

**River Forest Park District
Meeting Minutes of
March 8, 2010**

The Board of Commissioners of the River Forest Park District convened at 8:00pm in Regular Session on Monday, March 8, 2010, at the River Forest Park District, 401 Thatcher Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

Call to Order/Roll Call – 8:00pm

President Jones called the meeting to order at 8:00pm, and he requested all to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

A roll call was then taken with Commissioners Cargie, Nieto, Steele, and Jones present. Also present were Director Sletten, Park Services Manager Beto, and Brian Josephs (RFYS President).

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Cargie moved to approve the Minutes of February 8, 2010, seconded by Commissioner Steele. Commissioner Cargie requested that his suggestion noted under the Parks Foundation Report be more clearly written to reflect his statement. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Approval of Disbursements: Commissioner Nieto moved to approve the March 1-8, 2010 Disbursements for \$76, 317.00, seconded by Commissioner Cargie. Commissioner Nieto noted Commissioner Hague's comments thanking staff for marking refunds as either a program or participant cancellation on the distribution sheet, and he is requesting that those comments be more specific. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

New Business: Brian Josephs requested a reduction of RFYS Athletic Field Light Fees in consideration for their \$57,000 donation toward the purchase and installation of the Keystone Park West athletic field lights. President Jones noted that staff determined it cost \$10/hr to operate the lights for one field, and noted that the Park District light fees are one of the lowest in the area. Commissioner Cargie moved to amend Ordinance 0802-01, Keystone Park Athletic Field Light Ordinance, so the fees to River Forest Youth Soccer will be priced at the operating cost of the lights (\$10/hr in 2010) through December 31, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Public Commentary: None

Staff Reports: Mr. Beto presented his report.

Executive Director Report: Director Sletten presented his report. The Board discussed the RFCC invoice regarding the Park District's usage of the gym. This year, the RFCC changed their billing practice, and invoiced the Park District for some time slots not used by the Park District in November and December. In the past, unused time was not

billed. The RFCC did not notify the Park District of the billing changes until January 22, 2010. The change was documented in a Memorandum of Understanding between the RFCC and the RFCA, revised in September, 2009, and the Park District was never notified or agreed to such changes. In addition, the RFCC is charging a \$35.00 fee for Saturday usage. Director Sletten stated that the Park District disputed these charges last year, however, paid it with an understanding at any future excess charges would be related to actual cleanup costs. The Park District never received a notice of any additional cleanup costs. The Board agreed to only pay for actual gym use costs and maintenance clean up costs, and Commissioner's Cargie and Nieto volunteered to discuss a future use agreement and any billing dispute issues with 2 members of the RFCC Board.

WSSRA Report: Director Sletten discussed a WSSRA billing mistake in which WSSRA over-billed the Village of Harwood Heights for it's membership fees for the last 4 years. The WSSRA Board is working with Harwood Heights on a repayment schedule.

Parks Foundation Report: The next Parks Foundation Meeting is March 22nd, time and place to be determined. At their last meeting, the Foundation discussed partnering with the Library on "green" programs, with the Parks Foundation hosting community discussions after the seminars. There is one Parks Foundation Board Member position open, and the position vacancy will be advertised this month.

Board Reports: Commissioner Nieto suggested that the last 12 months of Park District programs and program numbers be posted on the Park District website

Commissioner Cargie requested that staff research the feasibility of installing Bocce Courts in one of the parks. Director Sletten stated that plans are being drawn to install 2 Bocce Courts in Memorial Parkway as part of the spring landscape project at this park. Commissioner Cargie requested that staff research the feasibility of installing basketball rims in the tennis courts at Washington Square for a summer basketball program. Commissioner Cargie discussed the capital improvement requests from the RFYBS, and after some discussion, the Board felt it was best to have the RFYBS President attend the next Board Meeting to discuss their requests.

New Business: Commissioner Cargie moved to approve George's Landscaping bid of \$124,676.00 for the Keystone Park soccer field and sledding hill improvements, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Staff presented the 2010-2012 Intergovernmental Agreement for Youth Interventionist/Coordinator. Director Sletten explained that this is a continuation of IGA agreements signed by Park District Boards in the past, and this program provides officers on the street with the specific purpose to make connections with the Village's youth, work with youth at risk, and identify potential locations in the Village that are susceptible for graffiti or serve as a site for problem youth activities. The Board felt that they needed more information on this program before they make a decision, and requested John Williams, OPRF Township Youth Services Director, to discuss the program at their April Board Meeting.

Director Sletten informed that Board the District 90 has authorized their attorney to intervene in the property tax appeal regarding the River Forest Town Center, so the Board agreed to not also hire an attorney to intervene and allow the District 90 to lead the appeal.

Commissioner Cargie moved to increase the Corporate Fund Transfer to Capital Projects line item from \$200,000 to \$381,000, seconded by Commissioner Steele. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Commissioner Cargie moved to approve the 2010-2011 employee health insurance renewal rates as follows: Aetna health insurance at a 4.8% increase, Principal dental insurance at 5.9%, and VSP vision insurance and Principal life insurance at no rate increase, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Old Business: The Board discussed possible space opportunities in the Village.

Commissioner Cargie moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Nieto at 10:13pm. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sletten
Secretary