

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 18th Day of December, 2014

President McDowell called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and asked for the roll call. The following commissioners were present: Pye, Hartmann, and Magiera. Commissioner Buchholtz was absent. 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, Community Relations Manager Wertman and Museum Director Angelos.

Commissioner Hartmann, seconded by Commissioner Magiera, made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, of the Regular meeting held on November 20, 2014 and the minutes of the Personnel and Finance Sub-committee meeting also held on November 20, 2014.

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

President McDowell declared the motion carried.

President McDowell welcomed the guests in attendance: Public finance consultant Dave Phillips from Speer Financial, Attorney Jim Rock from the District's law firm of Ancel Glink, and Zion resident Jacqueline Holmes.

President McDowell asked for agenda deletions or adjustments, of which there were none. Additionally, there were no reports from the District's attorneys.

Commissioner Magiera inquired about the golf course play for the three days it was briefly opened in mid-December. Director Krieger replied that the weather was still pretty cold, however a few individuals came out to golf at Shiloh.

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 November 30, 2014 as listed in the amount of \$77,424.88.

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: Capital projects list, Program evaluation project, and contacting local legislators.

As previously requested by Commissioner Pye, Director Krieger redistributed a Capital Projects list indicating which projects had the highest priority. A brief discussion ensued and all agreed the list is extensive and it would be great to someday accomplish projects on the list.

Director Krieger handed out a worksheet to illustrate how Park District programs will be internally evaluated in the future. She explained the goal of the evaluation project, how it has evolved during the year and how it will be conducted going forward. President McDowell praised the idea and mentioned that it would also be beneficial to assess the community value of a program.

Director Krieger distributed to the Board the contact information for the District's local legislators. She encouraged the Park Board to contact legislators to express any concerns. Director Krieger suggested contacting local legislators to specifically discuss the proposed minimum wage increase and the effect it would have on the Park District.

Dave Phillips of Speer Financial recapped to the Board the purpose of the District's bond issuance. Mr. Phillips explained the structure of the issuance, bids received, and the successful results from the recent sale of the District's Taxable G.O. Limited Tax Refunding Park Bonds Series 2014A and the G.O. Limited Tax Refunding Park Bonds Series 2014B.

A motion was made by Commissioner Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Hartmann, to approve Ordinance #810, an ordinance providing for the issue of \$38,375 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Park Bonds, Series 2014A, and \$186,470 General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Park Bonds, Series 2014B, of the Zion Park District, Lake County, Illinois, to provide for the payment of certain outstanding obligations of said Park District and providing for levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds.

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

President McDowell declared the motion carried.

Mr. Phillips also explained the District's Debt Service Extension Base (DSEB) and the purpose of a Supplemental Levy. He explained how the DSEB has increased over the years and how it relates into the District's bond structure and payment schedule. Mr. Phillips explained the usefulness of a Supplemental Levy as it relates to the District's long-term debt financing strategy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Hartmann, to approve Ordinance # 811, an ordinance authorizing a supplemental property tax levy to pay the principal of and interest on outstanding limited bonds of the Zion Park District, Lake County, Illinois.

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

President McDowell declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pye, seconded by Commissioner Magiera, to approve Ordinance # 808, an ordinance abating the tax levied for the year 2014 to the pay the principal and interest on \$2,665,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2009A, and \$2,105,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2009B, of the Zion Park District.

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

President McDowell declared the motion carried.

At the prior month's Board meeting, Director Krieger presented three levy scenarios for consideration for the 2014 tax year that will impact the District's operations in the 2015-2016 fiscal year. President McDowell began a conversation as to which levy scenario the commissioners wanted to approve. A discussion ensued regarding how each scenario will affect Zion's tax rate and the Park District's operations and programs. A consensus was reached on the second of the three levy scenarios.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hartmann, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to approve Ordinance #809, an ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes for the year 2014.

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

President McDowell declared the motion carried.

At 8:04 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Hartmann, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of the Board discussing litigation, in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c) 11 when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal.

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

President McDowell declared the motion carried.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:34 p.m.

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

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

President McDowell declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Eric Bradley, Assistant Secretary