

**MINUTES OF THE 2,369th  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD  
MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS  
AND OFFICERS OF THE WINNETKA  
PARK DISTRICT, WINNETKA, IL  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020**

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

A motion was made by Vice President Peterson to allow the electronic participation of Commissioner James. Commissioner Codo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Archambault, Codo, Knupp, Peterson

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

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

Commissioners Absent: Teresa Claybrook, Eric Lussen

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: Ed Gjersten, Todd Marver, Tim Clark, Brad Birchmeier, Brian Boyer, Anne Wilder, Colin Cross, Chris Rintz, Rock Prohov, Glenn Pankau, Robert Stahl, Mary Beth McNerney, Joe Duris, Christine Kaufman, Joan Zietlow, David Nimick, and not signed-in: Lynn Sanders, Charlie Brown, Bill Vaselopoulos, Craig Stone, Bill Ogden

**ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Approval of Ordinance #573**

A motion was made by Vice President Peterson to approve Crow Island Ordinance #573  
Commissioner Codo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Archambault, Codo, James, Knupp, Peterson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Lakefront Conditions Update:**

Superintendent Shea made a presentation regarding lakefront operations, based on current conditions the following protocols are in place: Centennial Beach – will continue as a dog beach, with continued monitoring; Elder Beach – has no usable north beach and will be closed as a swimming beach for 2020; Maple Beach will be monitored daily, Adventure Camp will be held there and will include water activities; Lloyd Beach/Boat Launch – operations are contingent on water levels, launching should take place from Memorial Day to Labor Day, no lower level parking will be allowed in order to allow for modified use of rack space, which will also be limited to Memorial Day to Labor Day, no Jr. Sailing or Water Explorers programs will take place and the boat house is closed as there is no safe passage to it; Tower Beach – will be monitored for safety, the staircase project is expected to be completed by June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, a plan for staff directed parking was presented.

President Archambault questioned how overflow parking will be handled, it was noted that there is the potential for a shuttle or overflow parking at Lloyd. Commissioner Knupp suggested the posting of signs to inform people of the dangerous conditions at the lakefront. Vice President Peterson thanked John Shea, Marty Kwiatkowski and Costa Kutulas for their responsiveness.

John Shabica gave a brief presentation noting the breakwater project has been submitted to the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR) and will be out for public notice. He noted that the lake level is 18 inches higher than at the same time last year.

Superintendent Kutulas reported that the Tower demolition is about 50% complete. There was an on-site meeting with IEMA/FEMA to make a damage assessment report and hope to see funds to offset the cost to make repairs.

**REMARKS FROM VISITORS**

**Colin Cross** – Winnetka Platform Tennis Club (WPTC), President asked the Board to consider additional paddle courts for the west side of the paddle hut, allowing for expanded allocation of resources.

**Ed Gjertsen** – thanked the Park District for serving the community, said that extra paddle courts would help keep residents in the community and attract young people to Winnetka.

**Mary Beth McNerney** – said that both she and her husband play paddle, adding that it is an opportunity for parents to socialize outside of school so it benefits families and will also attract more women to the sport.

**Joe Duris** – a first year paddle player, said that the program is at capacity and is well-run.

**Tim Clark** – noted that his family is drawn to the opportunity.

**Dave Nimick** – he's a 6 yr resident and has played paddle since he had been here, noted that the facility is over capacity for use and that it is a self-funded activity. He also felt that the chipping green is not necessary and could be better used for additional paddle courts.

**Rick Prohov** – the Park District has provided a case study and forum for lake devastation, noting that we are getting ahead of the problem.

### **REMARKS FROM VISITORS – cont'd**

**Glenn Pankau** – said that paddle has been a great sport for him to play with his son and that expansion of the paddle courts creates further opportunity for people to network, exercise and promotes a healthy lifestyle.

**Lynn Sanders** – questioned the plans at Tower Beach.

**Joan Zietlow** – concerned about parking lot at Tower and said that it is important to find a way to have people drop off their beach supplies and park elsewhere, she then thanked the Park Board.

**Bill Vaselopoulos** – said that it is hard job meeting the demands of the paddle club as it is the largest public club in the country. He further said that they need more space to accommodate the more than 400 members and that they have the most economical space per maintain stature

**Charlie Brown** – he asked that the Park Board do all it can to add court so that they can maintain and expand the camaraderie, noting that it adds a lot to the community – much needed and provides an activity for older people. It's a great sport – please help.

