

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2013
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Plainfield Township Park District, was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at the Heritage Professional Center, Lower Level, 24023 West Lockport Street, Plainfield.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE

President Hurtado called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following members present: Steinys, Ludemann, Newton, Silosky, Hurtado

Absent: None

Staff members present: Bergman, Bettin, Booth, Calabrese, Coldwater, Crisman, Nugent, Richard Kavanagh

President Hurtado asked Commissioner Silosky to lead the pledge to the flag. There were approximately 34 people in the audience.

APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Newton that the board approve the agenda. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Ludemann said she missed the meeting last month and asked if there was a presentation for the new logo. Ms. Ludemann said she doesn't think we should change the logo because of the cost involved with changing signs, decals, uniforms, etc. Ms. Ludemann said she would have liked to have seen a contest where high school students could have submitted suggestions for a new logo. President Hurtado said there was a presentation at the last meeting and the roll out for the logo will take place gradually. Mr. Hurtado said when a sign needs to be replaced it will have the new logo. Mr. Hurtado said staff came up with the new logo and the plan for the roll out of it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Pastor Holmer from St. John Lutheran Church said he was at the meeting to address agenda item G. Pastor Holmer said discussions for this project began over two years ago and that St. John and the Park District have definite plans and have been sharing the cost for the project 50/50. Pastor Holmer said there has probably been \$30,000 worth of engineering done for the development of the park and how it is to be graded in addition to several thousand dollars in legal fees. Pastor Holmer said the vision was to have a public/private partnership and for the church to donate land to the park district for a park site. Pastor Holmer stated that there were many hours of planning and meetings with the neighbors and would like to know why this partnership is ending and why no one called St. John. Pastor Holmer said he found out about the motion on the internet.
- Brenda Morse said she didn't have a comment but had a handout that she wanted to make sure that everyone received.
- Vicky Polito said she wanted to add on to Brenda Morse's statement by adding that not only did Ms. Morse give a hand out but she wants to see it as part of the public record because it is not just casual interest but a document that belongs as part of the public record.
- Sarah Hickman, President of the Brookside homeowners association which is adjacent to the St. John property said they were not notified of any changes and in the past there has been fantastic communication from Cameron Bettin regarding this project. Ms. Hickman said Cameron Bettin has been willing to talk to homeowners if they had questions but something has changed.

BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Newton that the board approve the consent agenda which included minutes of the September 11, 2013 board of commissioners meeting; bills and claims check numbers 87187-87317 with check numbers 87201, 87242, 87256, 87257, 87258, 87259, 87260, 87261, 87287, 87293, 87303, & 87312 voided; interim check numbers 87073-87186 with check numbers 87110, 87129, 87134, 87135, & 87172 voided. Seconded by Steinys. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Business Department

2013 Tax Levy Draft

Maureen Nugent presented the draft of the 2013 levy to the board. Ms. Nugent said the tax levy calculation was based on keeping the total dollar amount of the 2013 tax levy the same as the 2012 tax levy extension. Commissioner Ludemann asked why social security was showing much less. Ms. Nugent said that she looks at how much money is available in every fund at the end of August and then estimates the expenses through the end of the current fiscal year and estimates the expenses for the next fiscal year. Ms. Nugent said there was going to be an estimated surplus in that fund so the levied amount is going to be less. Commissioner Hurtado said the Assessor's Office told us there was going to be an average of 5% decrease in home values and asked if that number was just picked from the air. Ms. Nugent said the assessor said there would be an average of a 5% decrease and has more insight as to how that figure is calculated than she would.

Administration

Wendi Calabrese reported on the FOIA requests that were received in the month of September and the estimated cost to the district to fill those requests. Ms. Calabrese said that she estimates staff and attorney time to come up with the cost and one of the estimates was actually a little high. Ms. Calabrese said that one of the estimates also included the cost of paper since almost 2000 sheets of paper were needed to fill a request. Ms. Calabrese said that in the near future she and the executive director will be speaking about whether or not to include all of the FOIA requests and the responses on the district's website.

DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE REPORT

There was no report.

ACTION ITEMS

A) Seeking a Motion to Remove Bid Award for Fall 2013 Bituminous Sealcoating and Striping from the Table

Moved by Steinys that the board remove the bid award for Fall 2013 bituminous sealcoating and striping from the table. Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

B) Seeking a Motion to Award Bid for Fall 2013 Bituminous Sealcoating and Striping

Moved by Steinys that the board reject all of the Fall 2013 bituminous sealcoating and striping total base bids and alternates submitted. Seconded by Newton. Commissioner Ludemann asked if the reason we were rejecting the bids was because the weather would be too cold. Cameron Bettin said that is the main reason. Commissioner Ludemann asked if not protecting the paths would cause any damage over the winter. Mr. Bettin said crack filling might help but there are a lot of areas that aren't sealcoated that are fine. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

C) Seeking a Motion to Remove Bid Award for 2013 Aux Sable, Boy Scout, The Streams and Winding Creek Path Improvements from the Table

Moved by Steinys that the board remove the bid award for 2013 Aux Sable, Boy Scout, the Streams and Winding Creek path improvements from the table. Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

D) Seeking a Motion to Award the Bid for 2013 Aux Sable, Boy Scout, The Streams and Winding Creek Path Improvements

Moved by Steinys that the board reject all of the 2013 Aux Sable, Boy Scout, The Streams and Winding Creek path improvements total base bids submitted. Seconded by Ludemann. Commissioner Ludemann said that going forward if there are questions, the board member should meet with staff prior to the meeting to prevent not being able to do routine maintenance. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

