

**Minutes of the Waukegan Park District
January 9, 2007**

The Committee of the Waukegan Park District met in a regular meeting on January 9, 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 3:50 p.m. and directed the roll.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Consent Items

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

Nancy Aldrich of the Illinois Parks Association honored Kari Drew with a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional Plaque. Kari expressed her appreciation to the Board for this certification.

John Balen, Waukegan Alderman for the Second Ward, addressed the Board and asked for the Park District's assistance for Maggie Robinson and Vera George and Shoreline Tennis Association which provides recreational activities to children at the Twin City Park. The Board directed the Executive Director to see what the Park District might be able to do to assist this organization.

At 4:00 p.m. Commissioner Jimerson entered the meeting and was seated.

Michael Trigg introduced Jan Krapf as the new Parks Department secretary.

V. Progress Reports

A. Executive Director - Greg Petry presented a written report to the Board and stated that on January 5, 2007 there was a meeting with representatives from Johns Manville reviewing the potential soccer complex site. During the meeting Johns Manville explained how they are approaching the Illinois EPA concerning the kerosene plume at the site and they are considering asking to transfer jurisdiction of this problem to the USEPA.

Mr. Petry also reported that he has asked Johns Manville to consider donating the land to the Waukegan Park District. While Johns Manville did not agree to do this, they did not reject the idea out of hand, either. Johns Manville remains committed to the ultimate transfer of the property to the Park District and Mr. Petry reported that overall he thought that the meeting was productive and the parties have agreed to meet again to discuss these issues.

B. Attorney Report - Attorney Smith that there is an ordinance ready for the Board's approval at this meeting for annexing property to the Park District.

C.1 Finance & Administration – Steve Warneke presented his written report to the Board and stated that there was a \$1.4 million bond payment. He is looking for a replacement for Jan Krapf who is transferring over to Recreation. Steve also reviewed

with the Board the budgetary process and that Task sessions and budget meetings need to be scheduled. The first budget meeting will be February 12, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. The budget will further be reviewed at the March 26, 2007 Committee of the Whole meeting for.

Mr. Warneke also reported that there will be a ten percent discount offered to any season pass holder who brings in a new member and the Board suggested that the ten percent discount also be given to new pass holders.

C.2 Cultural Arts - Claudia Petrusky presented her written report to the Board and reported that the Symphony fundraiser is set for January 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. There is an opera production and rehearsal and *Bleacher Bums* will be presented by the Bowen Park Theater group in March.

C.3 Parks – Michael Trigg presented a written report to the Board along with an addendum from Greg Benson concerning golf operations. Mr. Trigg also displayed to the Board a plaque that will be awarded to the Park District by the Illinois Park District Association recognizing the improvements made at the Veteran’s Memorial Plaza.

Commissioner Duffy asked a question concerning the club house renovation and this issue will be discussed in the near future at a Committee of the Whole meeting devoted to golf.

C.4 Recreation - Alicia Mentell presented her written report and stated that the upcoming Winter Fest in January will have some changes this year in that a contest for best pizza in town will replace the chili cook off. Special Recreation of Lake County dinner is scheduled for April 27, 2007 and the Volunteer Recognition event is scheduled for February 22, 2007.

VI. Review, Discuss, Decide

A. Authorization to Accept Bids/Quotes

▪ Bowen Playground Equipment – Squirrel’s Nest. **Motion by Commissioner Duffy, seconded by Commissioner Motley, to approve the quote of Richter Spielgerate GmbH in the amount of \$121,533.50 for the purchase of a Squirrel’s Nest Hexagon Tower for Bowen Park and to waive the requirement for competitive bids as this is a special item manufactured only by Richter Spielgerate GmbH in Germany and that there will be a savings to the Park District by purchasing the equipment directly from the manufacturer and avoiding any contractor’s markup. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Motley, Jimerson. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Annexation Ordinance 07-01, Jensen Lane – **Motion by Commissioner Duffy, seconded by Commissioner Jimerson, to approve the Annexation Ordinance as presented. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Motley, Jimerson. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

C. Resolution 2007-01-01, Executive Session Minutes – **Motion by Commissioner Motley, seconded by Commissioner Jimerson, to approve the release of Executive Minutes from August 15, 2006; August 28, 2006; October 23, 2006; October 23, 2006; November 6, 2006; November 14, 2006; and November 28, 2006, as there is no longer a need to keep these minutes confidential. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Motley, Jimerson. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

D. Nominations and Selection

▪ Jack Benny Arts and Humanities Award, Volunteer of the Year 2006, Patron of the Year 2006. The Commissioners reviewed the nominations for the Jack Benny Arts and Humanities Award, the Volunteer of the Year 2006 and the Patron of the Year 2006. **Motion by Commissioner Duffy, seconded by Commissioner Jimerson, to approve awarding the Jack Benny Arts and Humanities Award to First Presbyterian Church for their continued support of chorus and symphony concerts, and to present the Volunteer of the Year 2006 award to Sue Smock for her participation in Special Recreation, and to present the Patron of the Year 2006 award to Eric Snap. Motion carried unanimously.**

VI. Questions from Commissioners

Commissioner Motley urged the Commissioners to continue to support the soccer complex.

President Durkin reviewed the Employee Recognition Dinner from January 6, 2007 and reported that all employees' names be read when there is recognition for their efforts.

Commissioner Jimerson noted the passing of Coach Green as well as Special Recreation teacher Brehen, both of whom had died recently.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Motley, seconded by Commissioner Jimerson, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Smith
Secretary