

**Minutes of the Waukegan Park District
Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
August 23, 2010**

The Board of Commissioners of the Waukegan Park District met in a special meeting on August 23, 2010 in the Rose Administrative Center, 2000 Belvidere Street, Waukegan, Illinois.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Duffy, Durkin, Foley, Sarocka. Absent: President Motley was absent due to work commitments, but was available to participate remotely by telephone. Also present were Executive Director Greg Petry and Board Attorney Charles Smith. **Motion by Commissioner Sarocka, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to seat President Motley and allow him to participate remotely. Motion carried unanimously.**

III. Topics

A. Approval of Bid for Roosevelt Phase III Improvements. Mike Trigg reviewed the status of bids for Phase III that will complete the work at Roosevelt Park. **Motion by Commissioner Durkin, seconded by Commissioner Duffy, to approve the low bid of Fuerte Systems, of Plainfield IL, in the amount of \$258,986 for the completion of Phase III at Roosevelt Park.**

The commissioners asked if this was the last phase and if there was any funding. Mr. Trigg advised that this is the last phase of the project and there is partial funding through an IEPA grant. Mr. Trigg also advised that the project will come in under budget.

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

Mr. Trigg presented the quote from Diamond Pier Foundations for the purchase of 105 Diamond Piers for the Roosevelt Park boardwalk. These foundations permit the construction of the boardwalk over the wetland areas and are critical to the installation of the boardwalk without disruption to the wetlands. Due to the deadline of October 15, 2010 for completion of the boardwalk, a request was made to waive all bid requirements and accept the quote of Diamond Pier Foundations in the amount of \$20,663.95. **Motion by Commissioner Sarocka, seconded by Commissioner Duffy, to waive bid requirements and to approve the quote from Diamond Pier Foundations in the amount of \$20,662.95. Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Duffy, Durkin, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Change of Depository. Jim Glogovsky advised the Board that NorStates Bank has been placed on the FDIC watch list, and in light of that designation felt that it was appropriate that the Park District open additional operating accounts at First Midwest Bank and Wintrust in order to ensure liquidity and protection of all park district funds. **Motion by Commissioner Sarocka, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to**

approve First Midwest Bank and Wintrust as additional depositors of park district funds.

Commissioner Duffy commented that the Park District has had a long standing relationship with NorStates Bank and wanted to ensure that the Park District would still maintain a financial relationship and deposits at NorStates Bank. The commissioners agreed and the staff assured the Board that NorStates will remain a depository for Park District funds. **Roll call to the motion: Ayes: Duffy, Durkin, Foley, Sarocka, Motley. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried unanimously.**

C. Commissioner Participation at Events and Programs. Mr. Petry reviewed with the commissioners the limitations on compensation imposed by state statute and the fact that the park district has been subject to a lawsuit in the past concerning the commissioners' use of the facilities without charge. Board attorney Charles Smith explained that state law prohibits the compensation of park district commissioners, but that park district commissioners are not only allowed but encouraged to utilize park district facilities to ensure that there are being maintained and operated in the public interest. The commissioners were reminded that this was a personal privilege and does not extend to guests or family members.

Commissioner Sarocka pointed out that he has, at times, invited individuals to use the facilities at Bonnie Brook and that this has generated new business for the park district and brought in more members for golf leagues.

The commissioners have in the past been subjected to requests from individuals for free use of the golf courses and this is not permitted under state law.

Mr. Petry advised that there is an opportunity to purchase a number of trees at substantially reduced costs because the Chicago Park District has cancelled a contract with a tree nursery. The staff will be putting together a proposal for the next board meeting but advised that this appeared to be an excellent opportunity to acquire a number of trees at a substantial savings.

Commissioner Foley commented that she participated in the library's celebration of the 90th birthday of Ray Bradbury. She further stated that many people on her trolley were not aware that Waukegan had a Ray Bradbury park. The participants in the event were pleased to learn that the Park District had named a park in honor of native son Ray Bradbury.

IV. Adjournment. **Motion by Commissioner Duffy, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Charles W. Smith
Secretary