

**Minutes of the Waukegan Park District
Committee of the Whole Meeting
July 28, 2015**

The Board of Commissioners of the Waukegan Park District met in a regular meeting on July 28, 2015 at the Rose Administrative Center, 2000 Belvidere Street, Waukegan, Illinois.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by President Foley who directed a call of the roll.

II. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Kilkelly, Sarocka, Bridges, Jones, and President Foley. Absent: None. Also present was Executive Director Greg Petry and Attorney Brian Smith filling in for Charles Smith.

III. Topic(s)

The commissioners discussed having a joint meeting with the Waukegan Park District Foundation Board. All agreed upon September 22, 2015 following the regularly scheduled board meeting. Location is to be determined.

A. Hinkston Indoor Pool Update.

Mr. Petry presented a letter from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources dated March 9, 2015 regarding suspension of the grant for the Hinkston Park Field House indoor pool addition. He further stated that the costs the Park District has incurred to date may or may not be allowed retroactively by the grant. Based on multiple reasons, Mr. Petry recommends proceeding to bid.

There was a general consensus that the money will be available.

President Foley suggested moving forward with the parking lot first.

Commissioner Kilkelly stated that the momentum is there and the board needs to make a decision.

Commissioner Sarocka stated that he agrees with President Foley on the parking lot and needed improvements, but should not move forward without the \$2.5 million.

Mr. Petry stated that the Park District has been accumulating funds from the 1997 referendum and is coming close to the allowable limit.

Commissioner Jones stated that the pool project should move forward and felt that the Park District's reputation would be hurt if the pool was not completed.

Commissioner Bridges has an issue with the overall cost of \$9.4 million. He asked if the pool has driven any increase in membership.

Mr. Glogovsky replied that it had.

Mr. Stevens stated that uses for the pool are beneficial and that the project should move forward.

Mr. Beverly stated that he receives questions and comments about the pool more than any other topic.

Commissioner Bridges asked how the pool construction cost will affect operating costs after it is built.

Mr. Glogovsky stated that there is \$4 million in the capital fund if the pool is built without the grant. Operational costs can be partially met by programming fees and an increase in membership costs.

Mr. Petry stated the District will try to run the new facilities as close to breakeven as possible. This will be discussed further at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

President Foley stated that graduated memberships can be used with different privilege levels having different fees.

Commissioner Jones asked if the parking lot was included as part of the pool project and was advised that it was.

President Foley stated that the parking lot was needed to construct the pool.

Commissioner Bridges stated that the board should look for other monetary contributions.

President Foley stated that she, Mr. Petry, and Commissioner Bridges should meet with Waukegan School District Superintendent Dr. Batiste for pool funding.

Mr. Petry stated that he needs direction from the board on working with the School District. He feels that Dr. Batiste should not have made the talks public and that the School District needs the Park District more than the Park District needs the School District.

Commissioner Sarocka stated that any School District contribution would be too small to be considered a partnership.

Mr. Petry stated that the School District's contribution is for the additional two lanes to meet their competitive needs.

President Foley stated that the School District is already in financial straits and a large contribution is not wise.

B. Discussion: Ordinance 13-04-An Ordinance Fixing the Length of Time a Park Commissioner May Fail to Attend Meetings of the Park Board in Order for Such Commissioner's Office to be Declared Vacant and Providing a Procedure for Declaring Such a Vacancy.

President Foley stated that the 2010 ordinance language is good.

Commissioner Sarocka feels that the language in Section 3 is redundant, and that language has already been changed. He also thinks that a removal vote should be unanimous.

Commissioner Bridges feels that whatever the number of meetings will be, that this should be made into a one paragraph ordinance. He feels that the board should use common sense and have a super majority vote.

Commissioner Jones stated that the entire ordinance should not be stricken. He noted that definitions for terms like "unexcused absence" are needed.

Commissioner Sarocka expressed that six absences are better than three.

Commissioner Kilkelly stated that six is an arbitrary number and that revisiting this is disrespectful to staff.

President Foley commented on due process concerns.

Commissioner Bridges stated that three consecutive regular meetings need to be missed and that a super majority vote (4) should be required. He felt the hearing process is good.

Commissioner Sarocka left the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

C. General Discussion

Commissioner Bridges would like to meet with Mr. Glogovsky to discuss pool finances.

The board discussed financing with and without Clearview and the pool grant.

Staff is unanimous that the public does want the pool.

Mr. Petry stated that the Rivera golf outing is August 5 with lunch at 2:30 p.m. He also offered options as to when the board would like to see updates on the Strategic Plan. It was agreed that they will be given in the mid-year report. Finally, discussion was held about the board interaction and camaraderie and how it could be enhanced.

Commissioner Kilkelly stated that the Township Senior Walks are a good opportunity for board participation.

IV. Closed Session

Motion by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to adjourn into Closed Session. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Bridges, Jones, Kilkelly, Foley. Nays: None. Absent or not voting: Sarocka. Motion carried. Regular session adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

V. Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by President Foley to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Attendance recorded per policy. Commissioners Kilkelly, Bridges, Jones, and President Foley were present. Commissioner Sarocka left the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Smith
Board Secretary