River Forest Park District
Meeting Minutes of
August 9, 2010

The Board of Commissioners of the River Forest Park District convened at 8:00pm in Regular Session on Monday, August 9, 2010, at the River Forest Park District, 401 Thatcher Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

Call to Order – 8:00pm

President Jones called Regular Board 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, and Jones present. Also present was Business Manager Dominguez. Commissioner Steele and Executive Director Sletten were absent.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Nieto moved to approve the Minutes of July12, 2010, seconded by Commissioner Cargie. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 3-0; with Commissioner Hague abstaining.

Approval of Disbursements: Commissioner Hague moved to approve the August 1 - 9, 2010 Disbursements for $93,876.92, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Public Commentary: None.

Correspondence to the Board: President Jones stated he received a letter from Greg White, President of River Forest Youth Baseball & Softball commending Park District staff for their efforts this summer including the tournament and Illinois State Championship games. He specifically thanked John Beto, Tim Watts and Juan Gonzalez.

President Jones stated he received a letter from Oak Park Township requesting the Park District to send something in writing about the Park District dissolving their membership with the Youth Interventionist Program. President Jones stated Executive Director Sletten already took care of this.

President Jones also addressed the Board about a letter he received from Amy McCormack, Senior Vice-President of Administration at Dominican University about creating a Memorandum of Understanding between the Park District and the Dominican University for the usage of the artificial field turf for soccer. They are willing to work with us. Ms. McCormack stated that she will present the Memorandum of Understanding to the Village Board for approval. President Jones discussed the Memorandum of Understanding with President Rigas and requested to make it a condition of the Memorandum of Understanding that it is a field for “Community Use”. Commissioner

Hague reminded that the field is not only for soccer usage but for football too and it should be added to the Memorandum of Understanding.

Staff Reports: Ms. Dominguez presented her report. Commissioner Hague had a comment about Mr. Beto's report; she asked if the Park District is getting any reimbursement from River Forest Youth Baseball Softball Organization for the tournament and State Championship games. Ms. Dominguez replied that the Park District is billing them for staffing.

WSSRA Report: Commissioner Cargie stated that he will attend the WSSRA Articles of Shared Agreement meeting on August 10, 2010 in behalf of Director Sletten.

Parks Foundation Report: The Board was very impressed with the new logo for the Parks Foundation and wanted to thank Gina Latanovich for creating it. Commissioner Hague reported that one of the ideas that the Parks Foundation has for marketing the Foundation is to have a banner with the new logo at a table at Clear Sky along with the children who attended the Memorial Parade wearing Parks Foundation shirts. The Parks Foundation is also planning on hosting Native Landscape workshop with children at the Library landscape project. The next Meeting is September 20th, at 7:00pm, at The Depot.

Board Reports: Commissioner Cargie proposed to the Board the idea of creating a Resolution to congratulate the 10 & 14 year old Girls Softball team and the River Forest Youth Baseball Softball Organization on their State championship. The Board agreed unanimously and Commissioner Nieto suggested hanging a banner stating "You made us Proud" from the Park District. Commissioner Cargie will draft the Resolution and send it to the newspaper too.

Commissioner Nieto met with Township Supervisor, Veronica Krawczyk and River Forest Community Center Board Member, Lew Reick to discuss how the Park District and Community Center can work together. Ms. Krawczyk indicated that it might be possible to accommodate the Park District to letting us use the gym as another entity with the same terms as the Community Center. President Jones requested that Director Sletten make a draft of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Civic Center Authority and Park District.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Commissioner Hague moved to approve Georges Landscaping bid of $29,877.00 for the Memorial Parkway Landscape Project, seconded by Commissioner Cargie. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

The Board discussed the Priory Park Parking Lot – Concordia Lease Agreement and had some questions. Commissioner Hague questioned whether there would be stickers on the cars so you can tell who is parking there? Commissioner Cargie questioned whether this would impact parking for any of our programs that run in the early evening. Commissioner Cargie moved to give Director Sletten the consensus to move on the Concordia Lease agreement, seconded by Commissioner Hague. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Commissioner Hague moved to adjourn into Executive Session at 9:00pm for the purpose of:

1. Acquisition or Lease of Real Property or the Selling or Rental Price of Real Estate.

2. The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Personal Status of Employees, Officers, and Legal Counsel for the Park District of the District.

seconded by Commissioner Cargie. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

The meeting reconvened at 9:21 pm.

Commissioners Cargie, Hague, Nieto, and President Jones were present.

Commissioner Hague moved to adjourn at 9:22 pm, seconded by Commissioner Cargie. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hague
Acting Secretary