

**Minutes of the Waukegan Park District
Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
February 10, 2009**

The Board of Commissioners of the Waukegan Park District met in a regular meeting on February 10, 2009 in the Rose Administrative Center, 2000 Belvidere Street, Waukegan, Illinois.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by President Wayne Motley who directed a call of the roll.

II. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Durkin, Duffy, Sarocka, and Motley. At 2:47 p.m., Commissioner Foley was seated. Also present was Executive Director Greg Petry, Board Attorney Charles Smith, Doug Holzrichter of PHN Architects.

III. Budget Workshop

Mr. Petry recommended a conservative approach to the Budget and to scale back on ongoing capital expenditures. In light of the current economic situation, some purchases and maintenance can be deferred. This action will build cash reserves.

Mr. Warneke reviewed the Budget Message of the 2009-2010 Budget and the budget process. Nine phases at a budget time schedule were presented to the Board. Budget policy and assumptions and expenditures are not to exceed revenues. A five year plan was discussed. Included in the Budget is an 8.42% IMRF contribution and a possible \$30,000 increase would be required in 2010. The Budget being prepared leaves service levels at close to the prior budget year's levels and each department head discussed their service level changes.

III. Public Portion

No members of the public asked to address the Board.

IV. Consent Items

- A. Minutes
January 13, 2009 (Board of Commissioners)
January 26, 2009 (Committee of the Whole)
- B. Bills
- C. Payroll
- D. Financial Statements

Motion by Commissioner Sarocka, seconded by Commissioner Duffy, to approve the Consent Items and to pay the bills as presented. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Progress Reports

A. Executive Director

Mr. Petry presented a written progress report and orally reported that the because of the slow economy there is not much happening with land cash donations.

Mr. Petry reported that the sports complex meetings are continuing and that bid openings are scheduled for March 14.

B. Attorney

Mr. Smith has no matters to be discussed in open session, but would be discussing litigation in executive session.

C. IAPD/Legislation Update

Mr. Petry and Mr. Motley reported no update on legislative information as the legislature has been involved with the impeachment hearings concerning the governor.

D. Division Reports.

D1. Superintendent of Finance & Administration. Steve Warneke submitted a written report and discussed the conditions of the IMRF fund.

D2. Cultural Arts. Claudia Freeman presented a written report. There were no questions from the Commissioners.

D3. Parks. Michael Trigg submitted a written report. Commissioner Duffy asked about issues about hot and cold water at the field house. He was advised that a valve needs to be rebuilt and this issue should be resolved shortly.

D4. Recreation. Alicia Mentell presented her written report and introduced Amy Springman who will be working in fitness and aquatics; Allie Keene and Rachel Statler who are working in special education.

Ms. Mentell also presented her written aquatic report prepared by Michael Wirsing, who reviewed it with the Board.

V. Review, Discuss, Decide

A. Interfund Transfers. **Motion by Commissioner Duffy, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to approve the Interfund Transfer as presented.**

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Corporate (011111)	\$100,000.00	
Insurance (131111)		\$100,000.00

Purpose: Diminishing Fund Balance due to OH Unemployment Expenses

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Memorial/Endowment (161111)(M50)	\$3,500.00	
Recreation (021313)		\$3,500.00

Purpose: Halloweenfest

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Recreation (021313)	\$330.00	
Memorial/Endowment (M6)		\$330.00

Purpose: Fishing Derby Proceeds

Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Authorization to Accept Bids/Quotes

Parks Division

Discovery Boardwalk at Roosevelt Park - **Motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to approve the low bid of Car-Min Construction Co., Inc., Waukegan IL, in the amount of \$48,316.00 for the Discovery Boardwalk at Roosevelt Park. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

Bonnie Brook Clubhouse Remodeling – Mr. Trigg and Doug Holzrichter reviewed the bids for the remodeling project. The low responsible bidder was determined to be Foxfield Construction Bartlett IL with a bid of \$656,436. Mr. Holzrichter advised that the references for Foxfield Construction had been researched and the company received good references. **Motion by Commissioner Durkin, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to approve the low bid of Foxfield Construction in the amount of \$656,436 for the Bonnie Brook Clubhouse remodeling project. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: Duffy. Motion carried 4-1.**

