

**Minutes of the Waukegan Park District
Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
May 26, 2015**

The Board of Commissioners of the Waukegan Park District met in a special meeting on May 26, 2015 in the Rose Administrative Center, 2000 Belvidere Street, Waukegan, Illinois.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Foley who directed a call of the roll.

II. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Kilkelly, Sarocka, Jones and President Foley.
Absent: Commissioner Bridges. Also present was Executive Director Greg Petry and Chuck Smith.

Commissioner Bridges arrived at 4:08 p.m. and was seated.

III. Topics

A. FY 2015-2020 Master Plan. Mr. Petry reviewed the history of the Master Plan, how it is used and its importance to the Park District. Mr. Petry then asked Mr. Trigg and Mr. Girmscheid to review the Master Plan draft.

(1) Mr. Girmscheid reviewed the community input, which staff had received into the Master Plan and stated that generally the citizens favored more parks, improve existing parks, and work with the City of Waukegan to utilize the lakefront as a recreational facility.

(2) Review of inventory of open space. President Foley stated that she appreciated the fold-out maps as being very helpful.

(3) Compared the existing parks in comparison to National Standards.

(4) Reviewed planning for the community braking down the Park District into six identified communities.

(5) Analysis of average acres per population.

(6) Reviewed recommendations for park-wide improvements, along with recommendations for each park within the Park District.

(7) Recommendations for connecting parks and trails with other entities.

Mr. Trigg reviewed the available appendixes to the Master Plan and advised that the final Master Plan will be ready for Board approval on June 9, 2015 at the regular scheduled Board meeting.

President Foley inquired about opening of the lakefront to recreational needs and expanding the beach.

Mr. Petry advised that the Lakefront Commission is looking into further utilization of the lakefront.

B. Attorney Update.

- Tax Objections. Attorney Smith reviewed the allegations over the four years of tax objections filed by entities represented by attorney Evan Karns and in particular, the assertion that there is excess accumulation in the General Corporate Fund.

Mr. Smith explained that he, along with Jim Glogovsky and Greg Petry, are attempting to communicate the Park District's position that there is no excess accumulation and that the objectors are not recognizing the fact that bond payments are made out of the General Corporate Fund rather than having those bond payments go on the tax rolls.

Further meetings are being scheduled with Mr. Karns in an effort to resolve the pending tax objections.

C. Permission to Accept Bids.

- Contractual Custodial Services. **Motion by Commissioner Sarocka, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve a two year contract with Tenacious Cleaning Service of Lake Zurich IL, as the low bidder for custodial services at the Rose Administrative Center, Belvidere Recreation Center, and Ganster Pool Bathhouse. The first year of the contract is in the amount of \$19,389.51, covering the period of June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016. Year two of the contract is in the amount of \$19,778.28 covering the period of June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Kilkelly, Sarocka, Bridges, Jones and Foley. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Commissioner Comments.

Commissioner Kilkelly praised Tim Girmscheid for his outstanding work on the Master Plan.

Commissioner Bridges thanked the staff of all of their work on his comments concerning the Field House.

V. Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Sarocka, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(2). Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Kilkelly, Sarocka, Bridges, Jones and Foley. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried unanimously. Regular session adjourned into Executive Session at 4:58 p.m.

Following Executive Session, **Motion by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to return to regular session. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Kilkelly, Bridges, and Jones. Nays: None. Absent: President Foley and Commissioner Sarocka. Executive Session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.**

VI. Adjournment.

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

Attendance recorded per policy. Commissioners Foley (5:35 pm) and Sarocka (5.35pm) left the meeting early. Absent per policy. See closed session minutes for details.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Smith
Board Secretary