

**MINUTES OF THE 2,344th
REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD
MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS
AND OFFICERS OF THE WINNETKA
PARK DISTRICT, WINNETKA, IL
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018**

President Larkin called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. Commissioners Present: Mickey Archambault, Teresa Claybrook, Ian Larkin, Warren James (by phone), John Peterson and John Thomas. Commissioners Absent: Eric Lussen. Staff Present: John Muno, Executive Director; John Shea, Superintendent of Recreation; Christine Berman, Superintendent of Finance; Costa Kutulas, Superintendent of Parks; Mary Cherveney, Administrative Services Manager, Kelsey Raftery, Marketing Brand Manager and Kellie Edwards, Landscape Crew Supervisor. Audience Present: Donald Smith and David Seaman.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

President Larkin asked that the agenda reflect the corrected dates for 2/22/18 for the minutes to be approved.

REMARKS FROM VISITORS

David Seaman introduced himself as a volunteer on the Winnetka Caucus Council Parks Committee.

Commissioner James also indicated that he would need to recuse himself from any discussion or vote regarding the Bluff Land Restoration Planning RFP due to an ongoing professional relationship with The Lakota Group.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Claybrook made a motion to combine the Budget & Appropriation Hearing Minutes of February 22, 2018 and the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2018 into a consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Archambault and a roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Archambault, Claybrook, James, Peterson, Thomas, Larkin. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approval the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Archambault and passed by voice vote. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Asphalt Bids

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve staff's recommendation for the Asphalt Repairs and Sealcoating Bid from Allstar Asphalt in the amount of \$128,195.00 and seconded by Commissioner Claybrook. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Archambault, Claybrook, Peterson, Thomas, Larkin. Commissioner James recused himself. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Bluff Land Restoration Planning RFP

Commissioner Peterson made a motion to direct staff to conduct contract negotiations with the Lakota Group and partners for the bluff land restoration plan for the five lakefront parks and seconded by Commissioner Claybrook and passed by voice vote. Commissioner James recused himself. Nays: None. Motion carried.

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Executive Director, John Muno provided a brief update, including:

- Lunch meeting with Cindy Hooper from North Shore County Day. They are in the process of launching a capital campaign.
- Attended a staff level meeting on TIF.
- School District #36 will be hosting a special school board meeting on the results of their “Future Ready” program on Monday, March 12. Superintendent of Recreation, John Shea will represent on a staff level.

BOARD LIASION REPORTS

Commissioner Thomas provided some information and thoughts about the Village taking up an ordinance to reduce the membership of the Plan Commission from 13 to 10 members with the elimination of the representatives from the Park District, School District #36 and Winnetka-Northfield Public Library. After some discussion among the Park Board, it was determined that a letter will be sent from President Larkin on behalf of the Park Board, encouraging reconsideration of the ordinance eliminating the other local government representation on the Plan Commission.

Vice President Archambault provided an update on the latest stormwater discussion that he attended along with Commissioner James and Executive Director Muno. He stated that Commissioner James did a wonderful job articulating the message that we are part of the community and are looking to work collaboratively to help reduce the stormwater solution costs. Commissioner James also shared that the Village understood there to be some parameters issued by the Park District several years ago, regarding the use of the 18-hole course, which is not necessarily the sentiment today. It was clarified that the Village should be looking for the lowest cost, most efficient, potentially elegant solution that could be a win-win within the community. Executive Director Muno will continue to update the entire Board at their request and any final recommendation will also come back to the entire Board.

REMARKS FROM VISITORS

None

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STAFF UPDATES

Superintendent of Recreation, John Shea provided updated information on the following:

- 275 participants at Mother/Son Date Night tonight; marketing staff at the event
- Leprechaun Leap is scheduled for March 17; may be canceled due to low enrollment
- Updated camp marketing strategies have been implemented including website changes
- Beach passes are now on sale
- Presence at AEC Screenbreak Kick-off; gave away fidget spinners, sunglasses and popcorn
- Winnetka's Got Talent is this Saturday, March 10

Superintendent of Parks, Costa Kutulas provided the board with some history on an arrangement where Crow Island School's playground extends onto our property. We have agreements dating back to 1942. Staff plans to update the agreement and hold harmless to coincide with the School District's intention to update the playground.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Archambault and passed by a voice vote. Motion carried.


Mickey Archambault, Vice President


John Muno, Board Secretary