

**MINUTES OF THE 2,366th
REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD
MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS
AND OFFICERS OF THE WINNETKA
PARK DISTRICT, WINNETKA, IL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020**

President Archambault called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Mickey Archambault, Teresa Claybrook, Christina Codo, Warren James, Eric Lussen, John Peterson

Commissioners Absent: Colleen Knupp

Staff Present: John Muno, Executive Director; John Shea, Superintendent of Recreation; Christine Berman, Superintendent of Finance; Costa Kutulas, Superintendent of Parks; Kelsey Raftery, Marketing Brand Manager; and Lara Kuechel, Executive Assistant.

Audience Present: Rick Prohov, Jon Shabica, Don Smith, Joe Kuechel, Joan Zietlow, Ron White

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

None

REMARKS FROM VISITORS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Claybrook to combine the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2019, the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2019, the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2019, the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2019 with a correction to reflect unfinished business and the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2019. Executive Assistant Lara Kuechel pointed out that there was a typing error and that a New Business category has been corrected to say Unfinished Business. Commissioner Codo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Archambault, Codo, Claybrook, James, Lussen, Peterson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Commissioner Claybrook made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner Lussen seconded the motion. Passed by a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:**Financial Advisor Update:**

Superintendent Berman reported that 6 companies were approached, with 4 responses received for potential financial advisors. It has been narrowed down to three, which are expected to provide comprehensive proposals by Monday, January 20th. A final choice will be brought to the Board for approval in February. Executive Director Muno thanked Commissioners Codo and Lussen for sharing their financial expertise in the process.

Lakefront Update:

Superintendents Kutulas and Shea made a presentation to update the proposed tiered approach system for work at Lloyd Beach. Addressed were the current conditions regarding damage that has been sustained and has limited programming along with the potential closure for the coming season.

Tier One will focus on sustaining the beach with minimal financing, using a breakwater system that will commence construction in 2020 with approval from the Board so that the beach will be operational in 2021. Jon Shabica spoke about the benefits which revolved around the plan that no temporary work would take place and we would avoid redundancy per the Board's recommendation, and would also increase functionality. Commissioner Peterson questioned the risks which were deemed minor by Mr. Shabica, who also noted that there are unknowns with the lake levels but the plan does allow for reaction to conditions. He does not see any issue with regulators and the permitting process. Commissioner James and Claybrook questioned the permitting process. Mr. Shabica revealed that the permit is 99% done and nearly ready for public notice. Commissioner James would like details shared with the Board

Tier Two allows for the next phase per the Lakota plans which include the seawall, access ramps and staircase. The benefit would be increased beach access and allow the non-motorized boat storage to be moved. It would involve a separate contract

The initial public notice process should take until approximately April, with a goal to start construction after Labor Day. A detailed discussion of unprecedented low ice coverage and rising lake levels took place as well as regarding the Jackson property breakwater. Vice President Peterson noted the effects per photos presented, to which Mr. Shabica clarified that the breakwater has provided a significant benefit to the north and minor storm protection to the south. Commissioner Claybrook thanked Mr. Shabica for clarifying the process and use of sand. Superintendent Kutulas further presented more detailed illustrations for conceptual designs.

Commissioners Claybrook and James pointed out that unnecessary items will cause concern for cost conscious residents and may hold things up. Vice President Peterson noted the sense of urgency, but it is important to communicate pieces to include in due course. There was a general consensus among the Commissioners that going ahead with only Tier One was the most favorable, conservative choice and should be done as quickly as possible.

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Muno passed in the interest of time.

BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Vice President Peterson reported on the Winnetka Parks Foundation. He shared that Foundation President Steve Hole will be transitioning out of his position due to a move to New York.

REMARKS FROM VISITORS

Rick Prohov, Township resident – expressed concern over the land ethic of a parking lot and asked that the Park District show more sensitivity to the environment in making changes at Tower Beach. He commended the Park District for its efforts and challenges.

Ron White, Winnetka resident – offered suggestions for material changes (i.e. marine cleats) instead of the vertical railings in the Lakota plan at Lloyd Beach.

STAFF UPDATES

Marketing Brand Manager, Kelsey Raftery – mentioned a newspaper article featuring President Archambault.

Superintendent of Parks, Costa Kutulas - will be having a meeting with a forester at Tower Beach. Work there is expected to commence on January 27th and outdoor ice rinks may be open, both weather permitting.

Superintendent of Recreation, John Shea – the holiday events have passed and we are now moving on to winter events and programming.

Executive Assistant, Lara Kuechel – will be gathering information to provide for the Statement of Economic Interest to be sent to Cook County.

Superintendent of Finance, Christine Berman – a legal notice had been posted in the newspaper for a public hearing for the Budget & Appropriation Meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Peterson made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss the Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes and the purchase or lease of property.

Commissioner James seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Archambault, Claybrook, Codo, James, Lussen, Peterson

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

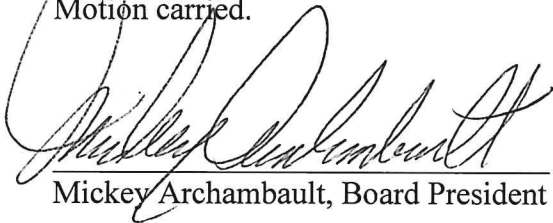
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 6:48 p.m. Vice President Peterson made a motion to return to Open Session. Commissioner Lussen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Archambault, Claybrook, Codo, James, Lussen, Peterson
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Commissioner Lussen seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote.
Motion carried.


Mickey Archambault, Board President
John Muno, Board Secretary