Minutes of the Waukegan Park District Meeting of the Board of Commissioners October 15, 2013

The Board of Commissioners of the Waukegan Park District met in a regular meeting on October 15, 2013 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 Kilkelly who directed a call of the roll.

II. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Duffy, Foley, Bridges, and President Kilkelly. Absent: None. Also present was Executive Director Greg Petry, Board Attorney/Secretary Charles Smith.

III. Consent Items

A. Minutes

July 31, 2013 - Special Meeting/Recreation Advisory Meeting August 19, 2013 - Special Meeting/Special Recreation Meeting September 10, 2013 - Board of Commissioners Meeting October 1, 2013- Special Board Meeting

- B. Bills
- C. Payroll
- D. Financial Statements

Motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, to approve the consent items, and pay the bills as presented. Ayes: Duffy, Foley, Bridges Kilkelly. Nays: None. Absent: Sarocka. Motion carried unanimously.

At 4:35 p.m., Commissioner Sarocka arrived. Motion by Commissioner Duffy, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to seat Commissioner Sarocka. Motion carried.

IV. Public Portion

No member of the public requested to address the Board.

V. Progress Reports

A. <u>Executive Director</u>. Greg Petry submitted a written report. He gave a brief reminder of the reception for Wayne Motley on October 24 at Bonnie Brook.

Commissioner Bridges had a question for Mr. Petry concerning Midlane.

Mr. Petry and Teddy Anderson spoke on bonding initiatives.

- B. Attorney. There was no attorney report at this time.
- C. <u>IAPD/Legislation Update</u>. Mr. Petry reported that there is no update on IAPD legislation.

D. <u>Division Reports</u>.

- D1. <u>Finance & Administration</u>. Jim Glogovsky presented his written report.
- D2. <u>Cultural Arts</u>. Claudia Freeman submitted her written report. She stated that attendance was up for AMFAS this year and one Sunday matinee had help boost attendance.
- D3. <u>Parks</u>. Michael Trigg presented his written report. Mr. Trigg reported that there are new signs posted regarding tobacco use in the parks. He also advised that the new landscaping at Plonien Park should be completed this week.
- Mr. Trigg also advised that the Park District was hosting the SWALCO Community Recycling Event on Saturday, November 26, at Belvidere Park that would also include shredding of paper and documents.
- D4. <u>Superintendent of Recreation</u>. Jay Lerner submitted his written report.

Commissioner Sarocka asked if NFL flag football was held at the Sports Park and he was advised that the event has been held at Victory Park for the last 10-15 years.

The commissioners discussed the use of the Field House, special events in 2013 that included the Very Special Arts Festival; Live Green Family Festival, Fishing Derby, and the American Independence Parade and Festival.

VI. Review, Discuss, Decide

A. Interfund Transfers

Fund Fund From To Memorial/Endow (#32 WPD Found.)(16-11-11-583-9999) 347.75 Corporate (01-11-11-473-9999) 347.75

Purpose: To cover expenses for the 2013 Partners in Parks Outing.

Motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by President Kilkelly, to approve the interfund transfer as presented: Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Bridges, Kilkelly. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Agreements

Parks

Larsen Park License Agreement with Lake County Division of Transportation. Motion by Commissioner Sarocka, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to approve the License Agreement between the Waukegan Park District and Lake County Division of Transportation regarding access and parking for Larsen Park.

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Duffy asked if there was any conflict of interests with entering into the agreement and he was advised that there was no conflict.

Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Ayes: Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Bridges, Kilkelly. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation

- Lake County Forest Preserve Intergovernmental Agreement - Program Partnership. Motion by Commissioner Duffy, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Waukegan Park District and the Lake County Forest Preserve District for the Partnering to Provide Joint Environmental Education Programs. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Ayes: Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Bridges, Kilkelly. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Policies for Review/Approval

- 3.09 Travel, Meetings and Vehicle Use. Motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by Commissioner Duffy to approve the change to 3.09(A)(7), that rental of vehicles are not authorized at Park District expense and any expense associated with rental vehicles is not reimbursable. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4.17 Employee Health and Life Insurance. Motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by Commissioner Sarocka, to approve the changes to 4.17, Employee Health and Life Insurance. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. IAPD Credential Certificate. Commissioner Bridges is tentatively appointed to attend the IAPD seminar on January 23-25, 2014 in Chicago.

VII. Closed Session.

There was no motion to enter into closed session.

VIII. Commissioner Questions.

Commissioner Sarocka lauded the historic achievement of the Park District.

The commissioners expressed their surprise that there was no mention of the Park District being awarded the Gold Medal in Houston in the News Sun.

