

**Minutes of the Waukegan Park District
Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
March 24, 2015**

The Board of Commissioners of the Waukegan Park District met in a Special Meeting on March 24, 2015 in the Rose Administrative Center, 2000 Belvidere Street, Waukegan, Illinois.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Duffy who directed a call of the roll.

II. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Foley, Kilkelly, Sarocka, Bridges, and President Duffy.
Absent: None. Also present was Executive Director Greg Petry, Chuck Smith, Doug Holzrichter, Ed Stuckey, Paul Stuckey, Andy Ouper, Jim Johnson, Errick Beverly, Sam Stevens, Quincy Bejster.

III. Public Portion

No member of the public asked to address the Board.

VI. Review, Discuss, Decide

- A. Approve Schematic Design for Hinkston Indoor Pool
➤ Public Meeting.

Doug Holzrichter presented an update on the pool design. Mr. Petry pointed out that the Park and OSLAD grants had not been swept as of this time and we are still awaiting legislative action.

The final schematic design will cost the district \$9.4 million. Cost details are found in budgets prepared by Williams and Stuckey. Both budgets were very close.

Williams Architects provided a Schematic Design manual consisting of 10 sections.

Commissioner Foley questioned under Section 8 the option for a basement and why that was not being considered.

Mr. Holzrichter advised that the cost of the basement was considered too high, probably in the area of \$1,000,000.

Commissioner Kilkelly asked about extending the length of the lanes from 7 to 7-1/2 feet.

Mr. Stevens responded that this provides better conformity for swim meets.

Mr. Holzrichter stated that extending the length of the lanes would increase the width of the pool by approximately 5 feet, but would not affect the design of the building.

President Duffy asked about the cost of making the length of the lanes wider.

Mr. Holzrichter advised that this would increase costs by approximately \$60,000.

Mr. Petry stated that this was well within the contingency for the pool plan.

The roof design was reviewed and various concepts for the materials for the roof and how it would look was discussed, as well as the costs associated with maintenance of sky lights.

President Duffy suggested that there are enough windows to otherwise provide good lighting inside of the building and considering the cost and maintenance associated with skylights, that skylights should not be in the ultimate design.

Commissioner Bridges questioned about the buy-in from area swim teams.

Mr. Petry advised that the Waukegan School District is drafting an intergovernmental agreement that would include a \$400,000 contribution.

Mr. Lerner advised that there is a strong interest from area private swim teams to utilize the new pool.

Commissioner Bridges asked who has expressed interest.

Mike Hewitt is looking for a home for a USA team for the Gurnee Swim Club and has expressed an interest in holding meets at the new pool.

Commissioner Kilkelly asked if there had been any interest from scuba diving clubs.

Commissioner Bridges advised that a 7 foot depth is enough to do introductory scuba diving.

Mr. Petry stressed that residents will get first use of the facility and that outside requests will be considered when there is excess capacity available.

Commissioner Foley asked to review the walking paths in Hinkston Park.

Mr. Holzrichter reviewed the options and that there will be an alternative bid option to extend the walking path to the north and add parking at the northeast corner as an alternative bid.

Commissioner Kilkelly asked about the shallow-end depth.

Mr. Holzrichter responded that it will be 4 feet in depth and there will be no portable stairs.

Commissioner Sarocka asked about the status of the pool grant.

Mr. Petry advised that the project will not go out to bid until late July or early August, 2015, and the issue of the State grant should be resolved by that time. Mr. Petry explained that there is a risk of proceeding without resolving whether the grant will be available.

Motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by President Duffy, to approve the schematic design for the Hinkston Indoor Pool and to hold a public meeting on April 2, 2015, to advise the public as to the Schematic Design.

Discussion was held concerning the need for a meeting on April 2, 2015.

