

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board
Of Commissioners of the Zion Park District
Lake County, Illinois held at the
Leisure Center in said District at 7:00 P.M.
On The 17th Day of July, 2014

President McDowell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for the roll call. The following Commissioners were present: Buchholtz, Pye, Hartmann and Magiera. Also present for the meeting were: Director of Parks and Recreation Krieger, Superintendent of Administrative Services Bradley, Superintendent of Recreation Petersen, Superintendent of Parks Pushee and Museum Director Angelos.

Commissioner Hartman, seconded by Commissioner Magiera, made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, of the Regular meeting held on June 19, 2014, and the minutes of the Personnel and Finance Sub-committee meeting also held on June 19, 2014.

With a voice vote; Commissioners Buchholtz, Pye, Hartmann,
Magiera, and President McDowell voted aye.

President McDowell declared the motion carried.

The District's finances were presented in more detail by Assistant Treasurer Bradley during the Personnel and Finance sub-committee meeting that was held immediately prior to the board meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Hartmann, seconded by Commissioner Magiera that the bills dated June 30, 2014 as listed in the amount of \$121,315.83 be approved and paid.

Upon a roll call; Commissioners Buchholtz, Pye, Hartmann,
Magiera, and President McDowell voted aye.

President McDowell declared the motion carried.

President McDowell asked for agenda deletions or adjustments.

President McDowell welcomed the guests. Guests in attendance included Zion resident Tracey Johnson. Mr. Johnson questioned and expressed his concerns about disparity between the Hermon Park and Leisure Center facilities. He mentioned various items such as non-functioning equipment, payment options, and membership ID's. Director Krieger responded to Mr. Johnson indicating that the differences relate to the operating budget for each facility as well as each facility's intended purpose within the overall Park District. It was noted that both facilities have equipment in need of repair and that staff is working to assess costs and get the equipment back in service. Director Krieger mentioned that she would look into the payment options available for Hermon Park.

A written report by Director Krieger highlighting the month's activities was submitted to the Board prior to the meeting. During the meeting Director Krieger commented on the following items described in her report: 4th of July festival, IYRC grant, and the Community of Character Walk. Commissioner Buchholtz commented on the 4th of July festival and indicated that he was displeased that a Spanish band was playing on Independence Day. Director Krieger commented that overall the festival was well received. It was a beautiful day; however the reduced number of participants was possibly attributable to people going out of town for the long weekend. Additionally, Director Krieger mentioned that the IYRC Grant was fully staffed and is being monitored by Superintendent Petersen. Regarding the Community of Character Walk, President McDowell inquired about the marketing efforts. Director Krieger explained that it is on the websites of the Park District and Police Department, and that other community groups are spreading the word.

President McDowell initiated a discussion questioning the bussing schedule and expressed concerns over costs relating to the before and after school programs. He advocated that the Park District become a routine stop on the bus route. A discussion ensued regarding bussing scenarios and how to reduce costs.

President McDowell explained the Taxing Body Collaboration Housing Incentive Program. He explained the program and the various incentives offered to attract new home owners to Zion. President McDowell wanted to know if the Park District was in support of the program and incentives and asked for commissioners' feedback. Commissioner Hartmann was strongly in support of the incentives and felt it is a great attempt to increase homeownership and reduce the number of rental properties. Commissioner Magiera was in support of the Program but was skeptical of the fifteen year ownership commitment. Overall, all commissioners were supportive and feel the Park District should offer some incentives to contribute to the Program.

Motion was made by Commissioner Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Hartmann, to adjourn.

With a voice vote, Commissioners Magiera, Hartmann, Buchholtz,

Pye, and President McDowell voted aye.

President McDowell declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Eric Bradley, Assistant Secretary