

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2016  
PARK BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Park Board of Commissioners, Plainfield Township Park District, was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at the Plainfield Township Community Center, 15014 S Des Plaines Street, Plainfield.

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL / PLEDGE

President Ludemann called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm with the following members present: Ayres, Newton, Poling, Steinys, Ludemann  
Absent: Hurtado, Kazmark

Staff members present: Carlo Capalbo, Executive Director  
Wendi Calabrese, Executive Assistant / Secretary  
Maureen Nugent, Director of Finance & HR / Treasurer  
Jennifer Rooks-Lopez, Director of Parks & Planning  
Cheryl Crisman, Director of Recreation  
Matt Campbell, Attorney

There were 14 members of the public in attendance.  
Commissioner Ayres led the pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vicky Polito stated that her request from several months ago to rename a different park for former Executive Director Bott was not asked for by him and that it was entirely her idea and it was prompted by the District's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Ayres that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the consent agenda which included minutes of the March 9, 2016 Park Board of Commissioners regular meeting; minutes of the March 30, 2016 Park Board of Commissioners workshop; interim check numbers 94269-94341 totaling \$210,568.12 with check numbers 94287, 94308, & 94331 totaling \$0.00 voided with direct deposits totaling \$107,670.77; bills and claims check numbers 94342-94421 totaling \$141,813.58 with check numbers 94350, 94351, 94352, 94353, 94354, 94355, 94356, 94357, 94358, 94359, 94360, 94370, 94371, & 94418 totaling \$0.00 voided; bond issue disbursement check number 1032 totaling \$5,174.00 and the treasurer's report February, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Poling. Roll Call: Ayres-Yes, Poling-Yes, Newton-Yes, Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes. Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director

- The auditors are in the office week and should be finishing in the next few days.
- The District is celebrating Week of the Young Child and yesterday's event was held at the Equestrian Center.
- The District's mascot costume came in this week. Scout the fox will begin making appearances at events this summer.
- The dance recital is on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Rialto. If you would like tickets to attend please contact the office.
- The Foundation's wine and beer tasting is on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and proceeds from the event fund the scholarship program.
- We received an email from Ralph Schultz, Director of the Will County Forest Preserve District thanking us for the opportunity for cooperative programming.
- Senior Graphic Designer Vargas is working with the Joliet Mall on an event/marketing partnership. The first event planned in on May 4<sup>th</sup> and the theme is May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you.

- The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Hidden Oak Leaf program is underway and we are taking suggestions from the public for items that should be included in our time capsule.

## B. Director of Parks and Planning

### 1. Parks Annual Presentation

Director Rooks-Lopez highlighted accomplishments of the parks department, discussed a new structure for the grounds department that is being implemented this summer, plans to relocate fleet and facilities to the north shop and upcoming projects being planned for the trades and construction department.

*Commissioner Kazmark arrived at 6:13 pm.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Capital & Development

Did not meet, no report.

### B. Finance & Liability

Did not meet, no report.

### C. Personnel & Policy

Did not meet, no report.

### D. Recreation & Marketing

Did not meet, no report.

### E. Governance & Accountability

Did not meet, no report.

## ACTION ITEMS

### A. Park Dedication

A motion was made by Commissioner Newton that the Park Board of Commissioners rename Renwick Community Park as Gregory B. Bott Community Park and that the current Gregory B. Bott Park become part of Riverside Parkway. Seconded by Commissioner Ayres. Executive Director Capalbo informed the Board that 2 letters of support for the renaming were received. Commissioner Steinys expressed his opposition to renaming Renwick Park. Commissioner Steinys said he would like to see Renwick Park be used for future sponsor naming rights opportunities and that Mr. Bott already has a park named for him. Commissioner Steinys stated that he would like the voters to make the decision for renaming through a referendum at the next election. President Ludemann told Commissioner Steinys that she understands his concerns but feels a future building could be an opportunity for sponsored naming rights. Commissioner Steinys said in his book Mr. Bott was not a successful director and left the Park District in disarray in regard to his practices, policies and procedures. There were over 1600 ADA write ups and he's lucky enough to already have a park named for him and should be happy with that. Roll Call: Newton-Yes, Ayres-Yes, Kazmark-Abstain, Poling-Yes, Steinys-No, Ludemann-Yes. Motion Carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. Facility Feasibility Study

Executive Director Capalbo said that Mr. Stanton was unable to attend the meeting this evening and he will try to schedule his presentation for the April 20 meeting.

## BOARD INITIATIVES

- Research establishing a tree nursery
- Rename Renwick Park to Gregory B. Bott Community Park

## COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Poling said she is excited about a new evening out program being offered for not only active adults but all ages of adult women being offered at PTCC and trying to start to use this building more for evening programming. The program is a spa night where you can

- choose a hand massage, facial, pedicure or massage and said that she will be hosting one of the stations where people can paint their own wine glass.
- Commissioner Ludemann said she appreciates the efforts by the parks department with the spring plantings.

#### CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Newton that the Park Board of Commissioners go into closed session as permitted under the Open Meetings Act under 5 ILCS 120/2.(c)(5) the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; 5 ILCS 120/2.(c)(2) collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, and;5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes at 6:45 pm to reconvene. Seconded by Commissioner Ayres. Roll Call: Newton-Yes, Ayres-Yes, Kazmark-Yes, Poling-Yes, Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes. Motion Carried.

*Commissioner Hurtado arrived at 6:50 pm.*

#### RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Steinys that the Park Board of Commissioners reconvene in open session at 7:55 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Hurtado. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Hurtado-Yes, Ayres-Yes, Kazmark-Yes, Newton-Yes, Poling-Yes, Ludemann-Yes. Motion Carried.

#### ACTION FOR ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### A. Closed Session Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Steinys that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the March 9, 2016 closed session minutes and that they remain closed. Seconded by Commissioner Hurtado. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Hurtado-Yes, Ayres-Yes, Kazmark-Yes, Newton-Yes, Poling-Yes, Ludemann-Yes. Motion Carried.

##### B. Collective Bargaining Agreement

A motion was made by Commissioner Steinys that the Park Board of Commissioners ratify the collective bargaining with SEIU Local 73 as presented and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Poling. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Poling-Yes, Ayres-Yes, Hurtado-Yes, Kazmark-Yes, Newton-Yes, Ludemann-Yes. Motion Carried.

#### ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Ayres that the Park Board of Commissioners adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Steinys. Ayes-7 Nays-0

Operations Assistant Darin of the parks department stated that on behalf of SEIU Local 73 he would like to express their appreciation and thanks to the Board, District management, and public for reaching an agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,



Wendi Calabrese, Secretary