E) Seeking a Motion to Award a Bid for Two (2) New 2013/2014 ¾ ton 4 x 2 Regular Cab Fleetside Pick Up Trucks with Lift Gates

The board reviewed bids received for two (2) new 2013/2014 ¾ ton 4 x 2 regular cab fleetside pickup trucks with lift gates from Freeway Ford \$46,099.90 and Rod Baker Ford \$47,252.00. Moved by Silosky that the board award the bid for two (2) Ford F-250 pickup trucks with lift gates including trade-ins to Freeway Ford in the amount of \$46,099.90. Seconded by Steinys. Commissioner Newton asked if the memo was correct in stating that these trucks are not available on the State Contract. Gene Coldwater said he didn't see anything on the State Contract that was comparable because none of those trucks had a lift gate. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

F) Seeking a Motion to Award a Bid for One (1) New 2013/2014 One Ton 4 x 4 Fleetside Bed Pick Up Truck

The board reviewed the bid received for one (1) new 2013/2014 one ton 4 x 4 fleetside bed pickup truck from Rod Baker Ford \$24,063.00. Moved by Steinys that the board award the bid for one Ford F-350 pickup truck to Rod Baker Ford in the amount of \$24,063.00. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

G) Seeking a Motion to Approve Resolution 2013-12 (A Resolution Authorizing Termination of a Lease of Vacant Land)

Moved by Steinys to approve Resolution 2013-12. Seconded by Newton. Commissioner Ludemann said the project has been in the works for quite some time, work at the site has already started and would like to know why the project is being scrapped. President Hurtado said it is being terminated mainly because of the cost. Mr. Hurtado said when this was voted on last year he wasn't aware of all the costs that would be involved. Mr. Hurtado said that this project will cost close to one million dollars and even though we were going to try and get some grants the cost to the District would still be \$500,000.00. Ms. Ludemann said that this park would offer some amenities such as tennis and inline hockey which are not available in that portion of the district. Commissioner Silosky said she has given this project a lot of thought and has tremendous concern about the cost and that although this would be a nice park to have we don't have a building big enough to house programs and employees. Ms. Silosky said she is also concerned about helping to pay for a parking lot that would service a church. Ms. Ludemann said she didn't think people would see it that way since the church would be donating land to the park district and it would be a partnership. Commissioner Silosky asked Mr. Kavanagh for his opinion on whether or not there could be a conflict. Mr. Kavanagh said there could be an issue but doesn't know for sure. Commissioner Ludemann asked about the cost sharing arrangement. Cameron Bettin said we are not sharing in the cost of the lights along Drauden Road, and in the lease it indicates we would be paying for our share of the sidewalk that would be in front of the park and sharing the cost of the parking lot that would be on our property. Commissioner Steinys said that the location is bad and the money could be better utilized to look at a field house since we need indoor recreation space. Commissioner Ludemann didn't think the location would be a problem since it is right on Caton Farm Road which runs through a main part of the District. Ms. Ludemann questioned why we are spending money on logos and trucks if building indoor facilities is a priority. Commissioner Steinys replied that the vehicles are falling apart and you need vehicles for maintenance and the logo isn't costing anything right now because nothing is being replaced yet. Commissioner Newton said that the word is out in the community that if you want a partnership with the Park District there is a chance it will go away and how many chances will we get before no one will want to partner with us. Commissioner Steinys said the project is a bad idea and doesn't want to get into church and state matters. Commissioner Newton said there is no conflict because it is a partnership. The board discussed the number of parking spaces that would be available in the parking lot. Pastor Holmer

said he has not been approached by anyone to discuss making changes to the agreement and the intention is to donate close to 4 acres of land to the Park District. Silosky asked Commissioners Ludemann and Newton for their thoughts on how we can do something to get a recreation center. Commissioner Ludemann said it's going to cost money that we don't have which is why we don't have one and in the past the boards have not wanted to go to referendum. Commissioner Newton said the Renwick Community Center has been in the plans for a long time and we wouldn't be able to build it without a referendum. Commissioner Newton said he assumes money was budgeted for this project and asked what the money would be used for instead. Cameron Bettin said no money has been budgeted for the grant portion of the project, only for engineering, the parking lot and the berm. Commissioner Newton asked where the money would go if we didn't do this project. Mr. Bettin said it would be up to the board to decide. Mr. Bettin said we could look at scaling back the project so it wouldn't be a \$1,000,000 project. Commissioner Newton said going back to the church and state issue we rented space from St. John Lutheran Church for 10 or 11 years and there was never a newspaper article about the Park District supporting the church. Ms. Ludemann said we also rented space from the Methodist Church in Plainfield. Commissioner Steinys said what happened in the past is in the past, and he is looking toward the future. The board debated potential flooding issues at the proposed park. President Hurtado asked if there was any more discussion. There was none. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-No, Newton-No, Silosky-No, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Failed.

H) Seeking a Motion to Approve Resolution 2013-13 (A Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of an Investment Policy)

Moved by Ludemann to table Resolution 2013-13. Seconded by Steinys. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PRESIDENT'S RECAP OF BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

There were no directives.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Steinys that the board go into executive session at 6:50 p.m. as permitted under the Open Meetings Act under (5 ILCS 120/2 Sec. 2C (5)) to reconvene. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

Moved by Newton that the board reconvene in open session at 7:33 p.m. Seconded by Steinys. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

ACTION FOR ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no action items.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Newton that the meeting be adjourned at 7:33 p.m. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendi Calabrese, Recording Secretary