

**River Forest Park District
Meeting Minutes of
September 13, 2010**

The Board of Commissioners of the River Forest Park District convened at 8:00pm in Regular Session on Monday, September 13, 2010, at the River Forest Park District, 401 Thatcher Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

Call to Order – 8:00pm

Vice President Cargie 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 Hague, Nieto, Steele and Cargie present. Also present were Athletic Supervisor Kenny and Executive Director Sletten. President Jones was absent.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Hague moved to approve the Minutes of August 9, 2010, seconded by Commissioner Steele. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Approval of Disbursements: Commissioner Hague moved to approve the September 1 - 13, 2010 Disbursements for \$53,630.55 and August 10 – 31 Disbursements for \$28,965.72, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Public Commentary: None.

Correspondence to the Board: The Board received an invitation to attend the Library Open House to celebrate the Grand Opening of the remodeled Children's Room.

Staff Reports: Mr. Kenny presented his report. Commissioner Cargie would like one of the Youth Basketball Committee vacancies filled with a girl's team representative. He asked for each Board Member to come up with some suggestions and pass them on to Mr. Kenny. Commissioner Cargie noted that the Priority soccer fields were in excellent condition for the September 11th games, despite the morning rains.

Executive Director Sletten discussed some of the issues that are delaying the platform tennis courts construction. WT Engineering is working on a footings plan in conjunction with the tennis court project. Core soil testing is scheduled for September 17th, and a plan should be developed shortly thereafter. Staff is working with NICOR to install a gas line for the new program space and the platform tennis courts. The gas line will be sized to accommodate the building needs and up to four platform tennis courts (4 million BTU's).

Landscape work on Memorial Parkway and the concrete work behind the two Keystone Park ball fields are scheduled to begin on September 27th.

WSSRA Report: Discussion and action on the WSSRA Articles of Shared Agreement is on the September 14th WSSRA Board Meeting agenda. .

Parks Foundation Report: The next Parks Foundation Board Meeting is September 20th, at noon, at The Depot. Two residents, Lee Chung and Janet Louer, have expressed an interest in serving on the Parks Foundation Board.

Board Reports: Commissioner Hague commented how great the Clear Sky event was this year and complimented the staff. Commissioner Nieto commented that, except for the Wednesday Journal Editorial, he has not received or seen any negative comments regarding the Board's decision not to continue funding the Youth Interventionist Program. Commissioner Cargie requested staff to log the incidents in the parks when staff encounters vandalism, alcohol or drug paraphernalia, or other items that suggest problems in the park. Director Sletten noted that there has not been any vandalism in the parks this summer, and the only items staff has found in the parks this year are a couple of beer bottles/cans. Commissioner Hague asked staff to contact Dominican University and Fenwick regarding a coordinated effort to enhance security in the Priory Park area.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Commissioner Hague moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Park District and Dominican University regarding the use of the proposed synthetic field at Dominican University. Commissioner Cargie expressed concern that Dominican University could void the agreement after one year and no longer offer the synthetic field for public use. Commissioner Nieto would like some Saturdays available for use. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Commissioner Hague moved to adjourn at 9:00 pm, seconded by Commissioner Cargie. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Sletten
Secretary