

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 21<sup>st</sup> Day of August, 2014

President McDowell called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 and Museum Director Angelos.

Commissioner Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Pye, made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, of the Regular meeting held on July 17, 2014, and the minutes of the Personnel and Finance Sub-committee meeting also held on July 17, 2014.

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

No guests were in attendance.

President McDowell asked for agenda deletions or adjustments.

The District's finances were presented 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 Pye, to approve and pay the bills dated July 31, 2014 as listed in the amount of \$114,908.75.

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

Commissioner Buchholtz commented on the Coalition Caddy Classic golf outing that was held at Shiloh Park Golf Course. He mentioned that it was a beautiful day a very nice event.

Commissioner Magiera commented on and inquired as to why hard liquor is not sold at Shepherd's Crook Golf Course. She said that many people have questioned the lack of liquor sales and the potential lost revenue. Director Krieger explained that Shepherds only serves liquor at special events. She indicated nothing is precluding Shepherds from selling liquor. It was a decision by a former Director that has remained a practice of the Park District. After a discussion amongst all the commissioners, President McDowell concluded that liquor sales at Shepherds is a management decision. Director Krieger replied that she will assess the situation and determine if increasing liquor sales is beneficial.

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: Port Shiloh Pool, DCEO grant, and the Community of Character Walk. Director Krieger mentioned that the lifeguards and new Aquatics Manager at Port Shiloh had a good season. The lifeguards received two "exceeds" during their audit and the District expects to maintain its "gold" standard for aquatic safety. However, Director Krieger mentioned that it was unfortunate the Pool did not have a stronger financial performance; primarily due to

the cool summer. Commissioner Buchholtz responded by saying he's heard residents comment that the Pool may be closed in future years. Director Krieger replied that it is too soon to speculate and any such decision is dependent upon multiple financial factors that have yet to be determined.

Additionally as described in her report, Director Krieger commented on the DCEO grant, its multiple stipulations, and the status of the HVAC project. She indicated that Parks Superintendent Pushee is making progress on complying with the contractor stipulations required by the State.

Director Krieger gave an update on the Community of Character Walk that will be hosted with the Zion Police Department on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The Walk is receiving positive feedback and is currently supported by thirty-four community service organizations. Director Krieger mentioned that the Park District will be well represented and the event also includes a blood drive. Commissioner Magiera added that Walk attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item.

President McDowell inquired about the condition of the historic Indian Trail Tree. Director Krieger explained that she and Museum Director Angelos observed the tree and that it appeared in good shape. Director Krieger sent a letter (included in the Director's report) to the homeowner that has been encroaching upon the easement of the historic tree. The homeowner has not responded to her letter.

President McDowell mentioned that Christ Community Church in Zion is contemplating donating property, located along the bike trail, to the Park District. Director Krieger expressed interest in the property and mentioned that she and Parks Superintendent Pushee will observe the property, along with another wooded parcel of land that may be donated.

Director Krieger conveyed to the commissioners her interest in a public finance consultant, Speer Financial. Director Krieger discussed a meeting that she and Superintendent Bradley had with Dave Philips of Speer regarding his firm's services and the District's debt financing needs. Director Krieger expressed it would be beneficial for Mr. Phillips to give a presentation to the Board to determine if the Park District can benefit from his consulting services and all commissioners agreed.

Director Krieger explained the IAPD Legislative Survey that was included as part of the Board's packet. She indicated she will be completing the survey and wanted to see if the commissioners had any feedback or wanted to include any comments as part of the District's response. Director Krieger requested the commissioners' responses by September 12<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pye, seconded by Commissioner Magiera, 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 7:41 p.m.

Eric Bradley, Assistant Secretary