

Regular Meeting Minutes of the
Gurnee Park District Board of Commissioners
September 16, 2014

Board President Jim Goshorn called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. He asked for a roll call. Commissioners present: Michelle Klemz, Libby Baker, Vicki Paddock, Gerry Crews and Jim Goshorn. Commissioners absent: none. Also present: Susie Kuruvilla, Executive Director; Jeff Reinhard, Supt. of Parks; Mike Szpylman, Supt. of Business; Scott Crowe, Supt. of Recreation, Sue McDougle, HCPCC Facility Manager; Sabrina Hinkens, Youth Recreation Supervisor; Jennifer Gilbert, Marketing/PR Manager and Suzanne Gage, Administrative Assistant.

President Goshorn acknowledged the recent passing of former GPD commissioner John Shaw, Sr. He served for 26 years; 19 years as Board President. He stated that “he was, in a large way, responsible for all of what we take for granted now. We acknowledge his many years of service and the accomplishments that he took this District to and we follow in his footsteps.”

A motion was made by Vicki Paddock to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 19, 2014. The motion was seconded by Gerry Crews. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Baker, Crews, Paddock, Klemz and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vicki Paddock to approve the executive meeting minutes of August 19, 2014. The motion was seconded by Michelle Klemz. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Baker, Crews, Paddock, Klemz and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the total bills and payroll in the amount of \$1,068,668.36 and the additional payout to W.B. Olson in the amount of \$151,432 presented on September 16, 2014 was made by Gerry Crews and seconded by Michelle Klemz. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Baker, Crews, Paddock, Klemz and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The financial report and treasurer’s report were reviewed.

President Goshorn opened the floor to visitor comments. Resident Chris Beard spoke about his concerns in regard to the youth soccer program. He has been coaching GPD youth soccer for 13 seasons. He and other coaches are concerned that the number of players are dwindling. Some coaches are concerned that there is not enough paid staff supporting the program. No one is available to assist the volunteers on Saturdays. The coaches carry the program but need more support. He would like to see more input sought from coaches on what can be done to help the program thrive. President Goshorn thanked Mr. Beard for his years of volunteer service and for coming forward with his comments. While action cannot be taken at this board meeting, the Director and other members of the staff will reach out to him very shortly.

Department heads discussed their written monthly reports and answered questions.

The Director presented her monthly report. The annual issue of general obligation bonds was discussed. The order calling for the October 21 public hearing on issuance of bonds will be signed by the Board President and published in the newspaper on October 3. The Board discussed whether to purchase the District’s own rollover bonds again this year, using funds in the Capital Replacement/Development Fund. The District is not committing to any major projects where this money would be needed and those funds are not used for operations. The District comes out ahead by doing this. There was Board consensus that the District should purchase the bonds.

FitNation was discussed. The District received the permit from the Illinois Dept. of Public Health today so there is nothing holding the contractors back from completing the project by December 1. It seems to be progressing very well. Staff is planning for an appreciation event for patrons on December 6 celebrating one year since opening. A staff event will also be planned at FitNation on 11/6 or 11/7.

Fall Fest will be held on Saturday, October 3. Board members were encouraged to attend the activities between noon and 4 pm.

The Director noted that the 26th Tree Dedication will be held on Sunday, September 28 at 1pm. Commissioners Crews plans to attend and President Goshorn will emcee the event as the Director will be away.

There were no action items.

A motion was made by Libby Baker to enter executive session at 8:29 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)

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

A motion was made by Michelle Klemz to return to open session at 8:46 p.m. Motion seconded by Libby Baker. On voice vote, all voted aye.

OTHER BUSINESS

The board briefly discussed the proposition presented by the Village regarding AKHAN Semiconductor. The Village will draft an agreement and it will be presented at the Park Board's October 21 meeting. Board members expressed that they would like more information on what will be expected from AKHAN. There was consensus however to support the request for the five year 50% property tax abatement.

A motion to adjourn was made by Libby Baker and seconded by Gerry Crews. On voice vote, all voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

James G. Goshorn, President

Michelle Klemz, Secretary