

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2014
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Plainfield Township Park District, was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at the Heritage Professional Center, 24023 W. Lockport Street, Plainfield.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE

Vice President Silosky called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the following members present: Ludemann, Newton, Silosky, Steinys

Absent: Hurtado

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

Vice President Silosky asked Commissioner Newton to lead the pledge to the flag. There were approximately 30 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-No. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

A. President

Wendi Calabrese, Secretary stated that pursuant to Resolution 2014-12 approved March 4, 2014 the election of officers will take place. Ms. Calabrese asked for any commissioner who would like their name to be placed before the board for consideration of the office of president to raise their hand. Commissioner Ludemann was the only commissioner to raise a hand. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-No. Motion carried.

B. Vice President

President Ludemann asked for any commissioner who would like their name to be placed before the board for consideration of the office of vice president to raise their hand. Commissioner Silosky was the only commissioner to raise a hand. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-No. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Newton that the board approve the consent agenda which included minutes of the April 1, 2014 board of commissioners meeting, minutes of the April 17 2014 special board of commissioners meeting, minutes of the April 1, 2014 executive session, minutes of the April 17, 2014 executive session, Electric Park Multi-Use Path Construction Engineering Services Contract, Resolution 2014-15 (a Resolution to enter into a recreational lease with Commonwealth Edison Company), liability insurance renewal with IPARKS in the amount of \$96,538.00, interim check numbers 88677-88333 totaling \$200,612.39 with direct deposits totaling \$141,318.41, bill and claims check numbers 88834-89002 totaling \$259,230.61 with check numbers 88846, 88869, 88900, 88909, 88910, 88913, 88914, 88921, 88927, 88928, 88929, 88930, 88931, 88932, 88933, 88934, 88957, 88980, 88993 & 88996 totaling \$0 voided, treasurer's report February 2014 and the treasurer's report March 2014. Seconded by Silosky. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-No. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Director of Recreation

1. Plainfield Sports Facility Group Presentation

Mike Cook and Eric Withaar from the Plainfield Sports Facility Group gave the board an overview of their potential project. They discussed the community need, project partners, public-private partnerships, location of the facility, progress and opportunities for partnership for the District. Commissioner Steinys asked what the cost for

partnership would be to the Park District and if there would be a cost to the public if they wanted to use the facility. Mr. Withaar said that they don't have that information yet but can put a proposal together if the board is interested. The board consensus was to continue working with the Plainfield Sports Facility Group and Commissioner Ludemann asked Mr. Grodsky to follow up with them.

2. Lily Cache Special Recreation Association (LCSRA) Budget Presentation

Jill Mukshina presented the LCSRA budget for fiscal year 2015 to the board. Ms. Mukshina updated the board on participation numbers and inclusions and said that both are increasing. Commissioner Silosky asked how many requests for placement had been received for the summer. Jill Mukshina replied that there are at least 25 right no. Commissioner Ludemann thanked Ms. Mukshina for the presentation. Rich Grodsky said that the LCSRA budget will also be part of our 2014-2015 budget presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Jayme Alwood, 7700 Briarcliff, Plainfield congratulated Commissioner Ludemann on becoming president, congratulated Commissioner Silosky on remaining vice president and welcomed Rich Grodsky. Mr. Alwood praised Cheryl Crisman and the dance staff for their hard work in putting on the recital at the Rialto Square last weekend. Mr. Alwood said that no matter how crazy things got at the board level the staff continued to provide quality programs and keep things going. Mr. Alwood thanked Miss Kathy (his daughter's instructor) for doing a great job.
- Jim Racich, 24738 Fairbanks Court, Plainfield said it looks like there is going to be positive change taking place and welcomed Rich Grodsky to the District. Mr. Racich questioned Doug Booth's qualifications for his position as Director of Communications.
- Vicky Polito, 25242 Blakely, Plainfield welcomed Rich Grodsky to the District and said the community is willing to help any way they can. Ms. Polito questioned why Commissioner Silosky was renamed vice president when at previous meetings she stated that she was not interested in continuing as vice president.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Ludemann thanked her fellow board members for supporting her for president. Ms. Ludemann thanked Rich Grodsky for helping the District and read brief statement with his qualifications. Ms. Ludemann gave an update on the status of the executive director search.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Silosky thanked her fellow commissioners for wanting her to stay on as vice president. Ms. Silosky said she has consistently tried to move the Park District forward in the past 4 months and discussed why she requested the change in terms of officers. Ms. Silosky said we need to close the chapter from the past and move the District forward.
- Commissioner Newton thanked the community for their support and congratulated Commissioners Ludemann and Silosky on being elected as board officers. Commissioner Newton asked that we as a community give Commissioner Silosky the benefit of the doubt and allow her to prove herself through her actions moving forward.
- Commissioner Steinys welcomed Rich Grodsky and said that hopefully we can set up a program to make improvements to parks and equipment. Commissioner Steinys brought up the issue of ADA compliance and the audit that was performed in 2011 and said that he hopes more items can be addressed.

DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Commissioner Newton said that this afternoon the Senate Executive Committee passed HB 5593 and it will go to the full Senate for a vote.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Seeking a Motion to Select the Winner of the Norman Greenway Dog Park Naming Contest

Moved by Newton that the park board of commissioners formally rename the Norman Greenway Dog Park to Daisy Dog Park to honor Daisy Roach and to name Emilie Mc Garr the runner up. Seconded by Silosky. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-No. Motion carried.

