

**Minutes of the Waukegan Park District
Committee of the Whole
May 22, 2012**

The Committee of the Whole of the Waukegan Park District met in a regular meeting on May 22, 2012 at the Rose Administrative Center, 2000 Belvidere, Waukegan IL.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Motley, Foley, and President Sarocka. Absent: Commissioner Duffy and Kilkelly. Also present was Executive Director Greg Petry and Board Attorney Charles Smith.

III. Topics

A. No Smoking Ordinance. The draft ordinance to ban tobacco products from Park District facilities was presented for discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Motley, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to seat Commissioner Kilkelly. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Kilkelly seated at 4:10 p.m.

The implication of the ordinance and enforcement challenges were discussed. Mr. Petry stated that as with all Park District ordinances, staff and security are urged to seek voluntarily compliance from patrons before resorting to the issuance of citations or banning people from Park District property.

Staff was asked for their input as to the use of tobacco products, particularly at the softball/baseball fields at the SportsPark. Staff reported that there are several members on teams who do use tobacco products in the dugouts and there is a problem with clean up.

The commissioners also discussed advisability of allowing tobacco products on golf courses, which are less likely to affect other patrons with second-hand smoke.

The commissioners directed Board Attorney Smith to redraw the ordinance to allow an exception for the use of tobacco products on the Park District's two golf courses and to further provide that the first offense shall be a warning, the second a fine, and the third offense will be a fine plus a ban from Park District property for a period of time at the discretion of the executive director.

B. Green Committee Presentation. Mike Trigg introduced the members of the Park District Green Committee who then made a presentation to the Board concerning initiatives already started by staff.

The Strategic Plan was reviewed, with particular emphasis on developing a sustainable green practice. Specific programs discussed were an athletic shoe recycling program, dry cell battery recycling, recycling of other products used by Park District.

The new two year agreement with Veolia was reviewed. It was pointed out that there are more blue recycling contains at the SportsPark and that this program will be expanded to include the Belvidere Recreation Center, Bonnie Brook clubhouse, Bonnie Brook maintenance facility, the FieldHouse, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, and the maintenance facility, in addition to the SportsPark.

Commissioner Foley inquired about advertising where old medications can be disposed of. Mr. Petry pointed out that the Park District does not want to be in the position of collecting old medications. Commissioner Foley agreed, stating she only wanted placement of notices of those facilities, such as in Zion, where old medications can be properly disposed.

Staff made a presentation on the Carbon Footprint exercise. While the carbon footprint of the average person in the Park District is less than the United States average, the United States average is several times more than the world average.

Following the presentation, the staff and the commissioners had a brain storming session on carbon management and making the initiatives sustainable. Mr. Petry took note of the suggestions made for the greening of the Park District and these ideas will be brought back at future board meetings.

IV. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners Motley and Foley had no comments.

Commissioner Kilkelly thanked the Green Committee for its presentation.

President Sarocka wished Commissioner Kilkelly a happy birthday.

An alternative date and time for the June meeting was discussed. It was agreed that the June meeting would be rescheduled to June 13 at 5:00 p.m. at the Rose Administrative Center and that staff would post the appropriate notice under the Open Meetings Act.

V. Closed Session. No motion was made to adjourn into closed session.

V. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Motley, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Smith
Secretary