

**River Forest Park District
Meeting Minutes of
August 8, 2011**

The Board of Commissioners of the River Forest Park District convened at 8:00PM in Regular Session on Monday, August 8, 2011, at the River Forest Park District, 401 Thatcher Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

Call to Order – President Cargie called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 8:00PM.

A roll call was then taken with Commissioners Hague, Nieto, and Cargie present. Also present was Executive Director Sletten, Business Manager Dominguez, Thomas Blackman, Beth Potter Clarkson, Agatha Gallo, and Bill Dwyer (Forest Leaves).

Beth Potter Clarkson was sworn in as a River Forest Park District Board Commissioner.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Hague moved to approve the July 11, 2011 Board Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Approval of Disbursements: Commissioner Hague moved to approve the July 12-31, 2011 Disbursements for \$2,776.46, and the Revised August July 1-8, 2011 Disbursements for \$88,978.22, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Public Commentary: Two residents attended the meeting to voice public comment on the proposed Keystone Park Athletic Field Light Regulation Amendment Proposal, so President Cargie read a staff recommended modified Athletic Field Light Proposal to give both residents an opportunity to comment on the correct information. Mr. Blackman voiced his opposition to the platform tennis court lights being on beyond 10PM, and questioned the need to construct 2 platform tennis courts in the community. Ms. Gallo voiced her opposition to the platform tennis court lights being on beyond 10PM. She also noted that the 2 newest platform tennis courts in Hinsdale have a 10PM restriction, and they were paid by the Hinsdale Platform Tennis Association. President Cargie responded that the other platform tennis courts in Hinsdale are allowed to keep their lights on until 10:30PM. He also noted that the Village had contributed significant amount of dollars to build the other platform tennis courts and warming hut in the Village, and the donation of the last two courts is a result of the popularity of the program in the community.

Correspondence to the Board: None.

Staff Reports: Staff reports were presented. Commissioner Nieto stated that he would like to see program participants number information included on the website. Commissioner Hague stated that she heard a lot of positive feedback regarding the Keystone Park Ball field conditions for the Little League Tournaments.

WSSRA Report: Director Sletten updated the Board on the WSSRA Executive Director search.

Parks Foundation Report: The next Parks Foundation Board Meeting is Monday, July 18th, 7:00PM. The five Park Board candidates have been invited join the parks Foundation Board.

Board Member Comments: President Cargie asked each Board Member to develop a list of ideas to help improve the agency. Commissioner Nieto asked that the 2008 Community Survey be emailed to the Board Members to provide them information to help them formulate ideas.

New Business: Staff presented a revised Keystone Park Athletic Field Light Regulation Amendment Request to the Board. The revised request is based on comments from the July 25, 2011, Public Meeting, email and phone comments from residents, and consideration of the needs of running a successful platform tennis program. Commissioner Hague moved approve staff's recommended revised Keystone Park Athletic Field Light Regulation Amendment Request, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Staff submitted the bid results for the 7920 Central Avenue Building Renovation Project. Commissioner Hague moved to approve MC Building's bid of \$195,700 for the Keystone Park 7920 Central Avenue Building Renovation Project, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A roll call vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Staff submitted a number of Board Meeting schedule options for the Board to discuss. Commissioner Hague moved that effective at the October 10, 2011 Board Meeting, the times for the two meetings shall be moved back 1-hour, so the COW shall begin at 6:00PM, and the Regular Board Meeting shall begin at 7:00PM, seconded by Commissioner Clarkson. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Commissioner Hague moved to approve the River Forest Park District Crisis Management Plan, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Commissioner Clarkson moved to adjourn into closed session for the purpose of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, dismissal, performance or personal status of employees, officers, and legal counsel for the Park District, seconded by Commissioner Hague at 8:54PM. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Reconvened into open session at 9:15PM

Commissioner Hague moved to adjourn at 9:16PM, seconded by Commissioner Nieto. A voice vote followed, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Sletten
Secretary