

**MINUTES OF THE 2,300th
REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD
MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS
AND OFFICERS OF THE WINNETKA
PARK DISTRICT, WINNETKA, IL
THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2014**

President Brad McLane called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Commissioners present: Teresa Claybrook, Richard Pierce, Ed Harney, Gerri Kahnweiler, John Thomas, Ian Larkin and Brad McLane. Commissioners absent: none. Staff present: Robert Smith, Executive Director; Bob Farmer, Chief Financial Officer; John Shea, Recreation Supervisor; Communication/Marketing Manager, Mary Cherveney; Edna Alvord, Systems Administrator, and Libby Baker, Administrative Assistant/Safety Coordinator. Visitors present: Todd Krzyskowski and Jude Offerle.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 2014 FINANCIALS

Chief Financial Officer Bob Farmer highlighted the financials. After review and discussion, Commissioner Harney moved to approve the June 2014 Financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas and passed by a voice vote. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF JULY 2014 VOUCHERS

The Board was presented with the Voucher List for July 2014. After review and discussion, Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the July 2014 Voucher List as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and a roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Claybrook, Pierce, Harney, Larkin, Kahnweiler, Thomas, and McLane. Nays: None. Absent: none. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2014

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Park Board meeting from June 26, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harney and passed by a voice vote. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2014

Commissioner Pierce moved to approve the minutes from the Executive Session meeting from June 26, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harney and passed by a voice vote. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes of July 10, 2014

After a brief discussion concerning the dredging and ditch work at the golf course, Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting from July 10, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harney and passed by a voice vote. **Motion carried.**

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NEW BUSINESS

Bond/Debt Refinance

Bob Farmer explained that he and Director Smith met with representatives from Mesirow Financial to discuss options regarding refinancing the 2005 General Obligation Bonds. Refinancing could save the park district from \$75,000 to \$80,000 in interest expenses. An additional opportunity available is to extend the term of the existing bonds to capture some monies for future capitals. Ted Krzykowski, Managing Director of Mesirow Financial gave an overview of the options available and answered questions. These bonds are levied bonds so they would affect the tax rate. Bob noted that the tax increase on a \$2,000,000.000 home would be approximately \$23 per year. Commissioner Kahnweiler expressed that she feels the board should be cognizant of raising taxes. Commissioner Pierce expressed that he feels that the park district has provided a benefit to the community and has helped improve property values. These options will be discussed and voted on at the August meeting.

Basic Budget Assumptions for 2015

Bob Farmer reviewed the budget assumptions detailing each item and called attention to the budget process timeline. After review and discussion, Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the Basic Budget Assumptions for 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed by a voice vote. **Motion carried.**

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Director Smith thanked staff for their hard work on the Let Loose on Lincoln event. He also thanked the Board members and staff that attended the ice cream social at Dwyer Park. The next social will be at Corwin Park. Director Smith would like to meet one on one with the rest of the Board members to provide them with a 6-month update.

STAFF REPORTS

In regards to the Ice Arena report, President McLane further explained the reasoning for the creation of a new hockey league. Commissioner Larkin suggested that with the closure of the 5 Seasons facility there may be an opportunity for the tennis facility as those members will be looking for new facilities. Mary discussed the flyers she had handed out to the Board members and described the new opportunities at the golf course.

BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Planning Commission – Commissioner Thomas noted that the Planning Commission had a meeting last night and there was a discussion about the Village doing a market research survey and it will come out in September at the same time the Caucus survey is distributed.

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Township – Commissioner Kahnweiler commended Toby Ross on behalf of the Township for his assistance, and asked if there was any progress in developing a scholarship policy.

Foundation – Commissioners Larkin and Harney, along with Director Smith and Bob Farmer will be meeting with the Foundation on Friday, July 25. One of the topics will be the Party on the Pier.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Harney moved to adjourn the Regular Board meeting at 7:51 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larkin and passed by a voice vote. **Motion carried.**

Brad McLane, Board President

Robert Smith, Board Secretary