B. Seeking a Motion to Reconsider Approval of Resolution 2014-12 (A Resolution Showing Support of the District for HB 5593)

Attorney Campbell said that he would prefer the motion be made and reminded the board members that the motion would need to be made by the prevailing party. Moved by Silosky that the park board of commissioners reconsider approval of Resolution 2014-12. Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-No. Motion carried.

C. Seeking a Motion to Approve Resolution 2014-12 (A Resolution Showing Support of the District for HB 5593)

Moved by Newton that the park board of commissioners approve Resolution 2014-12. Seconded by Silosky. Commissioner Silosky said she does not agree with this, not because she is opposed to a 7 member board but because she does not agree with members being appointed. Ms. Silosky said that although she doesn't agree with HB 5593 she would vote in favor of it. Commissioner Steinys said he does not agree with the legislators appointing board members and the public should have a chance to vote on this. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-No. Motion carried.

D. Seeking a Motion to Remove Resolution 2014-13 (A Resolution to Increase the Size of the Board from 5 to 7 Members) From the Table

Rich Grodsky and the board discussed the options for removing the Resolution from the table or to hold it and how to procedurally do either. Commissioner Steinys asked how fast the new commissioners would be on the board. Mr. Grodsky said that if HB 5993 is approved and the governor signs it, according to the legislation the 2 new commissioners could be seated immediately. Mr. Grodsky said if the legislation doesn't pass and the board approves this resolution, it would not take effect until the elections in April 2015. Attorney Campbell told the board that as long as this resolution was passed 60 days before the April 2015 elections the board could still be increased from 5 to 7. Mr. Grodsky suggesting holding the Resolution on the table until we see what happens with HB 5593. Commissioner Steinys asked what would happen if there was a lawsuit since this legislation might be viewed as unconstitutional. Attorney Campbell said that it is a possibility because it could be viewed as targeted legislation. Attorney Campbell said that if we did not approve the Resolution tonight it could still be addressed in the future. Moved by Steinys to remove Resolution 2014-13 from the table. Seconded by Silosky. Roll Call: Ludemann-No, Newton-No, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-Yes. Motion failed.

E. Seeking a Motion to Approve Resolution 2014-13 (A Resolution to Increase the Size of the Board from 5 to 7 Members)

The item was not removed from the table.

F. Seeking a Motion to Award the Bid for the Electric Park Multi Use Path to D Construction Inc.

The board reviewed bids received for the Electric Park Multi Use Path from D Construction \$469,853.00; P.T. Ferro Construction, Inc. \$474,403.45; And Austin Tyler Construction, Inc. \$725,308.70. Moved by Newton that the park board of commissioners award the bid for the Plainfield Township Park District Electric Park Multi-Use Path to D Construction Inc., in the amount of \$469,853.00. Seconded by Silosky. Commissioner Steinys asked if the quality of their work has been checked and if ADA has been addressed. Rich Grodsky said the bids were put together with all considerations including ADA and they have done their due diligence. Mr. Grodsky said he has worked with D Construction at other Park Districts and they do fine work. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-Yes. Motion carried.

G. Seeking a Motion to Approve Resolution 2014-14 (A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Certain Parcels of Land)

Moved by Silosky that the board approve Resolution 2014-14. Seconded by Newton. Commissioner Newton asked if we had any particular use for the Weller Drive properties or if we are just land banking. Mr. Grodsky noted the District is land banking parcels which could then be developed at later dates. Attorney Campbell said that a concept discussed a while ago was possible river access and there is a stand-alone lot that could be considered for a tot lot since there isn't a neighborhood park in that area. Mr. Grodsky said that if any actions took place they would be part of a capital improvement plan for the next 10 years. Commissioner Steinys asked if the parcels had been checked for contaminants. Mr. Grodsky said he did not know but would get an answer. Commissioner Steinys asked if anything could be done on the land because it is floodplain and questioned whether or not the Corps of Engineers would

approve anything. Mr. Newton said the plan is to use it for our trail. Mr. Grodsky stated that if during the process of planning the park we find parts in need of mediation we just wouldn't do the work at that time. Mr. Grodsky said a stage 1 environmental consideration is not necessary to accept the property but would be essential during the planning process. Attorney Campbell told Commissioner Steinys that it is not standard to do a phase 1 environmental study on residential properties. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-No. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

President Ludemann said she would like the board to form a committee to review the board manual and employee policy manual. Ms. Ludemann said she would like to see Rich Grodsky, Attorney Campbell and Larry Newton to serve on the committee. Moved by Silosky that the board form a committee consisting of Rich Grodsky, Larry Newton and Attorney Campbell to review the board manual and employee policy manual Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Steinys-No. Motion carried.

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- Executive Director will follow up with the Plainfield Sports Facility Group
- Schedule a meeting for the newly formed Policy Committee
- Include the Special Rec information in the budget draft
- Send a letter on behalf of the board communicating support of HB 5593 to District Legislators

ADJOURN

Moved by Newton that the board adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Seconded by Silosky. Ayes-3 Nays-1
The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Wendi Calabrese, Secretary