

River Forest Park District Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting May 9, 2016, 6:00 PM

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The meeting was held at The Depot, 401 Thatcher Avenue.

Present: Commissioners Molly Hague (Vice President), Beth Dunne, Paul Koester (Treasurer), and Peter Kuzmich; Executive Director and Secretary Michael Sletten. Two attendees were also present.

At 6:00 PM Vice President Molly Hague called to order a Public Hearing for the May 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017 proposed budget and appropriation ordinance. There was no discussion, and the public hearing was adjourned.

The Commissioners approved 4-0: the Board Minutes of April 11, 2016; April 12-30 vendor disbursements of \$37,367.80 and customer disbursements of \$524; and May 1-9 vendor disbursements of \$17,952.61. There were no public comments.

Park Services reported that spring landscaping activities are proceeding and will be completed in two weeks. After a wet spring, fields are mostly dry and ready for play.

Recreation Services has hired a new tennis pro to teach at all levels. The Women's Platform Tennis League began play on April 20, with 38 women participating. The River and Woods cleanup April 23 yielded 1,360 pounds of trash, including a window AC, various dead animals, a stop sign pole, sand bags, and other items. Free Family Parties in the Park will be held on the third Thursdays of May, June, and July, 6-7:30 PM. Food, live music, face painting, balloon twisting and other fun activities will be offered.

Administration and Finance reported that a 1-year CD of \$102,799.38 at Pan American Bank matured and was renewed for another year at .30 APY. Year-end budgeting is now in process.

The next West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA) board meeting is May 10, 2016, 5:00 PM.

The next Parks Foundation meeting is May 16, 2016, 6:30 PM at The Depot.

There were no Board Reports.

Old Business

1. The Commissioners approved 4-0 the 2016-2017 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. The ordinance includes the following information:
 - a. The total amount of all Park District funds as of May 1, 2016, was \$2,868,159 (including Corporate, Recreation, Illinois Municipal Retirement, Bond and Interest, Special Recreation, Liability Insurance, Audit Expense, and Capital Improvement Funds).
 - b. Cash on hand as of May 1, 2016, was \$3,550,592, and revenue for the coming fiscal year was estimated at \$2,083,382 (of which tax income was expected to be \$1,561,187).

- c. Expenditures for the next fiscal year are estimated at \$2,288,158, and the expected cash on hand as of April 30, 2017, was expected to be \$2,816,692.
- d. Unexpended balances and receipts and revenues from sources other than taxes and not appropriated shall constitute the General Fund.
2. The Park District's share of funding the Oak Park/River Forest Youth Interventionist Program was approved 4-0.
3. Draft ideas for the platform tennis facility project are due from the architects in June. The accompanying budget will break out costs for construction alternatives, including repositioning the courts and warming hut location and design. Platform tennis members are weighing in on design features of the hut, some of which would be more feasible if donated to the project rather than included in the budgeted cost.
4. Seven positions are open for this year on the Platform Tennis Committee with each position having specific duties. So far individuals have been identified for five of the spots.

New Business

1. The Board has received a petition with over 100 signatures to build two sand volleyball courts at Constitution Park where the ice rink is set up during the winter. A letter will be sent to neighboring residents notifying them of the proposal and that the June 6 Board Meeting will include a public hearing about the project.
2. The River Forest Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 30. Several Board members will be participating.
3. The current Park District President and Vice-President were re-elected 4-0. The current Secretary and Treasurer are willing to continue to serve for the coming year. Mike Sletten was appointed as the Board's representative to the 2016 WSSRA Board, with Ross Roloff designated the Alternate Representative.
4. Russ Roloff will serve as Board liaison to work with Executive Director Michael Sletten in reviewing the status of current goals and developing new goals for the coming year.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

The next meeting of the River Forest Park District will be on Monday, June 6, at 6:00 PM.