Motley, William “Bill” Sarocka, and Patricia Foley.

**I. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Motion by Commissioner Motley to elect Terrence Duffy as President of the Waukegan Park District. No other nominations were received. Roll call to the Motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Motley, Sarocka, Foley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously**

**Motion by Commissioner Duffy to nominate Wayne Motley as Vice President of the Waukegan Park District. No other nominations were received. Roll call to the Motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Motley, Sarocka, Foley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by Commissioner Sarocka, seconded by Commissioner Motley, to nominate Bill Durkin for Treasurer. No other nominations were received. Roll call to the Motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Motley, Sarocka, Foley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

J. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS. **Motion by Commissioner Sarocka, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to approve the following officials for the 2007-2008 term:**

**Attorney: Charles W. Smith  
Secretary: Charles W. Smith  
Deputy Secretary: Greg Petry  
Local Election Official: Greg Petry  
Deputy Treasurer: Steve Warneke  
IMRF Officer: Steve Warneke  
PDRMA Representative: Steve Warneke  
PDRMA Alternate Representative: Tanya Brady**

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

K. COMMISSIONER RECOGNITION. The Board presented a Resolution to Past President William Durkin for his service during the preceding year as President and honoring Dr. Patrick Jimerson for his service as Commissioner. Each were acknowledged for their outstanding efforts in their respective roles.

**VII. Executive Session.** There was no Executive Session

**VIII. Questions From Commissioners**

Bill Durkin reflected that he had enjoyed serving as President during the past year, especially being able to finish the Field House and what a pleasure it was working with the Commissioners. He highlighted the work of Patrick Jimerson and welcomed Bill Sarocka and Pat Foley to the Board.

Commissioner Foley stated that she was happy to be a part of the Waukegan Park District and was anxious to learn from her fellow Commissioners.

Commissioner Sarocka stated that he was looking forward to working with the Commissioners and being a moving force in the coming years as a Commissioner.

Commissioner Motley expressed his appreciation to all members of the Board for their professionalism and keeping any disputes professional and not personal. He stated that he has now completed 12 years on the Board and he was proud of the staff and the work they have done. He also expressed his appreciation to President Duffy for his leadership in the past year on the golf related issues.

Dr. Patrick Jimerson stated that he appreciated the work of the Park District and that he was committed to dialog rather than to debate. He was pleased that during his term as Commissioner people could speak with passion about an issue and not allow issues to

become matters of personal conflict. He stated that he will be back as a member of the public and is willing to work on advisory committees for the Park District.

President Duffy stated his appreciation to the Commissioners for their work. He was very concerned that following the death of Commissioner Joe Favero that there might be 2/2 votes that would deadlock the Board but because the four Commissioners worked together that they were able to resolve all issues. He also praised the staff for making it an honor to work on the Park Board and he stated that his only hope with the new Commissioners is that Commissioner Foley would not be telling any stories about when he was a student in her classroom.

Mr. Petry stated that there will be a farewell dinner for Dr. Jimerson at Francesca's Intimo in Lake Forest on May 30, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. He also reminded the Commissioners that the Mayor's Luncheon is scheduled for May 21, 2007 and that there is a Committee of the Whole meeting on May 21 and that he would like to start at 3:00 p.m. to begin Commissioner orientation.

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Commissioner Sarocka, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Smith  
Secretary