

**Minutes of the Waukegan Park District
Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
January 24, 2012**

The Board of Commissioners of the Waukegan Park District met in a special meeting on January 24, 2012 in the Rose Administrative Center, 2000 Belvidere Street, Waukegan, Illinois.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Vice President Bill Sarocka who directed a call of the role.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Review, Discuss, Decide

A. Permission to Accept Bids/Quotes

•Golf Carts. **Motion by Commissioner Motley, seconded by Commissioner Kilkelly, to authorize bids for golf carts.**

Commissioner Duffy asked that bids be sought for 80 golf carts.

Commissioner Sarocka asked that staff seek multiple vendors.

Mr. Petry explained that the golf carts are proprietary and there is not more than one vendor for each make of carts. Staff will seek bids from various manufacturers.

Motion carried unanimously.

At 4:15 p.m., President Foley arrived. **Motion by Commissioner Motley, seconded by Commissioner Sarocka, to seat President Foley. Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Belcher Brothers Power Alleys Sports Dome Inquiry. Kevin and Greg Belcher made a presentation regarding Power Alleys Sports Dome and seeking permission to construct such a dome for year-round baseball and other sports activities at the SportsPark.

The Belcher brothers explained that the dome would only be in operation between October and June.

Commissioner Motley inquired why the Park District couldn't just build the dome if it was considered a worthwhile project for the District.

Commissioner Sarocka asked how the Belcher brothers intended to finance the project and they stated that they had private venture capitalists financing the construction of the dome.

Commissioner Sarocka made it clear to the Belcher brothers that the Park District cannot sell land to a private entity and that if this proposal had merit, it would have to be under a lease agreement.

The Belchers acknowledged that they are looking for a lease or a licensing agreement.

In response to other questions, the Belchers explained that the dome has a 25 year useful life, with a 15 year warranty.

There were discussions as to the operational and utility costs for such a structure.

The Park District shared the construction costs for the Field House and its operational costs.

The Belchers also made inquiry concerning the availability of a liquor license, but explained that alcohol is not an essential element to the project.

Commissioner Sarocka expressed interest in the project, but expressed concerns that the Belcher brothers' cost projections are not in line with what the Park District is seeing for construction.

Motion by Commissioner Duffy, seconded by Commissioner Motley not to pursue planning of an indoor facility at the SportsPark at this time. Motion approved by commissioners Duffy, Motley, Foley and Kilkelly, Commissioner Sarocka opposed the motion.

C. Phase I Environmental Site Assessment for Parcels at Lewis and Beach Road. The report was reviewed and Mr. Petry advised that he is discussing access to the site with the City.

D. FY 2012/13 Budget Workshop #1.

Mr. Petry explained that staff is on schedule as far as implementing the strategic plan and provided a grid showing the implementation of the process to date.

Mr. Glogovsky turned the board's attention to the budget process and policies information included in their packets. This information was extensively reviewed and discussed with the members. It was noted that the process will remain the same as last year and will be in a similar format. Continuing, he reviewed the nine phases of the budget, along with a discussion about CPI which was just released and is

3% as well as the tax objection process.

There was no consensus regarding the merit pool. This discussion will continue at the February 14, 2012 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Following this, each superintendent reviewed their respective service level changes with the commissioners, and answered questions that arose.

Lastly, the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and statuses for the current year was reviewed and discussed.

IV. Closed Session

The Board did not recess into closed session.

V. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Smith
Secretary