

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICERS
OF THE PROSPECT HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT
GARY MORAVA RECREATION CENTER
110 W CAMP MCDONALD ROAD, PROSPECT HEIGHTS, IL 60070
TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021**

Call to Order

Roll Call

Commissioner Jones called the Regular Board Meeting of the Prospect Heights Park District to order at 7:01 p.m.

Commissioners present:

Ellen Avery (arrived at 7:39 p.m.)
Betty Cloud
Karl Jackson
Tim Jones
Eric Kirste
Steve Messer

Also Present:

Christina Ferraro – Executive Director
Julie Caporusso – Superintendent of Recreation
Dino Squiers – Superintendent of Facilities & Parks
Annette Curtis – Superintendent of Finance & Planning
Edlyn Castil – Admin Services Mgr./Recording Secretary

Commissioners absent:

None

A quorum was present.

Corrections/Additions/Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Cloud and seconded by Commissioner Kirste to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion was approved by a voice vote with one absent (Commissioner Avery). The motion carried.

Induction

Edlyn Castil administered the Oath of Office to Karl Jackson (term through April 2025).

Recognition/Welcome

Commissioner Jones welcomed the residents who were in attendance and Prospect Heights City Administrator Joe Wade.

Public Comment

The following individuals spoke not in favor of the soccer structure proposed to be placed at Tully Park: Rod Siemens, Wendy Dewar, Linda McLean, Matt Plischke, Molly McKavanagh, Dee Monroe, Rob Ludwin, David Ludwin, Kevin Lee, Rick Dewar, Eva Herman, Collin Everest, Peggy Lee, Rita Carina, Ory Ludwin, John Ropsky, Christine Barr, Thomas Black

These residents are opposed to the location of the proposed structure; they question the need since its not included in the master plan; they suggested the Park District do its due diligence with researching details of this project. The individuals commented about safety issues, cost of future maintenance including garbage pickup, handwashing stations, potential flooding hazard, lack of drainage, lack of parking or restrooms, lack of access for the public and emergency management vehicles; they suggested the proposed modular soccer field be located at Euclid School; they questioned the Park District's commitment to work with NRC at Tully Park; it was stated this may devalue a residential home near Tully Park; they questioned how the soccer field was being currently advertised for sponsorship by The Bridge Community Church; these residents are comfortable with how Tully Park currently is and prefer the open space

Commissioner Avery arrived at 7:39 p.m

Jean Spiegelhalter/Therese Hoesli – indicated the need for Lions Park tennis court repairs and asked the tennis courts also be lined for pickleball.

Consent Agenda.

C. Approval of June 7, 2021 Committee of the Whole Minutes

D. Approval of Treasurer’s Report Cash Report #6 cash balance totaling \$4,500,159.67 as of May 31, 2021

E. Approval of Warrants totaling \$460,798.30 for the period ending May 31, 2021

A motion was made by Commissioner Cloud and seconded by Commissioner Avery to approve Consent Agenda Items C, D, E as submitted. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Avery, Cloud, Jackson, Jones, Kirste, Messer

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

A. Approval of May 25, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Cloud and seconded by Commissioner Avery to approve Consent Agenda Item A as submitted. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Avery, Cloud, Jones, Kirste, Messer

Nays: None

Abstain: Commissioner Jackson

Absent: None

The motion carried.

B. Approval of May 25, 2021 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Cloud and seconded by Commissioner Avery to approve Consent Agenda Item B as submitted. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Avery, Cloud, Jones, Kirste, Messer

Nays: None

Abstain: Commissioner Jackson

Absent: None

The motion carried.

Announcements (Meetings)

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on July 27, 2021 7:00 p.m. at Gary Morava Recreation Center.

Attorney’s Report

There was none.

Administrative/Operational Summary

Executive Director – as submitted. Executive Director Christina Ferraro introduced Prospect Heights City Administrator Joe Wade. Mr. Wade explained the MWRD has implemented a property acquisition program for homes/businesses which experience chronic property damage from river/stream flooding. MWRD provides for the purchase of the property and local governments are responsible for costs related to appraisals, demolition etc. MWRD requires the property be maintained as open space. The City has one qualifying property at 214 S. Wheeling Road. MWRD has accepted the City’s application for the purchase of this home. Mr. Wade indicated the City of Prospect Heights “is not in the business of maintaining open space” and stated if the Park District is interested in acquiring this as additional property, a letter of intent would be required and additional details would follow. A board member asked what if any costs

Administrative/Operational Summary (continued)

are associated with acquiring the property and what would happen if the park district is not interested in acquiring the property. Mr. Wade was unsure what would happen if the park district is not interested in acquiring the property but believed the application process to MWRD would end by the City. He indicated this was a lengthy process and wanted the park board to be aware of the potential project.

Superintendent of Finance and Planning – as submitted. Superintendent of Finance and Planning Annette Curtis reported she is reviewing the proposals received from two engineer consulting firms for professional services related to filing an OSLAD grant for renovations to East Wedgewood Park. The Board indicated Annette should move forward with pursuing this project and report back next month.

Superintendent of Recreation – as submitted.

Superintendent of Facilities and Parks – as submitted. Superintendent of Facilities and Parks Dino Squiers reported the first coat of the seal coating at Claire Lane Park is done. The contractor is having a difficult time obtaining supplies to complete the project due to shortage of raw materials and truck drivers to deliver. Dino also reported that the pool is open for the season.

Director of Golf Operations – as submitted.

Recreation Supervisors – as submitted.

Committees of the Board

No new report.

Unfinished/Ongoing Business**Lexington Homes**

Executive Director Christina Ferraro provided an update: a civil engineer is conducting an independent review of the entire project for the park district. The Subcommittee will meet soon to continue discussion regarding proposed land swap agreement.

Feasibility Study

Superintendent of Recreation Julie Caporusso has scheduled focus groups with residents and stakeholders to discuss the pool component of this proposed renovation. A focus group of the board members will be scheduled on 07/27/21 during a Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:00 p.m.

New Business

There was none.

Recess into Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Jackson and seconded by Commissioner Avery to recess into Executive Session for the following reasons:

- public office appointment
- purchase, lease or acquisition of property
- setting price for District property sale or lease
- discussion of closed minutes for the purposes of approval or semi-annual review under the Open Meetings Act pursuant to Section 2(c)1, 2(c)3, 2(c)5, 2(c)6, 2(c)11, 2(c)21 of the Open Meetings Act, at 8:20 p.m. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Avery, Cloud, Jackson, Jones, Kirste, Messer

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

Reconvene to Open Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Avery and seconded by Commissioner Jackson to reconvene open session at 8:44 p.m. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Avery, Cloud, Jackson, Jones, Kirste, Messer

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

Action as a Result of the Executive Session

During Executive Session, the following were discussed:

- public office appointment
- purchase, lease or acquisition of property
- setting price for District property sale or lease

A motion was made by Commissioner Messer and seconded by Commissioner Avery to appoint Paul Fries to the Prospect Heights Park District Board of Commissioners to finish the term ending 04/2023. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Avery, Cloud, Jackson, Jones, Kirste, Messer

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Jackson and seconded by Commissioner Cloud to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:46 p.m. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Avery, Cloud, Jackson, Jones, Kirste, Messer

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edlyn Castil, Recording Secretary

Secretary: _____
Elizabeth "Betty" Cloud, Prospect Heights Park District Secretary