

**Minutes of the Waukegan Park District  
Committee of the Whole Meeting  
May 20, 2014**

The Committee of the Whole of the Waukegan Park District met in a regular meeting on May 20, 2014 in the Rose Administrative Center, 2000 Belvidere, 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: President Duffy and Commissioners Foley, Bridges and Kilkelly.  
Absent: Commissioner Sarocka. Also present was Executive Director Greg Petry and Board Attorney/Secretary Charles Smith.

**III. Public Portion**

No members of the public asked to address the Board.

**Motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by Commissioner Duffy, to seat Commissioner Sarocka at 4:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

**IV. Review, Discuss Decide**

A. Review and solicit input related to Waukegan Park District's 2015/2020 Parks and Open Space Master Plan and Community Input Process. A discussion was led by Consultant Barbara Heller and Park Planner Tim Girmscheid. The Board had been provided with focus group questions which served as an outline but other comments were received relative to the elements to be included in the new Master Plan. Among the topics discussed were green plants for the ravines, splash pads versus a pool, increased investment in parks that serve the south side of Waukegan, the need for parks in the downtown Waukegan area.

Issues facing the Park District include money and operational costs, communication with the Latino community, and the declining EAV.

Partnerships should be encouraged both with Waukegan, where there already is a strong partnership, but also to reach out to the County and the Forest Preserve District.

Underserved areas were discussed and one of the areas to be addressed is providing an increased amount of swimming instruction, particularly in the African-American community. The Board all agreed that currently that the staff do a good job of following the Strategic Plan and that the Master Plan should receive equal review and scrutiny when it is approved.

Ms. Heller is to take the input from this meeting and other community focused meetings that she conducts to help draw together the 2015-2020 Master Plan.

**VI. Closed Session**

There was no motion to adjourn into closed session.

**VII. Questions from Commissioners**

There were no questions from the Commissioners.

**IX. Adjournment.**

**Motion by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance recorded per policy. Absent: Commissioner Sarocka. Present: Commissioners Bridges, Duffy, Foley and Kilkelly.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Smith  
Board Secretary