

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICERS OF
THE WINNETKA PARK DISTRICT, WINNETKA, IL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020**

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

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

Ayes: Archambault, Claybrook, James, Peterson

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Commissioners Present: Mickey Archambault, Teresa Claybrook, Christina Codo (via speaker phone), Warren James, Eric Lussen, John Peterson

It is noted that Commissioner Lussen arrived after the roll call.

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: Mark A. Dalla Valle, Ted Wynnnychenko, Karen Essig, Jeff Franzen, Anne Wilder, Jan Bowden, Mary Lou Bracken, Chris Ball, Sue McDonald, David Clark, Jen Crone, Chris Crone, John Vondran, Ron White, Roger Peterson, Sheila Pizer, Chuck Dowding, Leslie Farmer, Carol Hyatt, Glad Hales, Mary Blockowicz

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

None

REMARKS FROM VISITORS

Ted Wynnnychenko – addressed the topic of non-resident fees charged for beach usage and would like to see that changed.

NEW BUSINESS

Village of Winnetka – Crow Island Stormwater Plan

Village President, Chris Rintz began the Crow Island Stormwater presentation with a history of the stormwater plan development. He noted that the Village was working hard with the Save the Woods community group by committing to avoiding the woods as much as possible and supplementing with additional plantings. He also said that he understood the challenges that the Crone and Essig families faced as they are affected by the easement and will restore their _____

properties as best as possible. Steve Saunders, Village Engineer/Public Works Director continued the presentation with an explanation of the layout of the land south of Willow Road, noting that Crow Island Woods was the only open space available for a southern watershed. The south side of Crow Island provides most, but not all, of the required storage necessary to manage stormwater. The Village presentation stated that it plans to heartily restore the property in keeping with the Park District goals for wooded areas. The key benefits of this plan provide for improved water quality and volume for the neighborhoods south of Willow as well as avoiding the oak savannah. A brief question and answer session took place between the Village and the audience, with topics that included disruption of school property, the time table, the possibility of relocating the log cabin back to its original site and the flow of stormwater underground via use of gravity to flow under Hibbard and into the forest preserve. A timeline for all pieces of the project was estimated at 3 – 4 years.

President Archambault offered his thanks to Chris Rintz, Steve Saunders and Rob Bahan, Village Manager; applauding a job well done.

OLD BUSINESS:

Skokie Playfields Stormwater Ordinance #572

Commissioner James made a motion to approve the Skokie Playfields Stormwater Ordinance 572 as presented. Commissioner Claybrook seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Lakefront Conditions Update:

President Archambault encouraged people to go to the website for more updates. Superintendent Shea said that Shabica had submitted the permit to the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR) and expected the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to review their findings in the coming week.

Superintendent Kutulas said that stairway construction at Tower Beach was ready to commence with fencing and tree protection in place, noting further that trees for removal have been approved by the forester. The timeline is expected to have completion reached by June 26th.

REMARKS FROM VISITORS

Village President Chris Rintz suggested winter plowing around the playfields and driving range for easier walking access and mile marker signs. He also said that the Park District does an amazing job cleaning the Green Bay Trail.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Lussen made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss the purchase or lease of property. Commissioner Claybrook 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 6:43 p.m. Commissioner Lussen made a motion to return to Open Session.

Vice President Peterson 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 6:43 p.m. Commissioner Claybrook seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote.

Motion carried.



Mickey Archambault, Board President



John Muno, Board Secretary