Mr. Petry advised that he will write something up and forward it to the editors.

Commissioner Foley complimented the staff as being instrumental in the achievements of the Park District and would like to have an "appreciation party" for the staff.

Commissioner Sarocka spoke with Brad Scoff in North Chicago regarding a joint parks effort. He has not heard back from Mr. Scoff.

Commissioner Bridges discussed his attendance at NRPA sessions on management and liability. He also congratulated the staff on their achievement with winning the Gold Medal and asked for additional recognition for the staff.

Commissioner Duffy acknowledged past commissioners and staff who guided the Park District through tough years in early-mid 1990's. He also agrees that a party for the staff and would like to include past and present staff and commissioners.

Mr. Petry acknowledged that years of tax caps were tough but that he loves Waukegan and what the Park District has been able to do for the community through the tough years.

Commissioner Foley added that the board should consider a downtown area and the lakefront for a park.

Commissioner Sarocka wanted his email response to President Kilkelly made a part of the record.

IX. Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by Commissioner Duffy, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Attendance recorded per policy. All commissioners were present.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Smith Board Secretary

Bill Sarocka ----Original Message----

From: bsarocka <bsarocka@aol.com>

To: kilkellyforwaukegan <kilkellyforwaukegan@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tue, Oct 15, 2013 3:49 pm

Subject: Re: correspondence - pls review before today's mtg

Main for

In response to your letter regarding the situation where as I requested a specific discrepancy that I noted in my preparation for our board meeting that was not specifically responded to. First and foremost the characterization of the number that was produced by the management company (not any of our staff) as "fudged" just shows that I am inquiring about something that looked strange being in the category it was. I still think it is an odd number and the way it was explained eventually doesn't really still set well with me.

You have a lot of nerve to speak about respect. Since you have been taking your turn as president of this board you have been nothing but a pawn of my personal harassment for Petry. You do not even speak with me when a situation comes up like my nine holes of golf. (see attached email) Rather you choose to use his underhanded manipulative tactics which really should be beneath you. Today is yet the latest example of this that you pull on me in front of the board at the direction (no doubt) of Petry.

You should be ashamed of yourself the way you are treating myself as a fellow board member.

I will list just a few of the examples that have occurred in the past six or so months.

1-my father getting hired at BonnieBrook where your father worked. In talking with Jim Glogovsky about it after being told to do this by Petry Jim directed me to inquire with Tony about it. I did so and you have the nerve to "ask for my resignation twice" at a meeting with Petry and Chuck Smith. Of course after Petry twisted things around to create some nonsensical situation out of nothing. That and using his position to manipulate Tony to write what Petry wanted him to say so he could use it as some sort of evidence of wrong doing. If anyone was using his position it certainly was not me but Petry in reality when he manipulated Tony Tinetti to produce the letter to protect his job as golf pro.

2-my playing 9 holes of golf at Bonniebrook on a Saturday. This a few hours before than what is allowed under the golf pass I bought therefore becoming the first sitting commissioner in Waukegan history to have to do so. Rather than respect the court order that specifically states we as Waukegan Park District commissioners are allowed to use the facility we are manipulated by a couple of circumstances and blatant lies to create a rule saying that commissioners cannot golf by Petry and his manipulations. Specifically there is a tax watchdog group that has been harassing Lake Bluffs park district that caused them to react to produce a golf policy. This and an audit from another park district from the IRS where interpretations were used that are debatable at best. Rather than specifically going into all of this at this time I will focus on your lack of respect that you showed in this example (see attached email).

3-Your usage of a 3 minute timer to explain the situation in example #2. The lunacy of such is only able to best be described as a show of total disrespect for a commissioner.

4-This latest example where you blast out an email a couple hours before a meeting manipulating the situation (at Petry's direction no doubt) to attempt to embarrass me at our meeting without my being aware of any issue or having time to

respond. This after I am told in a tone of disrespect that "if it rains then they send the workers home at the golf course" is some kind of relevant response for my specific request that a number be explained in detail on a report. Of course this allowed as a correspondence for all commissioners to see and my response being limited by the open meetings act

----Original Message-

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<foleypc@comcast.net>; Greg Petry <gregp@waukeganparks.org>; Charles W. Smith <chuck.smith@csmithlaw.com> Sent: Tue, Oct 1, 2013 1:43 pm

Subject: Re: correspondence - pls review before today's mtg

Since the last mtg - there has been correspondence related to the golf inquiry from Comm. Sarocka which I felt was dealt with promptly and courteously. I am bothered by the lack of respect from you, Bill, hence my letter attached.