

**Minutes of the Waukegan Park District
Committee of the Whole
July 26, 2010**

The Committee of the Whole of the Waukegan Park District met in a regular meeting on July 26, 2010 at the Rose Administrative Center, 2000 Belvidere Street, Waukegan, Illinois.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Motley at 3:00 p.m. who directed a call of the roll.

II. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Duffy, Sarocka, Foley, Durkin, President Motley.
Absent: None. Also present were Executive Director Greg Petry, Board Attorney Charles Smith.

III. Topics

A. Belvidere Park Pool Project – Mr. Petry explained that there will be a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) sent out to various architectural firms for concept ideas for a new aquatics facility. Mr. Petry then took the Board through the process of reviewing the RFQs and ultimately selecting an architect for the design. There are many ideas being circulated concerning the possible configurations and amenities to be included in the facility. The Park District is hoping to receive various ideas from firms who have experience in constructing aquatic facilities and hope to settle on a design that would be best for the Park District.

Following the RFQ process and the selection of an architect, there will then be a process of Request for Proposals (RFP) relative to the construction of the aquatic facility. It is necessary to secure an architect in order to obtain some parameters relative to the ultimate cost of the project.

B. Waukegan Township Park Place Expansion Proposal – Mr. Petry reviewed with the Board the history of the intergovernmental cooperation between Waukegan Township and the Waukegan Park District. The initial intergovernmental agreement between the two governmental bodies was signed in 1991 with an amendment to the agreement in 2002. The agreement is due to expire June 30, 2012.

The Board reviewed the presentation made by Pat Jones and the Township at the most recent meeting of the Park District. While the Board supports the Township's request for expansion of the Senior Facility at the Belvidere Recreation Center, it is thought that the \$700,000 grant secured by the Township

is far too little to make a significant improvement to the building. It is also the Board's feeling that the design for a new aquatic center needs to be settled upon before authorization is given to go forward with renovations to the Rec Center, since those renovations might significantly impact parking for the new aquatic facility.

The Board felt that it was important for Mr. Petry to put the Park District's position in writing. Mr. Petry circulated a draft letter that he proposes to send to Pat Jones setting forth the Park District's position. The board reviewed the letter and added several points. Mr. Petry was to send out the letter the next morning prior to the public meetings hosted by the township.

IV. Closed Session

No motion was made to adjourn into executive session.

V. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Durkin, seconded by Commissioner Duffy, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Smith
Secretary