

WESTERN SPRINGS PARK BOARD MEETING
January 11, 2011

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Jim Havlat
Janet Gassmann
Wendy Bastyr
Bob Daman
Damian Marshall (arrived 7:15)

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert Ekroth, Park District Attorney
Tracy Alden, Recreation Director
Maribeth Newell, Park Board Secretary
Deb Lyons, Village Trustee

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Jennifer Cromheecke

OTHERS ABSENT

Craig Himmelmann, Director of Parks

President Jim Havlat called the January 11, 2011 Western Springs Park Board Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m..

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Treasurer Bastyr moved with a second by Commissioner Daman to approve the December 14, 2010 special 2011 Budget Public Comment meeting minutes, which motion was carried by all on voice vote.

MOTION: Vice President Gassmann moved with a second by Commissioner Daman to approve the December 14, 2010 Park Board Meeting minutes which motion was carried by all on voice vote.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS AND PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR: None present.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

No communications were received for the month of December, 2010. President Havlat updated the Board regarding Director Himmelmann's progress and recovery.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Lyons reported that the railroad will only agree to a tunnel method for the new underpass. When the Claussen project was done, it impacted their rail traffic because the top down method was allowed. The only location that will accommodate the tunnel method would be 100 feet west of Prospect and come out at the pool parking lot and near the water tower on the

Spring Rock Park side. The tunnel would be 70 feet long and wide enough to drive a car through it. The Village has no intention of allowing vehicle traffic through the tunnel and plans to keep it strictly for pedestrian access.

Trustee Lyons updated that Board on the sidewalk projects. Bill Nelson contacted President Havlat and explained that the engineering is too far along to include the Springdale Park project in with their IDOT grant money. However, he will try to include it in the SHARE Summer Program that the Village is planning. Phase II submittals on the sidewalks will go to IDOT in the next few days.

The Village's anniversary party will kick off at McClurg on January 30th. The temporary ice skating rink will be skateable up to 45 degrees. There will be skates available, but residents are welcome to bring their own. The rink will operate from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Lyon's concluded by stating that the Fire Station is looking great. The landscaping will help the building appear more residential. In other news, the Village is still investigating possibilities for installing a safety crossing at Ogden Avenue into Beemis Woods. She should have more to report at the February, 2011 meeting. 800 West is open for business and she encourages all the Commissioners to dine there. Commissioner Daman stated that he has been there twice and would recommend it as well.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Director Alden noted that the Recreation Department's agenda and minutes for their January 3, 2011 and December 2010 meetings were included in the Park Board's packets.

Lacrosse registration is moving along, but he would like more input on field scheduling. Pam has a plan for scheduling, but would like to schedule a meeting with the Park District in the very near future. President Havlat stated that he will contact Director Alden to schedule a meeting. After he leaves the board in April, 2011, Commissioner Daman will be the new contact person.

Director noted that the Summer Book information is due in early February. He will send this information to Vice President Gassmann. Treasurer Bastyr also noted that someone will need to become the Recreation Department liaison when she leaves the Board in April, 2011.

The Recreation Department will again hold Concerts in Park in Ridgewood and Springdale. Blue Moose will be in the parks again this summer. Safety Village will run again as well. They are in the process of fundraising for a permanent location, but plan on using Forest Hills again this year.

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OLD BUSINESS

IPM PLAN

Commissioner Daman reported that he and Commissioner Cromheecke met with Director Himmelmann and laid out the specs for the fertilization bid. They looked at the history of bids and have decided to solicit three separate bids to include, 1) fertilizer with pesticides, 2) fertilizer with synthetic pesticides, and 3) organic. They will also include a description of MSDS, % actives, and feed rates based on a total rate per area. They also discussed the needs of different fields. Spring Rock Park would not need pesticides on everything. We plan to define very specific areas there. We are not in a position this year to include drawings of each park. The Commissioners will meet again with Director Himmelmann and hope to have everything reviewed and ready for approval at the February, 2011 meeting. Once we have the guidelines solidified, we will invite Mr. Brad Walse to become part of the process.

PARC GRANT APPLICATION

President Havlat reported that he has not received any communication or feedback regarding our application.

IMRF

Commissioner Daman presented the Board with Ordinance 2011-01, an Ordinance Amending Section 4 of the Western Springs Park District's Employment Policies and Procedures Manual by adding Sections 4.13, Sick Leave Program, 4.13.2 Authorization of Sick Leave, 4.13.3 Minimum Sick Leave, 4.13.4 Accumulation During Sick Leave, 4.13.5 Reporting of Absence, 4.13.6, Medical Certificate Required, Section 4.13.7 Other Conditions and Section 4.3, Section III Pension amendments for IMRF service credits.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2011-01: Commissioner Daman motioned to approve Ordinance 2011-01, which motion was carried on roll call vote; Daman, aye; Bastyr, aye; Gassmann, aye; Havlat, aye; Daman, aye; Cromheecke, absent.

2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS/2011 GOALS

President Havlat asked the Commissioners to review attachment B in their packets and contact him with any additions or deletions. He will have a finalized list for review at the February, 2011 meeting. He also asked Director Alden to contact the Director of the Tennis Program to see if he could submit his report at the end of the tennis season rather than wait until the spring. Our budget is already in place by that time, and it would be helpful to be aware of the needs at the tennis courts before then.

NEW BUSINESS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bastyr submitted the financial report as written. She notified the Board that we have received the tax income and the Village has completed their obligation with a final payment of \$29,000.00. The 13th period is open.

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MOTION

Treasurer Bastyr motioned with a second by President Havlat to approve the December 31, 2010 Financial Report, with an ending balance of \$984,473.00, which motion was carried by all on voice vote.

REFERENDUM

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2011-01

Treasurer Bastyr motioned to approved Resolution 2011-01 providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing Park Bonds to the voters of Western Springs Park District, Cook County, Illinois, at the consolidated election to be held on the 5th day of April, 2011, which motion was carried by roll call vote; Daman, aye; Bastyr, aye; Gassmann, aye; Havlat, aye; Daman, aye; Cromheecke, absent.

Secretary Newell will forward the referendum to Mr. Kelly Kost at Chapman and Cutler, LLP via overnight mail.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Himmelmann absent

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

DAMAN: nothing further to report

BASTYR: asked Secretary Newell to bring a finalized copy of the approved 2011 Budget Ordinance to the February, 2011 meeting.

GASSMANN: nothing further to report.

HAVLAT: nothing further to report.

MARSHALL: nothing further to report.

CROMHEECKE: absent

HIMMELMANN: absent

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Commissioner Marshall motioned with a second by Commissioner Daman to adjourn the January 11, 2011 Western Springs Park Board meeting at 8:07 p.m., which motion was carried by all on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Newell
Park Board Secretary

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