

Truth in Taxation Hearing Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes of the  
Gurnee Park District Board of Commissioners  
November 18, 2014

Board President Jim Goshorn called the Gurnee Park District truth in taxation hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. The roll was called. Commissioners present: Libby Baker, Vicki Paddock, Jim Goshorn and Michelle Klemz. Commissioners absent: Gerry Crews. Also present: Susie Kuruvilla, Executive Director; Jeff Reinhard, Supt. of Parks; Scott Crowe, Supt. of Recreation; Mike Szpylman, Supt. of Business; and Jennifer Gilbert, Marketing/PR Manager. There were no visitors.

The President stated that the truth-in-taxation hearing notice was published in the *Daily Herald* on November 7, 2014. The proposed tax levy for 2014 is \$5,632,408, a 6.01% increase from the 2013 tax extension. The levy for the corporate and special purpose funds is estimated at \$4,678,805 which is 7.26% higher than the previous year. The total estimated debt service levy is \$953,603. Since the total increase in estimated tax levy including debt service is estimated to be higher than 5%, a truth-in-taxation hearing is being held at this time. The proposed 2014 tax levy is based on an estimate of \$1,095,739,200 of Equalized Assessed Valuation, which is a 6% increase from the 2013 EAV. The new construction amount is estimated to be \$46,517,230. The consumer price index is 1.5%. The percentage increase in the tax extension amount is an estimate at this time and it is only due to the increase in EAV mainly as a result of new construction in our community. The estimated tax rate for 2014 is .514, which is the same as the 2013 tax rate.

President Goshorn opened the floor for public comments but there were none.

Motion was made by Vicki Paddock seconded by Michelle Klemz to adjourn the hearing. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Paddock, and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Crews. Motion carried. The hearing was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

President Jim Goshorn called the regular meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. He asked for roll call. Commissioners present: Libby Baker, Vicki Paddock, Jim Goshorn, and Michelle Klemz. Commissioners absent: Gerry Crews. Also present: Susie Kuruvilla, Executive Director; Jeff Reinhard, Supt. of Parks; Scott Crowe, Supt. of Recreation; Mike Szpylman, Supt. of Business; and Jennifer Gilbert, Marketing/PR Manager. There were no visitors.

A motion was made by Michelle Klemz to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2014. The motion was seconded by Vicki Paddock. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Paddock and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Crews. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the total bills, payouts and payroll in the amount of \$1,407,566.54 presented on November 18, 2014 was made by Libby Baker and seconded by Michelle Klemz. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Paddock and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Crews. Motion carried.

The financial report and treasurer's report were reviewed.

The President opened the floor to visitor comments. There were no comments.

Department heads discussed their written reports.

During the Parks report, there was discussion regarding neighborhood association picnics and whether the services being provided should continue. The Director and the Parks Superintendent will prepare a summary report to the Board on costs associated with services so that the Board can discuss it. It was also noted that new software called "Maintrac" is being rolled out in December. It will function as the work order/ maintenance tracking/inspection software for the Parks department.

Scott Crowe informed the Board that the date for Gurnee Days 2015 has been changed to August 6-9, 2015.

Susie Kuruvilla discussed the Director's Report. She reviewed a financial report on the first year of operations at FitNation, and commented that it went exceptionally well. A one-year anniversary celebration is planned for December 6. Susie noted that staff will begin to address remodeling the former leased spaces to program areas during review of the capital projects plan.

The six-month update of goals and objectives was reviewed. Many of the objectives have been started though much time has been focused on FitNation. Commissioner Goshorn commented that the Park District continues to function without detriment to any other areas.

SEDOL has agreed to allow the District to end the pool lease as of January 31, 2015. The current lease was to expire in August 2015.

She updated on the Gurnee Grade School project. All aspects of the project have been completed by the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission. The project is within budget. Once the Park District takes ownership of the property, the Park District and District 56 will work with the Lake County Forest Preserve regarding the connection to the Des Plaines River Trail that is adjacent to this park site.

#### ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Vicki Paddock to approve a change order for rebuilding men's and women's steam rooms at FitNation at a cost of \$38,384 as presented. Motion seconded by Michelle Klemz. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Paddock and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Crews. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Michelle Klemz to approve the annual levy ordinance #14/15-3. Motion seconded by Libby Baker. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Paddock and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Crews. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Libby Baker to approve Gurnee Park District to issue bonds at an interest rate of 1.25%. Motion seconded by Vicki Paddock. Speer Financial Inc. provided counsel to the park district. The interest rate was determined based on examples of one-year bonds that were purchased on the open market in the last six months. An average was taken to determine the interest rate. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Paddock and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Crews. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vicki Paddock to approve Ordinance #14/15-4 for the issuance of \$950,000 in general obligation limited park bonds series 2014B of the Gurnee Park District and for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest of said bonds. Motion seconded by Michelle Klemz. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Paddock and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Crews. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Michelle Klemz to approve Categories of Services as presented. Motion seconded by Vicki Paddock. Minor changes were made to the document. The family activity room was removed from partially subsidized programming because it is not being utilized that way. Also, the categories called fitness programs and group fitness were combined for clarity. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Paddock and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Crews. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Michelle Klemz to appoint Suzanne Gage as the local election official for the purpose of accepting candidate petitions in the April 7, 2015 election. Motion seconded by Vicki Paddock. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Paddock and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Crews. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Michelle Klemz to enter executive session at 8:14 p.m. to discuss:

- The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5)

- To consider information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel to determine its validity. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

Motion was seconded by Libby Baker. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Paddock and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Crews. Motion carried. Motion carried. Susie Kuruvilla was authorized to attend the closed session.

There was a brief recess and the executive session actually commenced at 8:28 pm.

A motion was made by Vicki Paddock to return to open session at 8:48 p.m. Motion seconded by Libby Baker. On voice vote, all voted aye.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gerry Crews and seconded by Vicki Paddock. On voice vote, all voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

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James G. Goshorn, President

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Michelle Klemz, Secretary