

**MINUTES OF THE 2,368th
REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD
MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS
AND OFFICERS OF THE WINNETKA
PARK DISTRICT, WINNETKA, IL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020**

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

Commissioners Present: Mickey Archambault, Christina Codo, Warren James, Colleen Knupp, Eric Lussen, John Peterson

Commissioners Absent: Teresa Claybrook

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: Don Smith, Rick Prohov, Paul, Lively, Lynn Sanders, Joan Zietlow, Nancy Meislahn, Ron White

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

None

REMARKS FROM VISITORS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Vice President Peterson to combine the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2020 and the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2020
Commissioner Lussen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Vice President Peterson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Codo seconded the motion. Passed by a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lakefront Conditions Update:

Superintendent Shea reported that the Parks Dept went down to Lloyd beach and removed the boardwalk and racks that were further damaged and falling as a result of another storm that took place January 10th – 11th. Any remaining vessels were also removed. Superintendent Kutulas reported that David Olson from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) reached out regarding the possibility of obtaining federal funding to recoup some of the losses from damage at the lakefront. The preliminary estimates totaled \$866,000 from that single event at all 5 lakefront locations. Superintendent Shea added that PDRMA conversations are continuing regarding previous damage and claims. Shabica & Associates have revised the permit for Lloyd Beach and recalculated the needs for sand etc. It is expected that the revisions will go out for public notice the week of February 10th. It was noted that Lake Michigan levels are on the rise; followed by presentation of a graph showing Lakes Huron and Michigan projected changes. Lake Michigan is currently 4 inches higher than the previous all-time high.

Superintendent Kutulas further reported that the bluff restoration permit is approved, waiting on 2 final bonds to receive final permit and begin initial work. They have been reaching out to the Village to formulate a plan in regards to public safety. Superintendent Shea has been communicating with the police dept.

Financial Advisor Selection

Superintendent Berman thanked the selection committee – Christine Codo, Eric Lussen and John Muno for the work on selecting a financial advisor group. They have settled on recommending Piper Sandler (formerly Piper Jaffray). She introduced John Balzano, representative for Piper Sandler who presented information regarding their company and vision for work with the Winnetka Park District. They currently work with approximately 25 area park districts. He also presented options for addressing debt service, fund balance draws and financing solutions to maintain a good rating. A question/answer session took place between Mr. Balzano and the Board, covering credit rating spreads, competitors, interest rates and sequencing of debt. John Muno thanked Commissioners Codo and Lussen, noted the good reputation of Piper Sandler whom he was introduced to through NSSRA and expressed that the Park District is excited to work with them. Vice President Peterson also offered thanks and noted that a visitor at the meeting has previously said that the Board should focus attention and energy on financial and intellectual pursuits rather than build parking lots; further noting that the staff and Board worked towards that challenge.

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Muno reported that a follow up meeting was scheduled with the WPTC. Staff attended the IPRA State conference – met to discuss and brought thoughts back on a wide range of areas within our Park District. Legislative Breakfast will take place on February 14th – will be attending with Vice President Peterson, a good networking opportunity.

BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Vice President Peterson – had a second meeting with a potential new leader for the Parks Foundation and a second person of interest to work with the Foundation. Looking to reset and having a positive start.

REMARKS FROM VISITORS

Rick Prohov – noted tie-ins between debt, precipitation, storm damage, lake forecasts and damage to facilities and capital expenditures and how climate change is impacting us locally. He encouraged the Board to commit to not doing the parking lot and trails at Tower over educating youth and demonstrating commitment to local initiatives for climate change.

Lynn Sanders – Winnetka resident, concerned about taking away resources like trees; please use caution

Ron White – brought up the subject of lake depths

STAFF UPDATES

Marketing Brand Manager, Kelsey Raftery – Spring Brochure is out to residents, at the IPRA Conference received marketing awards: 1st Place Brochure Series, 2nd Place Promotional Materials, 3rd Place Agency Display.

Superintendent of Parks, Costa Kutulas – 5th & final phase implementation of the Stewardship Plan will be taking place over the next few weeks at Crow Island.

Superintendent of Recreation, John Shea – will be stopping at the Daddy Daughter Dance that was taking place that evening and showed signs of increased participation with the new format/venue. Mother Son Date Night will be at Pinstripes. The Middle School Ski trip was a success.

Executive Assistant, Lara Kuechel – will be conducting due diligence in the area of grant funding; reporting that the Park District will be looking take a more aggressive approach in order to take advantage of newly released funds (i.e. OSLAD and LWCF)

Superintendent of Finance, Christine Berman – preparing for audit, received notification that we received a Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 2018.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Peterson made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss the purchase or lease of property. Commissioner James seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 6:38 p.m. Commissioner Codo made a motion to return to Open Session.
Commissioner Lussen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

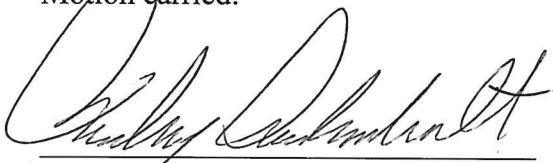
Nays: None.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Commissioner Codo seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote.

Motion carried.



Mickey Archambault, Board President

John Muno, Board Secretary