

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
February 12, 2014

1. Call to Order

President Bernas called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

2. Roll Call

Comm. Bernas, Comm. Karesh, Comm. Long, Comm. Main, Comm. Smith, Ron Gunter, Director, Robert Fleck, Supt. Of Parks and Planning, Steve Golembiewski, Asst. Supt. Of Recreation, Joel Hymen, IT and Recreation Supervisor, Kevin Siewak, Athletic Coord., Alice Krampits, Museum Curator and Senior Coord., Bobbi Trifilio, Admin. Asst., Keith Johnson, Greens Supt., John Chorney, Maintenance Foremen, Jim Wright, Chamber, Larry Forresberg, Chamber and Don DiBrita, Lou Dog Events and Joe Maffia.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 8, 2014

Motion was made by Comm. Main and seconded by Comm. Long to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 8, 2014.

Roll Call:   Ayes 5           Nays 0           Absent 0  
Motion carried.

4. Claims Ordinance

Motion was made by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Main to pay the February claims.

Roll Call:   Ayes 5           Nays 0           Absent 0  
Motion carried.

5. Open Forum

a. General Public

No one was present from the general public

b. Written

There was no correspondence. Ron played the video of Steve at the State Conference receiving his Young Professional's Award.

6. Unfinished Business

a. The Westmont Chamber and Westmont First's Request to Use Ty Warner Park for Ale Fest

Don DiBrita from Lou Dog Events LLC made a request for use of Ty Warner Park on October 11, 2014 to hold an "Ale Fest" in conjunction with the Westmont Chamber and Westmont First. This would benefit the Chamber as a fundraiser for their Education Foundation. This is a high end crafted beer testing event. His company takes all responsibility and pays for all security. The Park District will be named as

additionally insured. Tickets are pre-sold. The fee for rental will be \$500.00 per day, the same as for the Lions Club for the Red, White and BBQ.

Motion was made by Comm. Main and seconded by Comm. Karesh to approve renting Ty Warner Park South for Ale Fest on October 11, 2014 for \$500 per day.

Roll Call: Ayes 5            Nays 0            Absent 0  
Motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 2014-1 an Ordinance to Convey 2 Ashford lots to the Park District from the Village.

Bob stated that we realized titles to two lots in the Ashford Subdivision had never been transferred to the Park District even though they are part of the Intergovernmental Agreement. This will finally transfer the titles to the Park District.

Motion was made by Comm. Long and seconded by Comm. Main to approve Ordinance 2014-1 to convey 2 lots in the Ashford Subdivision to the Park District from the Village.

Roll Call    Aye 5            Nays 0            Absent 0  
Motions carried.

- c. 57<sup>th</sup> and Wilmette – Board to Consider Signage

Bob reported that he is finishing up the paper work for the grant from the DNR and we should have the re-imbusement check from the DNR in a month or two. He asked the Board if since we now own the property do we want to install signage or we could wait until we have a name for the park. He will look into some options and revisit it at the March meeting. We do need our regular signage, park hours, no guns and no trespassing signs by the house.

- d. Rotary Park Playground Plans

Bob showed two playground equipment options for Rotary Park. The Board decided on option #1, which is more suited to younger children.

## 7. New Business

- a. Budget Workshop Summary

Ron provided a summary of the budget workshop to the Board. There were changes the Budget Overview and Financing Section of the budget. Ron walked them the changes. Discussion followed.

- b. PARC Grant

Bob explained that we need to have a public meeting for the PARC Grant; it is one of the requirements. Also, the Board needs to pass a resolution to go ahead and apply for the grant. We will include letters of support with the grant too. Bob told the Board that he has spoken to John Vann and John has partnered with Steve Gonzales a retired grant administrator. John offered two ways of assisting us with the grant writing: for a fee of \$2,000 they would advise Bob and give pointers on writing the grant himself or for \$4,500 they would assist in writing the grant. This is an excellent price for this work. The Board agreed to hire them for \$4,500 to up our chances to

succeed in getting the grant. As part of the PARC Grant application the Board considered the February updates and revisions to the District's Master Plan.

Motion was made by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Main to approve a resolution approving the Park District applies for the PARC Grant and the February 2014 Master Plan updates.

Roll Call: Ayes 5          Nays 0          Absent 0  
Motion carried.

Motion was made by Comm. Long and seconded by Comm. Main to approve hiring Lawn Tech for \$4,500 to aide in writing the PARC Grant Application.

Roll Call: Ayes 5          Nays 0          Absent 0  
Motion carried.

c. Request to Use Ty Warner Tennis Courts by Oak Brook Racquet and Fitness Club

The Oak Brook Racquet and Fitness Club have again requested the use of the tennis courts at Ty Warner Park. They have used the courts in the past and there has never been an issue. They pay \$20 an hour to rent the courts and Westmont residents get a discount on the tennis lessons.

Motion was made by Comm. Main and seconded by Comm. Smith to approve renting the tennis courts at Ty Warner Park to Oak Brook Racquet and Fitness Club for the same fee and per the requested schedule.