Food Service Equipment Design, Furnishing & Installation for Bonnie Brook Clubhouse Remodeling – **Motion by Commissioner Durkin, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to approve the bid of Boelter Contracting LLC for food service equipment for the Bonnie Brook Clubhouse remodeling project in the amount of \$59,063.31. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: Duffy. Motion carried 4-1.**

Golf Division

Golf Course Pesticides – **Motion by Commissioner Duffy, seconded by Commissioner Sarocka, to approve the 2009 Golf Pesticide bids totaling \$31,075.26. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

C. Ordinance #09-01

General Obligation Alternate Bonds Abatement Ordinance - **Motion by Commissioner Duffy, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to approve Ordinance 09-01 abating bond abatements. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioners asked to move Item D: Sports Complex Design Development, Cost Projections and Budget to the end of the agenda.

D. American Independence Festivities – Ms. Mentell advised the Commissioners the membership of the committee and suggested allowing the City to select the Grand Marshal in light of the City's sesquicentennial celebration. Commissioner Durkin is to serve as Board liaison to the committee.

E. Haines Museum Name Change - Waukegan Historical Society has requested a name change to the Waukegan History Museum. **Motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by Durkin, to approve the name change from Haines Museum to Waukegan History Museum Farmhouse. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

F. Sports Complex Design Development, Cost Projections and Budget. Mr. Petry and Mr. Warneke reviewed the District's cash position and bonding authority. There is approximately \$23.6 million available in cash at this time and the potential bonding authority of an additional \$10 million. The total cost pursuant to engineers' estimates to do all proposed phases of the development is \$37.4 million, which could be decreased by \$6 million if the contract with Robert Morris College is achieved.

Commissioner Durkin stated his opposition to a \$34.7 million total budget and suggested that the Commissioners not building the proposed east side at this time.

Commissioner Foley stated that she favored entering into the agreement with Robert Morris College and seeing if the college could provide enough funds which would enable the district to build both the east and west side of the development.

Commissioner Sarocka stated that he had heard that Robert Morris College is having reservations about the proposed agreement with the Park District and further stated his personal disappointment in the projected costs for the sports complex. He stated that the costs estimates should have been decided prior to the decision to close the golf course and opposes the expenditures for baseball fields, indicating in his opinion that there is not a demand to justify the cost of four baseball fields.

Commissioner Duffy stated that preliminary cost estimates were discussed prior to the closure of Orchard Hills golf course and that \$25 million was the approximate cost of the development. He pointed out that the Robert Morris College agreement would only provide \$2 million upfront and estimates that the cost of the east side development is \$13 million. Commissioner Duffy stated that he favors softball in the baseball fields as proposed, along with the soccer fields and he suggests doing the west side of the development for possibly \$25 million to allow both land and capital funds for a swimming pool at Belvidere Park in the future.

President Motley stated his continuing support of the sports complex and pointed out that the community voted for the sports complex when the increased bonding was approved in 1997. President Motley stated that during the 13 years that he has been pushing for the construction of a sports complex that will address the community's demand for more soccer fields and stated that he will support any final configuration that will bring the soccer fields to the Orchard Hills site. He asked the commissioners to be considerate of his willingness to compromise.

After further discussion among the Commissioners regarding the sports complex, **motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to authorize the publishing of bids for the entire project with the softball, soccer, and championship fields, but that the bids would have alternative bids for softball and a second alternative for the championship field to accommodate the Robert Morris College sports teams, providing a signed agreement was received by the Park District with a guarantee of a \$2 million upfront payment by March 9, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

VII. Closed Session

Motion by Commissioner Durkin, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to adjourn into executive session to discuss pending litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). Ayes: Durkin, Duffy, Foley, Sarocka Motley. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously. Regular session adjourned into executive session at 5:45 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Following executive session, **Motion by Commissioner Durkin, seconded by Foley, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 5:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Smith
Secretary