



CRYSTAL LAKE PARK DISTRICT
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Park District Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes February 17, 2011

Call to Order: President Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Collins, Sexton, Anderson, Sullivan
Commissioners Absent: Commissioners Walkup, Zellmann, Gallagher

Legal Counsel: Scott Puma, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni and Krafthefer, P.C.

Staff: Jason Herbster, Dennis Jahnke, Ann Viger, Debra Oldham, Jack Sebesta
Anne Sandor

Citizens: Jim Sabo (Crystal Lake Babe Ruth Baseball League), Richard Passavant,
Larry Wheeler, and Paul Meyers (Residents) Iris Bryan (Town Cryer)

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Collins moved to approve the agenda as presented.
Seconded by Commissioner Anderson.
Roll Call:
Ayes: 4 (Sexton, Anderson, Collins, Sullivan)
Nays: 0

Approval of Minutes:
A. January 20, 2011
Regular Meeting: Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the minutes of the
February 3, 2011, Regular Meeting, as presented.
Seconded by Commissioner Collins.
Roll Call:
Ayes: 4 (Sexton, Anderson, Collins, Sullivan)
Nays: 0

B. February 3, 2011
Workshop Meeting: Commissioner Sexton moved to approve the minutes of the
February 3, 2011, Workshop Meeting, as presented.
Seconded by Commissioner Collins.
Roll Call:
Ayes: 4 (Sexton, Anderson, Collins, Sullivan)
Nays: 0

Approval of Voucher List: Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the vouchers for the month
ending, January 2011, in the amount of \$323,435.82.
Seconded by Commissioner Collins.
Roll Call:
Ayes: 4 (Collins, Sexton, Anderson, Sullivan)
Nays: 0

Approval of Interim Voucher List: Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the interim vouchers for the
month of February 2011, in the amount of \$174,344.05.
Seconded by Commissioner Collins.
Roll Call:
Ayes: 4 (Collins, Sexton, Anderson, Sullivan)
Nays: 0

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Anderson moved to take notice that the financial statement of February 8, 2011 showed cash on hand in the amount of 8,885,084.10.
 Seconded by Commissioner Collins.
 Roll Call:
 Ayes: 4 (Sexton, Anderson, Collins, Sullivan)
 Nays: 0

Matters from the Public: None.

Committee Reports: Commissioner Anderson expressed that he was concerned with the amount of the Racket Club's reserve fund, and suggested using excess funds to cover capital projects at the Club instead of financing projects, or to use the funds elsewhere in the district. Director Herbster commented that Walt Herrick, Manager of the Racket Club, will review the projects and costs, and will be presenting option and costs for the repairs and replacement of the court and ceiling projects to the members of the club.

Unfinished Business: None

Consent Agenda: None.

New Business:

A. Log Riders National
 Woodie Club Event Request: Commissioner Sexton moved to approve the request submitted by the Log Riders Chapter of the Woodie Club to host their event at Main Beach on Sunday, July 31, 2011.
 Seconded by Commissioner Collins.
 Roll Call:
 Ayes: 4 (Sexton, Anderson, Collins, Sullivan)
 Nays: 0

B. Policy Revisions 6.12B: Commissioner Collins moved to approve the revisions to the current board policy 6.12 B, as presented.
 Seconded by Commissioner Sexton.
 Roll Call:
 Ayes: 4 (Sexton, Anderson, Collins, Sullivan)
 Nays: 0

C. Policy Revisions 6.12F
 Commissioner Sexton moved to approve the revisions to the current board policy 6.12F, as presented.
 Seconded by Commissioner Collins.
 Roll Call:
 Ayes: 4 (Anderson, Collins, Sexton, Sullivan)
 Nays: 0

D. Annexation Ordinance
 10.11.11: Commissioner Collins moved to approve Ordinance 10.11.11, an ordinance to annex the property at 9708 Beech Avenue, Crystal Lake, Illinois, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Proch.
 Seconded by Commissioner Anderson.
 Roll Call:
 Ayes: 4 (Anderson, Collins, Sexton, Sullivan)
 Nays: 0