Roll Call: Ayes 5          Nays 0          Absent 0  
Motion carried.

d. Resolution 2014-1 Board to Consider Applying for the ComEd Green Region Program

Bob is also writing a ComEd Green Region grant application to assist with the development of our new property (Kuzminski) for the benefit of the community, environment and local habitat. This is a \$10,000 award if successful.

Motion was Long and seconded by Comm. Smith to approve Resolution 2014-1 to approve the Park District apply for the ComEd Green Region Grant for \$10,000 for the Wilmette Street property.

Roll Call: Ayes 5          Nays 0          Absent 0  
Motion carried.

e. There was no other new business.

## 8. Staff Report

**John** reported they hope to start taking down the Christmas trees from Holly Days when the weather gets warmer. Waste Management will take them for compost.

**Steve** reported: on Saturday, February 22, he will be hosting our 2nd Frozen Film Festival. We have 10 films that we will be screened, concessions will be available and awards given at the conclusion of the festival. He has been working hard collecting films and working the logistical aspect of this event. Programs that concluded in January included: School's Out: Legoland, Magic Class, Harnessing Heat, and School's Out: Sky High. Also, he has started to work on the Power Play Grant. This grant would benefit our Early Bird and Kids Club program. The grant is due on February 28 and recipients will be awarded the first week in March. Attached you will find a final budget of the 2013 Holly Days event. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Kevin** told the Board Staff are currently taking registration for GEMS softball. We have tryouts and evaluations coming up on March 22nd. The season begins in April with practices and games will begin the first week of May. The Bidy Basketball season is wrapping up. Playoffs begin within the next couple of weeks and then we have the All-Star Day. The All-Star day is March 8<sup>th</sup> and it runs from 11am-8pm at the Westmont Community Center. All players are invited for refreshments and pizza. The men's basketball league now plays on Sunday night. There are six total teams. Steve hopes to defend his championship title this season. I'm also organizing summer programs. These programs are: Wildcats football, All-Star sports, GEMS softball, Tennis instruction, Footballs Camps, Five Star Basketball, Karate, Tae Kwon Do and Adult softball.

**Alice** reported two trips were cancelled due to low registration. The weather is having a very adverse effect on senior participation. Everyone is staying home! Due to the extreme cold we have also cancelled two movies. Tax assistance began Monday, February 3rd. Assistance is provided by AARP volunteers on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9am-12Noon. They take 15 people per day. So far the first two weeks are full! We are in the process of selecting bands for our July & August summer concert series. The dates are as follows, July 2, July 16, July 23 at Ty Warner Park and July 30, August 6, 13 at Veterans Memorial Park. No Concert will be held on July 9<sup>th</sup> as this is the week of Taste of Westmont. The current museum membership stands at 42. We are down about 10

memberships. Most memberships were renewals. We will send reminder letters to those who haven't yet renewed their membership. Mark your calendars for the ninth annual Spring Palette Art Show, Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 11-4pm at the Gregg House. The Spring Craft Show will be held in in the Senior Center in conjunction with the Art Show.

**Joel** was busy working on the budget workshop. Twin Lakes Golf Course is being rewired to help stop internet outages. Has been complaining to Comcast about various issues we've been having. Everyone is taking parts of Kim's job while she is out. We have about 300-400 followers on Facebook. We are advertising more on Facebook and less in the newspaper.

**Keith** had nothing additional to report.

#### 9. Ex-Session – Land Acquisition

Motion was made by Comm. Main and seconded by Comm. Smith to adjourn to executive session for land acquisition.

Roll Call: Ayes 5          Nays 0          Absent 0  
Motion carried.

President Bernas called the meeting back to order at 8:41PM.

Seeing there was no further business he called for a motion to adjournment

Motion was made by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Karesh to adjourn the meeting

Roll Call: Ayes 5          Nays 0          Absent 0  
Motion carried.

#### 10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM

Executive Session  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 12, 2014

1. Call to Order

President Bernas called the Executive Session to order at 8:20 PM to discuss land acquisition.

2. Roll Call

Present, Comm. Bernas, Comm. Karesh, Comm. Long, Comm. Main, Comm. Smith, Ron Gunter, Director, Robert Fleck, Supt. Of Parks and Planning.

3. Land Acquisition

Recently we were made aware of 3 lots that are on the market on north Blachhawk Drive. Two of the lots are vacant and the middle lot has an older house on it. Comm. Long has done some research and the south lot is \$189,000. The middle lot is under contract and he is contacting the person to see if we could purchase it. The other lot's owner is willing to sell. The Board discussed the desire to acquire all three lots in order to provide a large enough green space to provide a park. Ron informed the Board we could spend up to \$600,000 on the three lots and not interfere with our other projects. (PARC Grant and Development of South Wilmette). Comm. Long will continue to look into acquiring the three lots. The Board agreed we should look at acquiring all three lots and it would not be of value to the Park District without the center lot.

4. Motion was made by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Long to adjourn the Executive Session

Roll Call: Ayes 5      Nays 0      Absent 0  
Motion carried.

Executive Session was adjourned at 8:40 PM