

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 October, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners Pye, Brown, Hartmann, Rivers, and Magiera were present. Also present for the meeting were: Executive Director Krieger, Superintendent of Administration Bradley, Superintendent of Recreation Petersen, Superintendent of Parks Peck and Arin Duty.

The meeting began with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance was Kat Dankowski, Tracey Johnson and representatives from Speer Financial, Dan Forbes and Aaron Gold.

During public comments, Mr. Johnson asked the Board to consider allowing new educators that move into Zion to not pay property taxes for their first four years as an incentive to attract them and get them invested in the community.

Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Pye, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented of the Regular meeting held on September 18, 2019 and the minutes of the Personnel and Finance Sub-committee meeting also held on September 18, 2019.

Upon a voice vote, Commissioners Pye, Brown, Hartmann, Rivers and Magiera voted aye. President Magiera declared the motion carried.

The agenda was approved as presented. Commissioner Hartmann, seconded by Commissioner Pye, made a motion to approve the agenda.

Upon a voice vote, Commissioners Pye, Brown, Hartmann, Rivers and Magiera voted aye. President Magiera declared the motion carried.

There were no reports from the District's attorneys.

President Magiera commented that she appreciated the opportunity to attend the NRPA conference in Baltimore and thought it was valuable. Commissioner Rivers commented that she also attended the national conference and found it to be a good experience to network with various people in the industry and meet with senators and other leaders.

The District's finances were presented by Superintendent Bradley during the Personnel and Finance sub-committee meeting that was held immediately prior to the board meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to approve the unpaid and total bills, as listed, in the amount of 419,840.41 for the month of September 2019.

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

A written report that highlighted the month's activities was submitted to the Board prior to the meeting by Executive Director Krieger. During her presentation, Executive Director Krieger invited the Board to attend the IAPD Legal Symposium in November and the IPRA state conference in Chicago. She informed the Board that the District's community survey has been mailed out and responses are being compiled.

Aaron Gold from Speer Financial explained the results of the District's Series 2019 bond sale. Due to the District's strong liquidity position in its IMRF Fund, the sale resulted in a bid from the District at interest rates comparable to current market rates for municipal securities of similar maturities. Mr. Gold advised the Board to accept the District's bid to purchase its own bonds. Commissioner Pye, seconded by Commissioner Brown, made a motion to approve Ordinance # 869, providing for the issuance of \$309,350 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2019, of the District, for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and existing land and facilities of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest of said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the IMRF Fund of the District.

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

Executive Director Krieger presented a schedule of dates and times for the District's Budget Review Sessions for fiscal year 2020-2021. Commissioner Pye, seconded by Commissioner Hartmann, made a motion to approve the Budget Sessions schedule for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Upon a voice vote, Commissioners Pye, Brown, Hartmann, Rivers and Magiera voted aye. President Magiera declared the motion carried.

Executive Director Krieger presented to the Board the District's health insurance plan and associated costs that will take effect in calendar year 2020. She recommended no change to the District's plan and that the District continue to participate in PDRMA's health insurance program. The PPO plan will include an HRA component to allow for less expensive premiums and also requires employee contributions. Executive Director Krieger emphasized the need for the District to offer high quality benefits, such as health insurance, that will allow the District to attract and retain a quality workforce in competition with private sector benefits and wages. A motion was made by Commissioner Hartmann, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve the 2020 Employee Health Insurance Program with PDRMA.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Pye, seconded by Commissioner Rivers, to declare as surplus property the District's outdoor holiday display irons.

Upon a voice vote, Commissioners Pye, Brown, Hartmann, Rivers and Magiera voted aye. President Magiera declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to approve replacing the sidewalk in front of the clubhouse at Shepherd's Crook. It was recommended the contract be awarded to RAS Concrete in the amount of \$11,200.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to approve repairing a section of the clubhouse roof at Shepherd's Crook. It was recommended the contract be awarded to Waukegan Roofing in the amount of \$20,290.

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

Executive Director Krieger presented to the Board an estimated tax levy for fiscal year 2020 – 2021. The estimate results in a levy increase of \$76,375 and a reduction of 3.44% in the District's tax rate. The estimated is predicated on a preliminary EAV of \$325,942,182. A motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to approve the estimated tax levy.

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

Executive Director Krieger explained the Illinois Association of Park Districts Credential Certification. Executive Director Krieger volunteered to be the delegate for the District. President Magiera will serve as first alternate, Commissioner Pye as second alternate, and Commissioner Rivers as third alternate. Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Pye, made a motion to approve the District's delegates for the IAPD Credential Certification.

Upon a voice vote, Commissioners Pye, Brown, Hartmann, Rivers and Magiera voted aye. President Magiera declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to approve Resolution #868. A Resolution to Transfer Funds from the District's Recreation Fund and General Fund to its Construction Fund to be used for capital improvements and repairs.

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

At 7:57p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of the Board discussing the purchase or lease of real estate pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

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

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:29 p.m.

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

Upon a voice vote, Commissioners Pye, Brown, Hartmann, Rivers and Magiera voted aye. President Magiera declared the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Eric Bradley
Assistant Secretary