

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 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of October, 2014

President McDowell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and asked for the roll call. Upon the roll call the following commissioners were present: Pye, Hartmann, and Magiera. Commissioner Buchholtz arrived at 7:23 p.m. 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 Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Hartmann, made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, of the Regular meeting held on September 18, 2014, and the minutes of the Personnel and Finance Sub-committee meeting also held on September 18, 2014.

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

President McDowell welcomed a guest in attendance, Zion resident Clyde McLemore.

President McDowell asked for agenda deletions or adjustments, of which there were none.

Commissioner Magiera discussed the NRPA national conference in Charlotte, North Carolina that she attended along with Director Krieger and Superintendents Bradley and Petersen. Commissioner Magiera praised the conference and sessions she attended which included the topics; improving pool revenues, social media, and innovation. Additionally, she and the Park District staff also attended a tour of community gardens. "Community gardens" is a program conducted by the local park agency in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Commissioner Magiera explained the program and its benefits to the community. Director Krieger elaborated on the program and mentioned the local community's desire for a similar gardening program in Zion. President McDowell expressed interest in the program and commented on potential benefits that could include providing much needed produce to the local farmers market.

President McDowell began a discussion on potentially having a management company operate Shepherd's Crook golf course. He expressed an interest in learning more about operating arrangements. Commissioner Hartmann was hesitant about the idea, but agreed it was something worth investigating to gain a better understanding. Director Krieger replied that she will find additional information on such operating arrangements. President McDowell also questioned possible winter uses for the golf courses, such as cross country skiing or snowmobiling. All agreed the ability to generate additional revenue at the golf courses in the winter would be beneficial.

There were no reports from the District's attorneys.

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 September 30, 2014 as listed in the amount of \$85,773.68.

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

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: PDRMA health program, legal symposium, and State conference. Director Krieger explained that the District analyzed its annual health insurance costs and determined that a 4.09% increase in total cost is sustainable by the District to maintain the value of that benefit to its employees. Director Krieger extended an invitation to all commissioners to the IAPD Legal Symposium on November 6<sup>th</sup> in Oak Brook that will be attended by her and Superintendent Bradley. Director Krieger also discussed the IPRA state conference that is scheduled for January 2015. She mentioned that registration is due in December and encouraged commissioners to begin thinking about which sessions they would like to attend.

Director Krieger presented a schedule of dates and times of the District's Budget Review Sessions for the fiscal year 2015-2016.

Commissioner Hartmann, seconded by Commissioner Pye, made a motion to approve the Schedule for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget Sessions.

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

Director Krieger presented and explained the Illinois Association of Park Districts Credential Certification. All commissioners agreed to have Director Krieger remain as the District's primary delegate and maintain the order of alternate delegates.

At 7:30 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Hartmann, seconded by Commissioner Magiera, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of the Board discussing employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of employees pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

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

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hartmann, seconded by Commissioner Buchholtz, 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 8:04 p.m.

Eric Bradley, Assistant Secretary