

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

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

Call to Order – 8:00pm

President Jones called the 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 Executive Director Sletten, Park Services Manager Beto, and Jean Lotus (Wednesday Journal). Commissioner Steele was absent.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Hague moved to approve the Minutes of October 11, 2010, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Approval of Disbursements: Commissioner Hague moved to approve the October 9-31, 2010 Disbursements for \$22,696.90, and November 1-5, 2010 Disbursements for \$9,508.03, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Public Commentary: None.

Correspondence to the Board: None.

Staff Reports: Staff reports were presented. Commissioner Nieto noted the recent news article on the poor air quality tested at the downtown Metra stations and asked if The Depot's air quality could also be measured. Commissioner Cargie thanked Mike Kenny for his handling of the travel basketball tryouts.

WSSRA Report: A WSSRA report was presented. Director Sletten noted that with the Harwood Heights issue, the "money on the table" issue, and the 10% increase in the River Forest EAV will result in a 11% share increase to the Park District.

Parks Foundation Report: A Parks Foundation Report was presented.

Board Comments: Commissioner Nieto noted that with the loss of distributing fliers through School District 90, a priority should be given in developing a communications plan for the agency. Commissioner Cargie asked if staff had looked into installing a dome over Keystone Park in the winter, and Director Sletten stated that staff has not moved on this request. President Jones asked if the Board was comfortable with placing the Youth Interventionist Program on the December Board Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Hague would like to see more information before the item is placed back on the agenda, and she will develop a list of questions that Director Sletten can present to Mr Boulanger.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Commissioner Hague moved to approve the 2009-2010 Audit, seconded by Commissioner Cargie. Commissioner Nieto questioned the deficiencies noted in the Management Letter. Commissioner Cargie noted that the deficiencies were not highlighted by the Auditor in the November Board Meeting, and would like clarification. Director Sletten will draft a response to the Management Letter deficiencies. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Commissioner Cargie moved to release closed session minutes dated May 10, June 14, July 22, and August 9, 2010, seconded by Hague. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Commissioner Cargie moved to appoint President Jones as Delegate and Director Sletten as 1st Alternate to the IAPD Annual Meeting on January 21st, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

The Board discussed the value of applying for the PARC Grant and directed staff to hire a Grant Consultant to file a PARC Grant application for the Keystone Park Platform Tennis Courts and 7920 Central Avenue, not to exceed \$4,500..

Commissioner Hague moved to approve the 2010 Capital Improvements Budget, seconded by Commissioner Cargie. Commissioners Cargie and Nieto both expressed concern over the construction of a proposed electronic sign in Memorial Parkway. Commissioner Cargie asked if the Board approves the capital improvement budget, does it mean listed projects will move forward? Director Sletten stated that any projects over \$20,000 will require future Board approval. If the electronic sign was to move forward, the Board would have to approve conceptual plans, a public meeting would need to be conducted, and the Village would have to approve the plans. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Director Sletten noted that a \$60,000 limited bond will be available for the 2010 levy. The Board requested bond rates and term options for the December Board meeting.

Commissioner Hague moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:50 pm for the purpose of acquisition or lease of real property or the selling or rental price of real estate, and review of closed session minutes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Sletten
Secretary