

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD MEETING  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

Administration Center  
2000 Belvidere Road  
Waukegan, Illinois  
November 28, 2017

**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 Marc Jones  
Treasurer Patricia Foley  
Janet Kilkelly  
William Sarocka

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT:

Executive Director Jay Lerner  
Superintendent of Finance & Administration Jon Beckmann, Superintendent of Cultural Arts Claudia Freeman, Superintendent of Recreation Errick Beverly, Superintendent of Parks Scott MacLean, Community Relations Manager Teddy Anderson, Executive Assistant Sally Sandine, and Attorney George Bridges.

**III. PUBLIC PORTION**

None

**IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**V. REVIEW / DISCUSS / DECIDE**

- A. Presentation of Draft Levy and Tax Ordinance.

Mr. Beckmann presented the Board with a draft copy of the 2018 Estimate Tax Ordinance. He stated the actual Ordinance would be presented for adoption at the December 12, 2017, meeting. There was no discussion on this matter.

- B. Playground Presentations.

Mr. MacLean presented the “Before and After” photographs of three (3) of the Playgrounds that were

modernized and updated this year. Mr. MacLean stated they wanted to rejuvenate the aging playground in Adelphi, Country Lane, and Washington Parks. He said the goal was to bring community-designed and community-built ADA-accessible playgrounds to those parks that will exercise the imaginations of the children as well as their muscles. Commissioner Jones commended Mr. MacLean and Director Lerner for their tremendous work and effort to improve those playgrounds and the other parks within the District as well.

C. The Naming of Facilities within the District.

Mr. MacLean stated he and Director Lerner had recently discussed the naming of Park District Facilities and Director Lerner instructed him to bring the matter before the Board to begin the discussion on this issue. Mr. MacLean provided several suggestions regarding (1) Howard Ganster Pool, (2) Kocal Field, and (3) Rose Administration Building. The suggestions involve placing plaques at the Baseball Field, in one of the new shelters that will be built in the park, or within the new Administration Building. He said Staff had had some preliminary discussions with family members of those in which the facilities are now named, and the response was supportive. He said the families were especially thankful they had reached out to get their input. Director Lerner stated he wanted to start this discussion because the District does currently have a policy on the naming of facilities. He said Ms. Anderson is now working on drafting one for the Board. Commissioner Jones stated he was pleased to hear Staff had reached out to those family members because it's important to remember the history and to keep the names of those who impacted the District visible. Commissioner Sarocka stated he knows the Rose family still lives in the area and they are interested to see how their mother would be honored and recognized. Commissioner Kilkelly thanked Mr. MacLean for providing some good alternatives for the Board to consider. President Bridges stated he grew up swimming at Ganster Pool and he believes it is essential to continue to honor and recognized Mr. Ganster. Director Lerner asked the Commissioners to forward him any suggestions they have on the naming of the various facilities. President Bridges suggested Commissioners provide their suggestions to Director Lerner no later than the end of the year.

D. Canceling of Committee of the Whole meeting Scheduled December 19, 2017.

Director Lerner suggested the December 19, 2017, Committee of the Whole meeting be canceled. There was no discussion on the matter, and the Board by consensus agreed to cancel that meeting.

**VI. COMMISSIONERS QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

The Commissioners congratulated Director Lerner on the birth of his son.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Bridges moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George Bridges  
Secretary