

**MINUTES OF THE 2,306th
REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD
MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS
AND OFFICERS OF THE WINNETKA
PARK DISTRICT, WINNETKA, IL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015**

Vice-president Ian Larkin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners present: Teresa Claybrook, Ed Harney, Richard Pierce, John Thomas and Ian Larkin. Commissioners absent: Gerri Kahnweiler and Brad McLane. Staff present: Robert Smith, Executive Director; Bob Farmer, Chief Financial Officer; John Muno, Superintendent of Recreation; Tom Gullen, Superintendent of Facilities; Costa Kutulas, Superintendent of Parks; Mary Cherveney, Communications and Marketing Manager; John Shea, Recreation Supervisor; and Libby Baker, Administrative Assistant/Safety Coordinator. Visitors present: Arthur (Mickey) Archambault, Jim Robinson (KWBA) and Scott Hallermann (KWBA).

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2015 VOUCHERS

The Board was presented with the Voucher List for January 2015. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the January vouchers in the amount of \$4,010.018.97. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harney and a roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Claybrook, Pierce, Thomas, Harney, and Larkin. Nays: None. Absent: McLane and Kahnweiler. **Motion carried.**

REMARKS FROM VISITORS

Jim Robinson addressed the Board regarding the rental and use of grills. He wanted to express his disappointment with the fact that the park district is no longer renting out the grills to the community. Director Smith explained the rationale for discontinuing the service. Scott Hallermann then addressed the Board regarding the fact that picnics will no longer be allowed at the ball fields. Director Smith clarified that picnicking is still allowed.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETINGS MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2014

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 18, 2014 as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Claybrook and passed by a voice vote. **Motion carried.**

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APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2014

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of December 18, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed by a voice vote. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes of January 8, 2015

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of January 8, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harney and passed by a voice vote. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Revenue Facilities Committee Minutes of January 8, 2015

Commissioner Harney made a motion to approve the Revenue Facilities Committee meeting minutes of January 8, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed by a voice vote. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Parks & Beaches Committee Minutes of January 8, 2015

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the Parks & Beaches Committee meeting minutes of January 8, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harney and passed by a voice vote. **Motion carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS

Director Smith commented on the letter and check received from PDRMA.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hubbard Woods Shelter Design

Director Smith explained the latest developments in the design process. Colin Marshall presented the revised designs to the Board. Each of the Board members shared their opinion and reached a consensus on how to proceed with the Village Design Review Board. The design team will meet with Village staff to receive informal feedback before the next presentation to the DRB. Commissioner Claybrook encouraged all board members to attend the next DRB meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

Naming Rights Policy

Commissioner Claybrook made a motion to approve the Naming Rights Policy as presented and amended. Commissioner Thomas noted that all policies are subject to secondary approval and will need to be voted upon again at the next regular business meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harney and a roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Claybrook, Pierce, Thomas, Larkin and Harney. Nays: None. Absent: Kahnweiler and McLane. **Motion carried.**

Lakota Service Proposal

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the service proposal from The Lakota Group of Chicago, IL for a base contract amount of \$124,800.00 with a condition to be noted in the contract that covers our liability in the event the project is canceled at a future date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Claybrook and a roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Claybrook, Pierce, Thomas, Harney and Larkin. Nays: None. Absent: Kahnweiler and McLane. **Motion carried.**

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Director Smith briefed the board on the results of the employee survey. It will be attached to this week's Weekly Update & Information email. The board suggested adding a question next year about the board/members.

BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Commissioner Thomas reported on the Winnetka Youth Organization. Libby Baker commented that NSSRA is beginning the strategic planning process.

REMARKS FROM VISITORS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Pickle ball has been introduced to the Tennis Center, still on a trial basis. Superintendent Gullen reported on the numbers for Paddle.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss:

- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent. Sect. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)
- Semiannual review of Executive Session minutes. Sect. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21)
- Personnel. Sect. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and a roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Thomas, Claybrook, Pierce, Harney and Larkin. Nays: None. Absent: Kahnweiler and McLane. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Harney left the meeting during Executive Session. Commissioner Claybrook made a motion to return to open session at 9:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and a roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Claybrook, Pierce, Thomas, and Larkin. Nays: None. Absent: Harney, Kahnweiler and McLane. **Motion carried.**

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Claybrook made a motion to authorize Brad McLane and Robert Smith to negotiate on behalf of the Board for pending employee litigation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas and a roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Claybrook, Thomas, Pierce and Larkin. Nays: None. Absent: Harney, Kahnweiler and McLane. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Claybrook made a motion to approve Resolution #15-1-20 and the Mutual Release and Settlement Agreement approving the terms and authorizing the execution of the agreement between Winnetka Park District, OrganicLife Holdings, LLC and OrganicLife, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and a roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Claybrook, Pierce, Thomas, and Larkin. Nays: None. Absent: Harney, Kahnweiler and McLane. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Larkin made a motion to release minutes from the following Executive Session meetings: February 11, 1993, March 4, 1993, March 18, 1993, April 8, 1993, May 27, 1993, September 23, 1993, October 14, 1993, February 15, 1994, November 20, 1997, July 26, 2001, September 13, 2001, November 15, 2001, February 14, 2002, March 14, 2002, April 25, 2002,

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July 25, 2002, September 12, 2002, October 24, 2002, November 18, 2002, January 30, 2003, March 6, 2003, March 20, 2003, April 10, 2003, February 10, 2005, February 24, 2005, April 14, 2005, April 28, 2005, June 23, 2005, July 14, 2005, August 18, 2005, September 8, 2005, November 17, 2005, June 25, 2009, July 9, 2009, September 24, 2009, January 14, 2010, June 23, 2011, September 12, 2013 and December 12, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and a roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Claybrook, Thomas, Pierce and Larkin. Nays: None. Absent: Harney, Kahnweiler and McLane. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Thomas moved to adjourn the Regular Board meeting at 9:22 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larkin and passed by a voice vote. **Motion carried.**

Brad McLane, Board President

Robert Smith, Board Secretary