**Craig Stone** – he is a Glencoe resident and loves the camaraderie of paddle.

**Brad Birchmeier** – asked for support for more courts, emphasizing that it has made a huge difference in his life by having the opportunity to meet more people.

**Bill Ogden** – suggested a future vision for tying the golf clubhouse and paddle along with all the facilities to create a world class recreation facility – would be worth the effort.

### **APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS**

A motion was made by Vice President Peterson to combine the Financials for December 2019 and January 2020 Commissioner Codo seconded the motion. Superintendent Berman reported on the December Financials and that January Financials were on target, tax bills are out. Vice President Peterson requested a forecast for coming months. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Archambault, Codo, Knupp, Peterson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**It is noted that Commissioner James ended his participation in the meeting at 6:40 p.m.**

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

A motion was made by Vice President Peterson to approve vouchers for February 27, 2020 in the amount of \$768,910.25 Commissioner Codo seconded the motion. Superintendent Berman noted a large bill for Foundation Mechanics for Tower Rd. Beach in the amount of \$1.5 million; a previously approved first payment. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Archambault, Codo, Knupp, Peterson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Vice President Peterson to combine the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2020 and the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2020  
Commissioner Codo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Archambault, Codo, Knupp, 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.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Ordinance #574 Amending Sexual Harassment Personnel Policy (BP)**

John Muno introduced and thanked Human Resources Administrator, Britni Purnell who said that she had attended an Illinois Parks and Recreation Assoc. (IPRA) legal symposium and reported on the need to amend our personnel policy. The Ordinance specifically addresses Commissioner to Commissioner harassment. She requested that we approve the Ordinance right away as time was of the essence

A motion was made by Vice President Peterson to approve Ordinance #574 Amending Sexual Harassment Personnel Policy. Commissioner Codo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Archambault, Codo, Knupp, Peterson  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

## **MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR**

Executive Director, John Muno recognized John Shea and Costa Kutulas for their work on the IEMA project. Staff has kept things moving with the Foundation. Noted NSSRA's success with their fundraising campaign.

## **BOARD LIAISON REPORTS**

Vice President Peterson reported on the ongoing process to secure new leadership for the Parks Foundation, noting that Ian Larkin was going to reconnect and they were actively recruiting another candidate. He was going to be attending a fundraising meeting on Friday, 02/28/2020.

## **REMARKS FROM VISITORS**

Village President, Chris Rintz said thank you to the Park Board

## **STAFF UPDATES**

**Marketing Brand Manager, Kelsey Raftery** – will be communicating about lakefront updates with bi-monthly emails, reaching out to local media outlets as well. Board Meetings are posted on Next Door Winnetka social media platform in response to resident requests.

**Superintendent of Finance, Christine Berman** – preparing for auditors and working on policy manual under review, working with Britni on total compensation statements for employees. Recreational marijuana policies will be a big part of the personnel manual review.

### **STAFF UPDATES – cont'd**

**Superintendent of Parks, Costa Kutulas** – \$1.1 million ask for FEMA/IEMA assistance, taking a hard look at sand nourishment, positive communication with Crow Island neighbors, working with volunteer opportunities, particularly Friends of Crow Island Woods to engage the community more

**Superintendent of Recreation, John Shea** – Thanks to Marty Kwiatkowski for handling lakefront challenges, both he and Toby Ross have begun interviews for summer staff, noted new summer camp locations – limited by space, house league basketball wrapping up and softball numbers looking good, Mother Son event coming up at Pinstripes – new venue/format.

**Executive Assistant, Lara Kuechel** – continuing fundraising research and have commenced with grant pursuits

Mickey Archambault thanked Chris Rintz, looking forward to signing IGAs

### **CLOSED SESSION**

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

Ayes: Archambault, Codo, Knupp, Peterson

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

At 7:21 p.m. Commissioner Codo made a motion to return to Open Session.

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

Ayes: Archambault, Codo, Knupp, Peterson

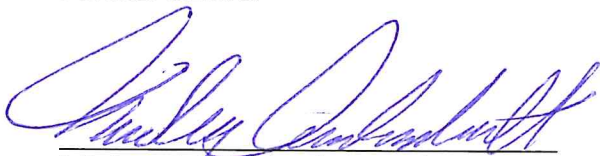
Nays: None.

Motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Codo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Vice President Peterson seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote.

Motion carried.

  
Mickey Archambault, Board President  
John Muno, Board Secretary