

**River Forest Park District
Meeting Minutes of
May 10, 2010**

The Board of Commissioners of the River Forest Park District convened at 8:00pm in Regular Session on Monday, May 10, 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, Hague, Nieto, Steele, and Jones present. Also present were Director Sletten, Athletic Supervisor Kenny, Kitti McSorley (7969 Lake St.), Joan Kipp (7969 Lake St.), and Gay-Lynn George (7969 Lake St.).

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Hague moved to approve the Minutes of April 12, 2010, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 5-0.

Approval of Disbursements: Commissioner Hague moved to approve the May 1-10, 2010 Disbursements for \$91,260.43, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 5-0.

Public Commentary: Ms. McSorely addressed the Board regarding a letter the townhome owners received from the Park District requesting the homeowners to remove their landscape and hardscape materials from park property. Director Sletten stated that he had discussions with Ms. Kipp on this issue, and they both are going to meet at the end of May. The Board asked the residents to meet with staff, and if they do not agree with the resolution, then they should request to be placed on the June agenda for Board discussion.

Correspondence to the Board: A letter from the River Forest Tennis Club was presented to the Board, thanking the Park District staff for their support in the Tennis Club's efforts to make an outdoor ice rink this past winter.

Staff Reports: Mr. Kenny presented his report. The Board inquired about the limited availability of the Concordia synthetic field, and suggested that staff contact OPRFHS for field availability. Commissioner Hague complimented staff on a great job with the Des Plaines River Cleanup. Commissioner Cargie complimented staff on a great job in getting the ball fields ready for Saturday after the heavy rains. Commissioner Hague asked who conducts the criminal background checks for our contracted programs, and Director Sletten stated that the contractor is responsible for conducting their own criminal background checks.

Executive Director Report: Director Sletten presented his report.

WSSRA Report: Director Sletten reported that President Jones, Ms. Dominguez and Director Sletten attended the WSSRA Derby Gala on May 1st.

Parks Foundation Report: The next Parks Foundation Meeting is May 17th, at noon, at The Depot.

Board Reports: Commissioner Hague asked if the Park Ambassador can log the tennis court usage at Washington Square.

New Business: The Board directed Director Sletten to continue to research the viability of constructing two platform tennis courts in Keystone Park East and post the Board's consideration of this project on the Park District website and as a press release for public comment. The Board requested that Ms. Bingham and Ms. Hirst solicit interest from River Forest residents to gauge the membership numbers, if the platform tennis courts are constructed.

Commissioner Cargie discussed his concerns with the batting cages and the netting.

The Board chose not to hold elections for the President and Vice President and keep all officers "as is" through April 30, 2011.

Commissioner Hague moved to approve the 2010-2011 Regular Board Meeting Schedule as presented, seconded by Commissioner Cargie. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 5-0.

New Business: The Board directed Director Sletten to post a draft Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for public review no later than May 14, 2010.

Director Sletten presented preliminary landscape design plans for Memorial Parkway. The plans do not include the placement of new park tables and benches or the proposed bocce court. The Board was in agreement with the concept, and directed Director Sletten to move forward with the plans and specifications.

Commissioner Hague moved to adjourn into Executive Session at 9:11pm for the purpose of:

1. Review of Closed Session Minutes.
2. The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Personal Status of Employees, Officers, and Legal Counsel for the Park District.
3. Acquisition or lease of real property or the selling or rental price of real estate,

seconded by Commissioner Cargie.

The meeting reconvened at 9:48pm

Commissioners Cargie, Hague, Nieto, Steele, and Jones were present. Also present was Director Sletten.

Commissioner Cargie moved to adjourn at 9:48 pm, seconded by Commissioner Hague. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sletten
Secretary