

Minutes of a Regular Session of the Board of
Park Commissioners of the Downers Grove Park
District held on May 7, 2015 at the Village Hall,
801 Burlington Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515

Call to Order President Cushing called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Cushing, Gelwicks, Mahoney, Roman and Souter; Executive Director, Bill McAdam; Director of Recreation, Jay Kelly; Director of Operations and Development, Geoff Penman; Assistant Director for District Services, Sara Rathsack; Assistant Director for Financial Services, Erik Brown; Clerk, Pam Rank; BMO Harris Bank, Managing Director – Treasury & Payment Solutions, Erik Anderson. Staff in attendance: Superintendent of Planning, Paul Fyle; Superintendent of Parks, Mike Siefken; Lincoln Center Manager, Michelle Pusateri; Recreation Supervisor, Justin Narter; Recreation Supervisor, Mike O’Shea. ABSENT: None

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Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Changes to the Agenda: None

Recognition of Visitors: Betty Rigsby questioned the purchase of the new Walnut property. She asked why the Ogden frontage property was not part of the purchase. Bill Wrobel also questioned the purchase of the Walnut property saying that it was so far northwest that it would serve no purpose for him. Gordon Goodman supported the land acquisition. Laurel Bowen questioned why there was no referendum for the property purchase.

Correspondence: No written correspondence

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CONSENT AGENDA:

Executive Director Bill McAdam listed the items on the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Approval of Minutes – April 2, 2015 Special and Executive Session Meetings and April 16, 2015 Regular and Executive Session Meetings
- Acceptance of the DuPage County Canvass for the Consolidated General Election of April 7, 2015

Commissioner Roman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Gelwicks seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Roman, Gelwicks, Cushing, Mahoney and Souter
 Nays: None
 Absent: None

ACTION ITEMS:

There were no action items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President, Matt Cushing presented outgoing Commissioner, Mark Roman with a plaque honoring him for his years of service on the Board of Park Commissioners. Commissioner Roman thanked Staff, his fellow Board Members the Residents of Downers Grove and the new Commissioner, Frank Livorsi who is taking his place on the Board. President, Matt Cushing thanked him for his years of service.

Adjourn Sine Die 7:14 p.m.**Convene Meeting 7:17 p.m.**

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PRESENT: Commissioners Cushing, Gelwicks, Mahoney and Souter; Executive Director, Bill McAdam; Director of Recreation, Jay Kelly; Director of Operations and Development, Geoff Penman; Assistant Director for District Services, Sara Rathsack; Assistant Director for Financial Services, Erik Brown; Clerk, Pam Rank; BMO Harris Bank, Managing Director – Treasury & Payment Solutions, Erik Anderson. Staff in attendance: Superintendent of Planning, Paul Fyle; Superintendent of Parks, Mike Siefken; Lincoln Center Manager, Michelle Pusateri; Recreation Supervisor, Justin Narter; Recreation Supervisor, Mike O’Shea. ABSENT: None

Oath of Office

Bob Gelwicks, Cathy Mahoney and Frank Livorsi were sworn in.

Election of Officers

Commissioner Gelwicks made a motion to elect the following Commissioners to the following positions:

Matt Cushing – President
Bob Gelwicks – Vice President
Cathy Mahoney – Treasurer
Damienne Souter – Secretary

Commissioner Mahoney seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Gelwicks, Mahoney, Cushing, Livorsi and Souter
 Nays: None
 Absent: None

Representative Appointments

Commissioner Gelwicks made a motion to appoint the following Commissioners to the following positions:

Damienne Souter – Plan Commission Representative
Bill McAdam – SEASPAR Representative
Cathy Mahoney – Review Committee for Aids/Infectious and Communicable Diseases

Commissioner Mahoney seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Gelwicks, Mahoney, Cushing, Livorsi and Souter
Nays: None
Absent: None

Changes to the Agenda

Item 3.1, Request authorization of signatures for bank accounts and certified copy of corporate resolutions and list of officers, was removed from the agenda as the proposed changes were no longer necessary.

Action Items

Consideration of call for Bina Hearing:

Eric Anderson from BMO Harris presented the Board and staff with the impacts of the considered capital project funding for the new Walnut Property. Debt Certificates and Limited Park Bonds were two options that were presented. The Limited Park Bonds offered economic and rating advantages over the Debt Certificate and therefore was the unanimous choice. President Cushing issued an Executive Order for a public hearing to be held at the May 21, 2015 Board meeting to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the District in the amount of \$4,500,000 for the purchase of 14.8 acres of land east of Walnut Avenue and just south of Ogden Avenue.

BOARD BUSINESS:

President's Comments

Commissioner Cushing attended a conference where Governor Rauner spoke. Rauner informed the public that DuPage County is doing better than most of their surrounding counties. Commissioner Cushing also reiterated that it was an exciting time for the Park District regarding the purchase of the Walnut property.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Gelwicks thanked outgoing Commissioner Roman for his service and said what a pleasure it was to have worked with him.

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Reports

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS

Grove Players Memorandum of Understanding: A revised memorandum of understanding was presented to the Board. The changes include submitting facility rental requests up to seven months in advance as opposed to 45 days in advance and waiving overtime charges on Sundays as the Lincoln Center is now used for other park district programs and rentals on Sundays and therefore does not require opening specifically for the Grove Players.

Installation of new Basketball Hoops in District #58 gymnasiums: Staff is recommending replacing the basketball hoop systems at 10 of the schools within District 58. Initially, three schools will receive the new adjustable equipment. Program fees will be increased by \$10 per participant to cover the cost of the new hoops. The Board's comments included concern that the Park District would lose their gym usage time should District 58 current staff move on. Executive Director McAdam will check the current agreement and address this matter at the next meeting. Commissioner Cushing thought the current contract should be amended to include District 58 maintaining the basketball hoops as part of this plan.

Lincoln Center Roof Replacement: Staff presented to the Board a relatively inexpensive spray-on roof that is guaranteed for 12 years, to seal the roof against leakage. The guarantee includes, at no cost, an annual 40 point inspection of the roof and annual repair and recoating where needed over the 12 year period. The cost to cover the entire Lincoln Center roof is \$43, 750.00. The cost to cover the auditorium only would be \$11,750.00.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Again, Bill Wrobel commented that the only people who will take advantage of the new Walnut property will be Park District participants. He suggested talking with the Alter Group to see if they would donate the frontage property to the Park District.

Laurel Bowen informed the Board that she couldn't hear any of the discussion that took place regarding the Walnut property. She didn't recall a referendum being addressed. Commissioner Mahoney informed her that a referendum was not needed in this case.

Betty Rigsby also commented about the 3.5 acres that the Alter Group will retain. Also, she stated that though the land purchase will not increase taxes, new streets and parking lots would cost the taxpayers.

Gordon Goodman again commented that the new land purchased was a great value and is pleased about the acquisition for the future.

David Olsen, a commissioner on the Village Board, welcomed the incoming Park Board members and said he looked forward to working with the Park District in the future.

Commissioner Cushing announced that the next board meeting will be held May 21, 2015 at the Village Hall.

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ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:03 p.m. following a motion made by Commissioner Souter and seconded by Commissioner Mahoney.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Souter, Mahoney, Cushing, Gelwicks and Roman
 Nays: None
 Absent: None

FINAL ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m. following a motion made by Commissioner Gelwicks and seconded by Commissioner Mahoney.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Gelwicks, Mahoney, Cushing, Livorsi and Souter
 Nays: None
 Absent: None

Respectfully submitted,

Damienne Souter,
Secretary