

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2014
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Plainfield Township Park District, was held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at the Heritage Professional Center, 24023 W. Lockport Street, Plainfield.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE

President Hurtado called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Ludemann, Newton, Silosky, Steinys, Hurtado

Absent: None

Staff members present: Wendi Calabrese, Executive Assistant
 Gene Coldwater, Interim Executive Director
 Cheryl Crisman, Director of Recreation
 Maureen Nugent, Finance Director
 Matt Campbell, Attorney

President Hurtado asked Commissioner Newton to lead the pledge to the flag. There were approximately 45 people in the audience.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Newton that the board approve the consent agenda which included minutes of the March 4, 2014 board of commissioners meeting; interim check numbers 88469-88582; bills and claims numbers 88583-88676 with check numbers 88627, 88628, 88635, 88636, 88644, 88645, 88646, & 88647 voided; and the treasurer's report January 2014. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION BY JOHN MAYER, ENGINEERING RESOURCE ASSOCIATES – STATUS OF THE DUPAGE RIVER TRAIL BRIDGE PROJECT

John Mayer, Engineering Resource Associates; Steve Konters, Hitchcock Design Group; and Cameron Bettin presented plans for and gave an update of the project status of the DuPage River Trail bridge project to the board.

PRESENTATION BY BRIAN COSTIN, ILLINOIS POLICY INSTITUTE – TRANSPARENCY CHECKLIST

The Illinois Policy Institute presentation will be rescheduled due a scheduling conflict.

STAFF REPORTS

Director of Communications

1) Referenda Questions

There was no report.

Recreation

Cheryl Crisman, Director of Recreation gave the board details on the wine and beer tasting being hosted by the Friends of the Plainfield Park District Foundation. Ms. Crisman said that all money raised goes to support the scholarship program. Ms. Crisman distributed a staff report from LCSRA. Ms. Crisman said that she had additional discussions with the Plainfield Sports Facility Group and asked the board if they would like a presentation. The consensus was to schedule a presentation for the May meeting.

Parks

Gene Coldwater, Interim Executive Director said that Plainfield Soccer Association was allocated field space and thanked Kathy Ayres and Georgie Szymczak for working together.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- James Racich addressed an accusation that President Hurtado made which stated that Mr. Racich was racist by telling about the diversity in his neighborhood while growing up, the number of languages he speaks and volunteer work he does with various minority groups. Mr. Racich asked for Peter Hurtado to resign.
- Howard Bruskin stated that since he hasn't heard anything about the investigation being conducted he conducted his own investigation through Freedom of Information Act requests. Mr. Bruskin told the board what he found in the responses to his requests.
- Jayme Alwood addressed the board regarding term limits, the amount of time Mr. Hurtado spends at the administration office and the transparency checklist to be discussed.
- Tom Carey said that the purchase of the Dodge Journey, bus and wood chipper by the former executive director are examples of why the purchasing limit of the executive director should be lowered.
- Mark Batinick said he was at the meeting as coach of Plainfield Soccer Association and discussed how the Park District soccer program is negatively impacting the PSA.
- Brian Truhlar told the board that from 2001-2013 PSA has invested over \$750,000 in the park district and asked the Park District to reconsider offering its own soccer program because there is already a soccer program in place.
- Tom Devaux thanked Gene Coldwater and Georgie Szymczak for their assistance in securing field space.
- Rob Ayres recognized Commissioners Ludemann, Newton and Silosky for their professionalism by not attending the special meeting last week.
- Vicky Polito said that the PDF board packets online should be searchable and said she is curious why Georgie Szymczak the horticulturalist is working on sports field issues instead of Mr. Hernandez.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Ludemann said that field polices and the banner policy changes should have been board decisions and since they were not she would like to see them revert back to the policies that were in place last year. Ms. Ludemann said that field scheduling was a disaster this year and wants to know why scheduling was taken away from the rec department and given to maintenance. Ms. Ludemann stated that we are missing grant opportunities and staff is having difficulty keeping up with the workload and wants the planning department to be reinstated because it never should have been eliminated. Ms. Ludemann said that she wants staff to have harassment and workplace violence training. Ms. Ludemann said the announcement for vacancy of a director is in draft form and the search is moving forward.
- Commissioner Steinys said that the referendum for the rec center passed and his suggestion is to look into a committee to discuss what type of rec center the public wants and where it should be built.
- Commissioner Silosky said that the Park District couldn't have a better staff and asked the public for a round of applause for them.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

There were no comments.

DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Commissioner Newton distributed IAPD's latest legislative update. Mr. Newton referenced section 4.7 of the Board Manual which addresses board members speaking on behalf of the board without approval of the entire board. Mr. Newton stated that he was informed that Doug Booth was planning to attend the hearing in Springfield on behalf of the District to testify against Representative Cross' bill. Mr. Newton said that he asked Mr. Booth who authorized him to do so Mr. Booth said that no one did but he thought it would be a good idea for someone to be there to testify. Mr. Newton after speaking to Mr. Booth he contacted each legislator to inform them that our board had not taken a stance on HB 5593 and that no one has been authorized to speak on behalf of the board. Mr. Newton asked that the board take a stance on HB 5593 at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Seeking a Motion to Approve Resolution 2014-08 (A Resolution Authorizing the Relocation and Reschedule Dates of Regularly Scheduled Board of Commissioner Meetings)

Moved by Silosky that the board approve Resolution 2014-08. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-No, Hurtado-Abstain. Motion Carried.

B. Seeking a Motion to Approve Resolution 2014-09 (A Resolution Changing the Formal Name of the Plainfield Township Park District to Plainfield Park District)

Moved by Ludemann that the board approve Resolution 2014-09. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

C. Seeking a Motion to Consider Resolution 2014-10 (A Resolution Placing Items on the Agenda)

Moved by Newton that the board approve Resolution 2014-10. Seconded by Ludemann. Commissioner Ludemann said she would like to add language stating that items can be added by speaking to the executive director because there have been some issues with that lately. Attorney Campbell said if the board likes, it could be added and that the board always has the option to speak to the director. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

D. Seeking a Motion to Award the Seasonal Brochure Printing Bid

The board reviewed bids received for the seasonal brochure printing from Yorke \$74,042; Titan \$28,690; eDoc \$36,400; American Litho-thrown out for not bidding according to spec sheet; K. K. Stevens \$18,965.75 and Paulson Press \$28,080. Moved by Steinys that the board award the bid for the printing of the Seasonal Brochures for Fall/Holiday 2014, Winter/Spring 2015 and Summer 2015 to K.K. Stevens Publishing Company in the amount of \$18,965.75. Seconded by Newton. Commissioner Ludemann asked why American Litho's bid was thrown out. Corinne Vargas, Senior Graphic Designer stated that they did not meet the specifications of the draft and they did not fill out the paperwork properly and the other bidders did. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

E. Seeking a Motion to Award the Bid for 2014/2015 Parks Mowing

The board reviewed bids received for 2014/2015 parks mowing from George's Landscape \$48,990 & \$48,990; Hummingbird Lawn Care \$19,833 & \$20,824.65; Carefree Lawn Maintenance \$20,283.90 & \$21,636; Full Force LLC \$27,990 & \$27,990; Beary Landscaping \$21,900 & \$21,900; and TLC Group \$34,524 & \$34,524. Gene Coldwater, Interim Executive Director said based on staff's due diligence the 2nd lowest bidder is being recommended. Moved by Steinys that the board award the bid for the 2014/2015 parks mowing to Carefree Lawn Maintenance & Sealcoating for a total of \$20,283.90 for season one and \$21,636 for season two. Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

F. Seeking a Motion to Approve Resolution 2014-11 (A Resolution on Terms of Office)

Moved by Steinys that the board approve Resolution 2014-11. Seconded by Newton. Commissioner Steinys said he would like to see the 6 year terms changed to 4 year terms. Matt Campbell said that he did not write the resolution and does not believe that we have the ability to pass it or any resolution in regard to imposing term limits on commissioners. Mr. Campbell said he recommended against proposing this resolution. Mr. Hurtado said he believes the Park District has the authority to pass the resolution and Naperville, Downers Grove, Riverside and Brookfield have term limits. Mr. Campbell said that he believes that this would violate the Park District Code. Mr. Campbell said that the Park District Code is our enabling statute and as such limits what we can do as a District. Mr. Campbell stated that as a general rule unless the Park District Code provides that we can take some specific action we probably can't take that action. Mr. Campbell said the communities mentioned by Mr. Hurtado are home rule municipalities that have different powers than we do and they are not park districts and therefore not controlled by the Park District Code. Roll Call: Ludemann-No, Newton-No, Silosky-No, Steinys-No, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Failed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Creation of an Independent Ethics Commission

There was no discussion.

B. Implementation of a Transparency Checklist

There was no discussion.

C. Referendum Question Results

There was no discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Steinys at 6:34 p.m. that the board go into executive session to discuss personnel, land acquisition and litigation and consideration of the sale or purchase of securities, investments or investment contracts as permitted under the Open Meetings Act to reconvene. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Newton that the board reconvene in open session at 8:05 p.m. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion carried.

ACTION FOR ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Approval of March 4, 2014 Executive Session Minutes

Moved by Newton that the board approve the March 4, 2014 executive session minutes. Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-No, Hurtado-Yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PRESIDENT'S RECAP OF BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- Schedule a presentation by the Plainfield Sports Facility Group for the May meeting
- Place a resolution for support of Tom Cross' bill HB 5593 on the agenda in May

ADJOURN

Moved by Silosky that the board adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Seconded by Steinys. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Wendi M. Calabrese, Secretary