Following discussion, **motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by President Duffy, to hold a public meeting on April 2, 2015 to advise the public of the status of the pool project. Roll call on the motion: Ayes: Duffy, Foley. Nays: Kilkelly, Bridges, Sarocka. Absent: None. Motion failed 3-2.**

Motion by Commissioner Sarocka, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, to distribute a press release regarding the design of the pool. Ayes: Duffy, Foley. Nays: Kilkelly, Bridges, Sarocka. Absent: None. Motion failed 3-2.

Motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by President Duffy, to approve the schematic design for the Hinkston Indoor Pool. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Duffy, Kilkelly, Foley, Sarocka, Bridges. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by Commissioner Kilkelly, to hold a public meeting on April 9, 2015 to advise the public as to the status of the pool project. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Duffy, Kilkelly, Foley, Sarocka, Bridges. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Budget Workshop #3
 - Service Level Updates
 - Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Update
 - FY 2015-16 Budget Matrix
 - Long Range Financial and Capital Development Plan Scenarios

Mr. Glogovsky reviewed the service level changes.

Mr. Petry discussed the status of potential unionization of Park District employees and advised that if 50% plus one of the employees signed cards to

recognize the union, the State will send a certification to the Park District and then the Park District would have to negotiate with SEIU workers. As of this date, no certification has been received.

Commissioner Bridges asked that if there were a union, how the negotiations for salaries would work in light of the Hey Group recommendations.

He was advised that the Hey recommendations would certainly be a factor, but would not be controlling.

Commissioner Bridges asked about partnerships with the pool, specifically Vista Health System.

Mr. Petry advised that he is looking into numerous avenues for partnerships with the pool and other programs, but nothing is ready for a vote by the Board.

Mr. Trigg reviewed improvements for the parks and what projects are being suspended due to a lack of funding from the State.

Mr. Lerner reviewed the capital improvements for the Field House and other recreation programs.

Mr. Glogovsky reviewed the budget matrix and stated that as this matrix gets closer to the final numbers it will be in the final budget. The budget will be ready for approval at the April meeting.

Long range financial and capital development plan scenarios were reviewed, particularly regarding Clearview Park and aquatic projects.

At 6:10 p.m., Commissioner Foley had to leave the meeting due to a prior commitment.

Commissioner Bridges questioned alternatives to the Waukegan Police Department providing security for the parks.

Board attorney Chuck Smith advised that one of the disadvantages of hiring a private security company is that they do not have arrest powers and for liability purposes, Mr. Smith strongly favored having the Waukegan Police Department provide security for the parks.

Mr. Petry stated that he is still working on an alternative pay agreement that would give all Waukegan police officers, regardless of their rank, the same pay when they work for the Park District as this would greatly cut the cost of the Waukegan police providing security.

C. Strategic Plan Discussion

- Provide Opportunities for Board of Commissioners Learning and Growth:

Mr. Petry expressed his willingness to provide the commissioners with Webinars and seminars to fulfill their responsibilities.

- D. Ordinance 15-02 Tentative Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2014 and Ending April 30, 2015.

Mr. Glogovsky explained the need for this ordinance in order to transfer funds. This will be presented at a special meeting on April 28, 2015.

VI. Closed Session

There was no motion to adjourn into closed session.

VII. Commissioner Questions.

Commissioner Sarocka asked questions about the tennis and pickleball courts at Bevier Park.

Mr. Trigg stated that the idea is to replace one of the existing tennis courts with two pickleball courts.

Commissioner Bridges complimented the staff on the work done on the ice rink.

Commissioner Kilkelly expressed her Easter greetings and reminded everyone of the Eggstravaganza Trail event on April 4, 2015.

President Duffy agreed with Commissioner Sarocka's statement that there is a need to get information out to the public about the pool but that until the State grant is resolved, we should be careful not to promise anything to the public.

Mr. Petry reminded the commissioners about the availability to participate in the Illinois Association of Park District's golf tour outings.

X. Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Commissioner Sarocka, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Attendance recorded per policy. All commissioners were present.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Smith
Board Secretary