

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT
Administration Center
2000 Belvidere Road
Waukegan, Illinois
July 26, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

President George Bridges called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

President George Bridges
Vice President Janet Kilkelly
Treasurer Patricia Foley
Marc Jones
William Sarocka

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT:

Superintendent of Cultural Arts Claudia Freeman, Superintendent of Parks Michael Trigg, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Jim Glogovsky, Superintendent of Recreation Jay Lerner, Community Relations Manager Teddy Anderson, and Board Attorney George Bridges.

III. PUBLIC PORTION

Margaret Carrasco, of 532 N. Lewis Ave., Waukegan, Illinois appeared before the Board and voiced her disappointment with the Park District for refusing to issue her a Park permit for an event she was sponsoring. She further alleged that the Park District was discriminating illegally by providing Blacks and Hispanic with fewer recreational programs, facilities, and funds within their neighborhoods. She challenged the Board to invest the same dollar amount, and establish sports programs in and around the south side of Waukegan.

President Bridges thanked Ms. Carrasco for appearing before the Board and that he had supported her sponsored event from the very beginning. He went on to say that it was unfortunate that she and the Park District were unable to resolve the issues to enable her to obtain a permit for the event. He further told Ms. Carrasco not to be discouraged in her future efforts to obtain a Park permit for any future event she was to plan.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Acceptance of donated dog waste stations.

Aimee Emery-Ortiz and Jennifer Moore from the Waukegan Art District advised the Board that

the Waukegan Art District in conjunction with the Waukegan Animals Getting Saved organizations want to donate two (2) dog waste stations and waste bags to the Park District as a tourist campaign to help attract visitors with pets to the city of Waukegan. They went on to say that the objective of the waste stations was to support the Waukegan war on litter through Park unification and community awareness and education and to showcase that Waukegan's Parks are pet friendly. Mike Trigg advised the Board he perceived no problem with installing the dog waste stations.

Motion by Commissioner Sarocka, seconded by Commissioner Foley to accept the two (2) donated dog waste stations. No further discussion was had on this subject. On a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Kilkelly, Foley, Jones, Sarocka, Bridges

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

B. Approval of Lake County Forest Preserve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA).

Attorney Bridges reminded the Board of Lake County Forest Preserve's vision to create an unbroken and contiguous trail spanning the entire county. He stated that in order to further their westward expansion, the Forest Preserve would need to go through the Park District property commonly known as the Henry Pfau Callahan Park and Bevier Park. Attorney Bridges stated that his initial concerns with the IGA had been resolved; in that, the IGA no longer requires the Park District to be responsible for the maintenance of the traffic signal, or for the security and policing of the trail. He advised the Board that the IGA will require the District to maintain a portion (removing the trash and rubbish) of the trail not within Park District's property, and that the Forest Preserves Ordinance would apply and control over the trail.

President Bridges asked Attorney Bridges if the Park District would be responsible for removing the trash and rubbish from that portion of the trail that is not within the Park District property. Attorney Bridges advised him yes, that it would.

Commissioner Kilkelly asked if the traffic light planned for the trail was the type that would continuously flash when a pedestrian approached. Attorney Bridges advised her it was not. He stated because of safety concerns and the proximity to Yorkhouse Road, it was his understanding it would be a full functioning traffic light.

Commissioner Sarocka asked Attorney Bridges if his concerns have been addressed in the proposed IGA. Attorney Bridges responded that they were all addressed. Commissioner Foley inquired as to whether or not the dryers would have to be replaced, as well. Mr. Lerner informed her that the dryers would be replaced at a later date.

Commissioner Kilkelly asked about the life expectancy of the units and their warranty. Mr.

Lerner informed her that the life expectancy of the units was 10 years, but he did not know the warranty period.

Motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Lake County Forest Preserve District, the City of Waukegan, and the Waukegan Park District for the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian trail. There was no further discussion on this matter. On a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Kilkelly, Foley, Jones, Sarocka, Bridges

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

C. Adoption of Resolution Number 2016-16.

Commissioner Foley inquired as to whether the original locker room set up involved only two-tier lockers. Mr. Lerner responded that was correct. Mr. Lerner stated the requested change order was due in part to the benefit of having some full lockers and tri-level lockers in the Aquatic Facility. He reasoned those individuals utilizing the facility for swim lessons would not be in need of much space. Commissioner Foley stressed the fact that depending on the swimming programs one may be involved in there could be a big difference in the gear they would bring. Commissioner Foley asked who would use the tri-level lockers. Mr. Lerner advised her that the tri-level lockers would typically be used by campers, with small bags. She stated her recommendation is that all lockers be changed to full lockers, as opposed to two-tier or tri-level ones.

Attorney Bridges advised the Board of the State Statute regarding change orders, which requires the Board to make certain findings before approving a change order and to put those finding in writing. He advised the Board that going forward any change order or series of change orders that involve an increase or decrease of \$10,000 or more will be presented in the form of a Resolution.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to approve Resolution 2016-16, authorizing the change order of Stuckey Construction, for the revised configuration of Phenolic Lockers, in the increased amount of \$2,904.00. There was no further discussion on this matter. On a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Kilkelly, Foley, Jones, Sarocka, Bridges

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Kilkelly left the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Sarocka moved, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George Bridges
Secretary