

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 16th Day of April, 2015

President McDowell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for the roll call. The following commissioners were present; Pye, Buchholtz, 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 Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Buchholtz, made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, of the Regular meeting held on March 19, 2015 and the minutes of the Personnel and Finance Sub-committee meeting also held on March 19, 2015.

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

President McDowell declared the motion carried.

President McDowell welcomed the guests in attendance; Jacqueline Holmes, Marlene Smith, and Angela Fernandez.

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

Director Krieger indicated that an Executive Session was not needed.

Director Krieger gave an update on the District's attorneys' progress on the agreement with Exelon Corporation. She explained the attorneys are working on a tax agreement with the corporation that would extend through the year 2019.

Commissioners Magiera and Buchholtz congratulated Commissioner Pye on his re-election to the Park Board and President McDowell on his election to City Council. Commissioner Pye also congratulated President McDowell and thanked him for all his guidance and knowledge over the years. President McDowell said it has been his pleasure to serve on the Park Board and be a part of the Park District over the last ten years.

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 Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to approve and pay the bills dated March 31, 2015 as listed in the amount of \$106,551.36.

Upon a roll call, Commissioners Pye, Buchholtz, 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: Moody's rating report, Horvath update, and the SIEGER dog show.

Director Krieger explained to the Board that although the ratings call with Moody's went well, the new analyst was focused on factors such as the declining EAV and the District's limited cash position shown in the 04/30/14 audited financials. Furthermore, Director Krieger explained that the District's municipal investment adviser, Dave Phillips, met separately with the lead Moody's analyst in Chicago to better understand the committee's rationale and express his disagreement with the downgrade.

Director Krieger gave a status update on the Horvath Cell Tower Agreement. Horvath is coming to the City Council meeting to seek approval to overturn the Zoning Board's decision to not allow the tower.

Director Krieger discussed the SIEGER dog show that will be held at Shiloh Park on May 13th – 17th. The show features international German shepherd dogs and is expected to be well attended. Most local hotels are sold out and parking around the area is expected to be limited.

In the Old Business portion of the meeting Director Krieger presented the final tax levy, based off of Zion's actual EAV amount. The final levy was, as previously presented, a \$217,592 decrease in the District's levy from the prior year and represents a 2.99% increase in the District's tax rate. Additionally, Director Krieger presented the 2015-2016 fiscal year operating budget for final approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to approve the Park District's 2015-2016 fiscal year operating budget.

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

President McDowell declared the motion carried.

The final topic presented by Director Krieger was regarding the Park District's policy to fill vacant Board positions. Due to his election to City Council, President McDowell is expected to resign from the Board on April 22. Director Krieger explained to the Board the steps moving forward to fill the vacancy and a timeline was established for the process.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Buchholtz, seconded by Commissioner Magiera.

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

President McDowell declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Eric Bradley, Assistant Secretary