

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 December, 2015

President Hartmann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for the roll call. The following commissioners were present: Pye, Brown, Magiera, and Buchholtz. 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 Mike Clark.

Commissioner Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Pye, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented of the Regular meeting held on November 19, 2015 and the minutes of the Personnel and Finance Sub-committee meeting also held on November 19, 2015.

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

President Hartmann declared the motion carried.

In attendance was Jim Herchenbach from Proponics Specialty Greenhouse.

Item #13 "Wage Works FSA Agreement" was removed from the agenda.

Commissioner Pye commented that the Senior Christmas Luncheon was a good time with good food. Commissioner Pye also attended the Special Recreation Christmas dinner and said it was a good, fun group.

There were no reports from the District's attorneys.

Jim Herchenbach addressed the Board about his company's desire to build a commercial greenhouse in Zion. The ideal location for the facility is across the street from Shepherd's Crook near the Advanced Disposal site. To optimize growing, the greenhouse would utilize carbon monoxide gas that is generated within the landfill. Mr. Herchenbach was seeking the Board's approval to access Shepherd's Crook land to be able to run a pipe to tap the landfill gasses.

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 November 30, 2015 as listed in the amount of \$79,564.55.

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

President Hartmann 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 topics described in her report: park update list, taxing body meetings, legislator contact.

Director Krieger reviewed a playground improvement schedule prepared by Superintendent Pushee. She explained to the Board that the District's parks are monitored and updated annually by maintenance staff according to a rotating schedule.

As a member of the local taxing body group, Director Krieger explained the group's mission. She mentioned that the taxing body group, comprised of local officials, has been focused on becoming an effective unit to make a difference in the community and be a voice in Springfield.

Director Krieger mentioned that State Representative Sherri Jesiel will be joining the Zion Park District group for lunch at the annual IAPD/IPRA conference in Chicago at the end of January. Ms. Jesiel is a member of the Illinois House of Representatives representing the 61st district of Northern Lake County.

Director Krieger informed the Board that former Park District Director, Chuck Paxton, passed away. Mr. Paxton was the first executive director of the Zion Park District and had a major impact on the community as well as parks throughout the state.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pye, seconded by Commissioner Magiera, to approve Ordinance # 823, an ordinance abating the tax levied for the year 2015 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 Brown, Magiera, Buchholtz, Pye and President Hartmann voted aye.

President Hartmann declared the motion carried

At the prior month's board meeting, Director Krieger presented two levy scenarios for consideration for the 2015 tax year that will impact the District's operations in the 2016-2017 fiscal year. President Hartmann 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 Park District operations and programs. A motion was made by Commissioner Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to approve Ordinance #824, an Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for Year 2015.

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

President Hartmann declared the motion carried

A motion was made by Commissioner Pye, seconded by Commissioner Magiera, to approve Resolution #825, A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds of the Zion Park District. The \$100,000 inter-fund transfer is the second installment of the total budgeted \$500,000 to be transferred from the Recreation Fund to the General Fund.

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

President Hartmann declared the motion carried.

Director Krieger explained to the Board a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School District # 6 to partner together on an after school program. She explained that the school district secured the “21st Century Grant” and approached the Park District to be a partner to satisfy a requirement of the grant. Director Krieger conveyed that the opportunity aligns with the mission and purpose of the Park District by providing activities and safe places for local youths. After a brief discussion and further clarification, Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Magiera, made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with School District #6 contingent upon final review by the Park District’s attorneys, Director Krieger, President Hartmann, and District #6 administrators.

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Eric Bradley, Assistant Secretary