

**River Forest Park District  
Meeting Minutes of  
January 10, 2011**

The Board of Commissioners of the River Forest Park District convened at 8:00pm in Regular Session on Monday, January 11, 2011, 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, Steele and Jones present. Also present was Executive Director Sletten and Athletic Supervisor Kenny.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Hague moved to approve the Minutes of December 13, 2010, seconded by Commissioner Cargie. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Approval of Disbursements: Commissioner Cargie moved to approve the January 1-10, 2001 Revised Disbursements for \$93,951.83, and the January 1-10 Referee Disbursements for \$306.00, seconded by Commissioner Hague. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 5-0.

Public Commentary: None.

Correspondence to the Board: The IAPD Annual Report and a letter from the Oak Park Township regarding the Youth Interventionists Program were distributed to the Board.

Staff Reports: Staff reports were presented. Director Sletten noted that a Special Hearing is scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, to discuss the limited bonds.

WSSRA Report: No Report.

Parks Foundation Report: The next Parks Foundation Meeting has been pushed back one week to January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Board Comments: Commissioner Steele asked if staff was aware of cracks in the Keystone Park playground rubber surface, and Director Sletten stated they were aware and the rubber surface vendor has agreed to pour a new rubber surface in the spring. Commissioner Hague noted the trash cans need to be emptied after snowfall. Commissioner Cargie stated a resident asked him if the Park District could form a partnership with the White Sox Academy similar to what was done in LaGrange.

Old Business: None

New Business: Commissioner Cargie discussed a River Forest Youth Baseball (RFYBS) request to construct 1-2 batting cages in Priory Park. Director Sletten provided a plan showing two possible locations and discussed the positive/negative values of each option. Director Sletten stated that based on staff's review of the site, only 1 batting cage could fit without impacting other park uses. President Jones asked if a more temporary facility could be constructed, or if the Park District could utilize the Fenwick batting cage, instead of constructing a permanent facility. The Board discussed who should fund the construction of the facility, as this facility would be exclusively used by RFYBS. The Board agreed that the option to locate one batting cage in right field of the north ball field seemed to be the best option, however, they requested staff for more information and to contact Fenwick. The Board also requested that all residents bordering the park or the Fenwick fields be invited to the next Board Meeting to provide their comments.

Commissioner Hague moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:50 pm for the purpose of litigation when an action against affecting or on behalf of, the District has been filed and is pending in court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds such an action is probable or imminent, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 5-0.

Commissioner Hague moved to adjourn at 9:10 pm, seconded by Commissioner Cargie. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Sletten  
Secretary