

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 29, 2014
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING**

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Plainfield Township Park District, was held on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at the Heritage Professional Center, Lower Level, 24023 West Lockport Street, Plainfield.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE

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

Absent: None

Staff members present: Calabrese, Attorney Matt Campbell

President Hurtado asked Commissioner Newton to lead the pledge to the flag. There were approximately 46 people in the audience.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ed Arter said that 2 or 3 weeks ago he met with representatives of the Park District about the DuPage River Trail and would like to know if it's close to going to bid. Mr. Hurtado replied that he thinks there is going to be an update at the regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday.
- Jayme Alwood asked for the resignations of Peter Hurtado, Vice President Silosky and Commissioner Steinys. Mr. Alwood said he is speaking on behalf of several people and said he is holding over 696 comments in his hands and over 95% are negative. Mr. Alwood asked anyone present who would like the resignations to stand. Mr. Alwood listed reasons why the public is asking for Mr. Hurtado's resignation and thanked the citizens for making a difference.

Vice President Silosky asked Matt Campbell if she could speak after executive session. Mr. Campbell told Ms. Silosky that she could speak.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Newton that the board go into executive session at 6:10 p.m. to discuss personnel and selection of a person to fill a public office or to discipline performance or removal of the occupant of public office to reconvene. Seconded by Silosky. 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 6:52 p.m. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

Vice President Silosky said she was made aware of a purchase for LED lighting in which President Hurtado exceeded his authority by entering into an agreement with a company he had an interest in without first discussing it with the board. Ms. Silosky said she was alerted of this transaction by Doug Booth and that he and Commissioner Steinys were able to stop this transaction from occurring. Ms. Silosky said that once she was made aware of this, she and then Executive Director Garrett Peck met with Mr. Hurtado and asked him to resign. Ms. Silosky said she wants to good for the District and felt it was her duty to let the other board members know about this. Ms. Silosky asked that the Park District staff be kept in the public's prayers because they are really good people and that she wants the Park District to go forward and do well.

President Hurtado said that the allegations are very serious and said that we need to call for an investigation and that he hopes Ms. Silosky has the story straight and has all the facts. Mr. Hurtado asked the District's attorney to contact the State's Attorney to investigate the allegations. Mr. Campbell said we can. Mr. Hurtado asked him to do so.

ACTION FOR ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Newton that the board adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Seconded by Steinys. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendi M. Calabrese, Secretary