Reports to the Board:

- A. Legal Counsel: Nothing to add.
- B. Executive Director: Director Herbster gave a presentation on the progress of the strategic initiatives accomplished by staff for the 2010-2014 Comprehensive Master Plan. Herbster will be presenting completed initiatives at the next park board meeting.
- C. Parks: Nothing to add.
- D. Recreation: Nothing to add.
- E. Business Manager: Nothing to add.
- F. Planning: Nothing to add.
- G. Racket Club: Nothing to add.
- H. Park Police: Nothing to add.

Matters from the Board:

Commissioner Anderson questioned the Park Police Budget, and the Park Board discussed options to cutback. Commissioner Sexton suggested polling the public if they would want the district to cut the budget by \$400,000 by eliminating the park police department. Attorney Puma stated that this issue could be an advisory question on an election ballot. Commissioner Sullivan stated that an extensive analysis must be done.

Director Herbster stated that there are definite benefits to having a park district police department with all of the properties we have. Commissioner Anderson added that we are definitely better off having a police department, but the Board needs to look at the cost benefit to the district.

The Park Board of Commissioners directed Herbster to research intergovernmental agreements between park districts, city and villages regarding policing park district properties.

Commissioner Collins reported that the Safety Committee had discussed posting “no smoking” signs in the parks. Director Herbster reported that signage is posted in areas in certain parks, i.e., the Boncosky Complex, Lippold Park. Commissioner Collins added that the Safety Committee primarily discussed no smoking at the beach. Director Herbster stated that the policy is enforced on the sand area at the beach. Collins expressed that she would like to see “smoke free” signage in all of the district’s parks, and requested that this issue be addressed at the next board meeting.

Commissioner Sexton commented that the beach deficit is down \$46,000; the admission fees is helping offset the deficit.

Commissioner Sullivan noted that the construction at the Veteran Acres has been shut down for the winter. Ann Viger, Park Planner commented that the thickness of the concrete slab caused additional hauling and was shut down due to the snowfall. There will be additional hauling charges.

Commissioner Collins noted that the Recreation report stated an anticipation that attendance numbers at the beach will be similar to this past season, and questioned why. Jack Sebesta, Superintendent of Recreation answered that the beach was closed eighteen days last season, which caused approximately 30,000 less in attendance.

Commissioner Sullivan questioned the report on winter concessions. Jack Sebesta reported that Staff is looking to limiting winter concessions hours to Friday nights and weekends next year. Connie Cooke, Recreation Supervisor attended the IPRA Conference and met with representatives from concession exhibitors for summer concessions.

Committee Meeting Dates:

There will be a Recreation Committee meeting held on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at 8:20am. The Workshop meeting on February 3, 2011 will be cancelled. There will be a Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

Executive Session:

- A. Litigation 2 (c) 11
- B. Personnel 2 (c) 1
- C. Sale or Lease 2 (c) 6
- D. Land Acquisition / Lease 2 (c) 5
- E. Review of Minutes

Commissioner Anderson moved to enter Executive Session at 8:25 PM for the purpose of Land Acquisition, Personnel and Review of Minutes.

Seconded by Commissioner Collins.

Roll Call:

Ayes: 4 (Collins, Sexton, Anderson, Sullivan)

Nays: 0

Return to Open Session:

Commissioner Sexton moved to return to open session at 9:16 PM.

Seconded by Commissioner Collins.

Roll Call:

Ayes: 4 (Collins, Sexton, Anderson, Sullivan)

Nays: 0

Adjourn:

Commissioner Sexton moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 PM.

Seconded by Commissioner

Roll Call:

Ayes: 4 (Collins, Sexton, Anderson, Sullivan)

Nays: 0

Approve: _____ Attest: _____
President Secretary