

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Sycamore Park District
Tuesday, January 20, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Sycamore Park District Board of Commissioners, DeKalb County, Illinois, held at the Sycamore Park District Maintenance Building located at 435 Airport Road in Sycamore, Illinois is called to order at 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

Will the recording secretary please call the roll.

The following Sycamore Park District Commissioners are physically present and will be participating in the meeting in person: **Commissioners Graves, Kroeger, Schulz and Strack.**
Commissioner Tucker was absent.

The following Sycamore Park District Commissioners are not physically present, but will be participating in the meeting via video and/or audio conferencing: **None.**

The following Sycamore Park District Commissioners are not physically present, and will not be participating in the meeting: **Commissioner Tucker**

Staff members present were Director Dan Gible, Bart Desch, Jeff Donahoe, Jackie Hienbuecher, Kirk Lundbeck, and Recording Secretary Jeanette Freeman.

Guests at the Board meeting were:

None

Regular and Consent Agenda Approval –

Motion

Commissioner Schulz moved to approve the Regular Agenda and Consent Agenda.
Commissioner Graves seconded the Motion.

Voice Vote

President Strack called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Tucker was absent.

Approval of Minutes –

Motion

Commissioner Graves moved to approve the December 23, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Kroeger seconded the Motion.

Voice Vote

President Strack called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Tucker was absent.

Motion

Commissioner Schulz moved to approve the December 23, 2014 Executive Session Minutes to remain confidential. Commissioner Kroeger seconded the Motion.

Voice Vote

President Strack called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Tucker was absent.

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Petition and Public Comment - None

Claims and Accounts Approval

Motion

Commissioner Schulz moved to approve and pay the bills in the amount of \$101,826.89.
Commissioner Graves seconded the Motion.

Roll Call

President Strack called for a roll call to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Tucker was absent.

Correspondence – None

Positive Feedback/Reports –

- President Strack noted he met with Mark Petrosky, the Chairman of the County Board and the Vice Chairman. He feels they are very open to working with us in whatever manor makes sense. They also talked about the Enterprise Zone. Mark was checking on a few things, so he suggested tabling this discussion.
- Director Gibble noted we cannot table it, but there are other approaches that can be taken.
- Director Gibble showed the Board the final concept for the sport complex and the remaining Clubhouse parking. The parking is being bid now and the bid opening will be February 12th. He then went over both the plans.

Department Presentation – Supt. of Parks Jeff Donahoe – He handed out information on the PDRMA Risk Management which we switched to a year ago. He noted that PDRMA requires members to meet certain requirements. We are already being trained and have a rep assigned to us. Their website is a great tool also. Their goal is to reduce risks to the pool of all the Park Districts. We will have a Safety Coordinator Staff which will include the superintendents.

OLD BUSINESS

IPRA Conference Final Details – Supt. of Finance Hienbuecher noted everyone should have received the book which has all the classes listed. She asked everyone to bring the barcode email they should have received.

Discussion and Possible Action on Enterprise Zone Agreement – Director recommends making a motion and if there is no second then the item dies. He is also recommending that SPD works with the School District on the Enterprise Zone. They are considering having some form of an abatement. He gave the Board what the School District is currently using for abatements. There was discussion on this issue.

Discussion and Possible Action on Enterprise Zone Agreement – cont'd –

Motion

Commissioner Schulz moved to adopt Resolution 01-2015. There was no second of the motion so the motion failed.

Commissioner Schulz suggested revisiting the abatement at a later date once we have more details of the modifications to be made by the school district. Director Gibble recommended allowing him to present options and what the cost implications would be once that time comes.

Policy on Advertising and Promotion in Parks and Facilities – Director Gibble noted we all need to be in agreement what we are and are not going to allow. We need it to be clear cut and need guidelines. He needs sense from the board to narrow. President Strack noted we need to have a standard. Director Gibble noted the Board has in front of them the seven issues that have to be addressed. There was discussion on the issues. Director Gibble noted he feels we should have this decided by the February meeting, so he will bring more information to the next study session.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Timeline for Board and Committees/Action 2020 – Director Gibble noted he put in the Board packet his proposed timelines for the different committees. He is recommending this be our framework for the various committees moving forward. He is seeking consensus from the Board. There was consensus on the Board.

Appointment/Selection Process for Action 2020 Committees – Director Gibble asked if everyone is clear on this. President Strack noted that before the final committees are selected the Board will be able to review and approve.

First Review of Executive Summary - Director Gibble noted his listing of the major events were not in this version, but will be in the final one in February for Board approval

Bi-Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes - Director Gibble noted he is recommending that all of the 2012 Executive Session minutes except May 24 and June 7 be released and that staff be authorized to dispose of all closed session audio tapes more than 18 months old for those meetings that Executive Session Minutes were approved more than 18 months ago.

Motion

Commissioner Graves moved to approve the recommendation as presented. . The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kroeger.

Roll Call

President Strack called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Tucker was absent.

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Tax Abatement: Alternate Revenue Bonds – Supt. of Finance Hienbuecher noted this is our annual abatement for the bond issue from 2006.

Motion

Commissioner Schulz moved to approve Ordinance 01-2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kroeger.

Roll Call

President Strack called for a roll call vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Tucker was absent.

Setting of Date for Next Study Session – Director Gibble is recommending we schedule a study session in the first part of February. We have CAC on February 5th and will be asking them if they are interested in being on any of the committees. These could be brought to the study session meeting. We could make final approval on committee purpose statements. Two dates were brought up – 1st choice February 12th and 2nd choice February 17th. Director Gibble will check with Commissioner Tucker and let everyone know which date for sure.

Motion

The Board adjourned the Regular Session at 7:45 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Schulz. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kroeger.

Voice Vote

President Strack called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Tucker was absent.

Public Input - None

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Freeman
Recording Secretary
Sycamore Park District