

**WHEELING PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Wheeling Park District, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, was held in the Boardroom of the Community Recreation Center, 333 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by President Pecka, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Commissioners were present when the roll was called: C. Klumpp, J. Kolssak, B. Lichtenberger, M. Kurgan, S. Stein, R. Rosen, and K. Pecka.

Staff members present were Jan Buchs, Executive Director; Elliott Becker, Director of Finance and Business Operations; Matt Wehby, Director of Park and Recreation Services; Larry Raffel, Superintendent of Planning; Amy Rivas, Director of HR and Risk Management; Jim Waterson, Superintendent of Parks and Facility Maintenance; and Marcia Jendreas, Recording Secretary.

Also present were residents Patti and Wedge Hancock, and Marilyn Chromy.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2009

Commissioner Stein amended her statement in the Minutes on page 5, under Verbal Communications, as follows:

Commissioner Stein said that the Health Fair was very enjoyable, and she appreciated that the Village of Wheeling, at its last Board Meeting, recognized the Park District's participation. She said she also attended the State of the Schools Address, which she has attended for years, and found it to be very informative.

Commissioner Klumpp amended the minutes to delete the work "Bank" on page 3, paragraph 1, line 1. It should just state First Trust.

Commissioner Kolssak moved, seconded by Commissioner Rosen, to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 20, 2009, as corrected.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: J. Kolssak, B. Lichtenberger, M. Kurgan, S. Stein, R. Rosen, K. Pecka

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: C. Klumpp

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Supplemental Budget Discussion

Director Becker explained the proposed amendments to the 2009 Supplemental Budget. The Board will vote on the Ordinance at the December 15 Board Meeting.

President Pecka polled the Board and all members agreed with posting an updated proposed Supplemental Budget and Appropriation Ordinance that includes the recommended changes.

2010 Capital Priorities Discussion

Executive Director Buchs said that this is a kickoff to the actual budget season to give the Board an idea of capital priorities for 2010. She acknowledged staff's efforts in preparing this information. Director Becker also thanked staff for the team effort.

A PowerPoint presentation on 2010 Capital Priorities followed.

Health Insurance Blended Rates Discussion

Director Becker said that in 2010, PDRMA will cease calculating rates based on gender and age and move to what is called "blended" rates. Should the Park District continue to participate in the alternative, self-funding option that has been used since 2006, staff believes that the financial risk will outweigh the potential cost savings. As a result, staff is recommending a return to the traditional method of funding the employee health insurance program.

Director Rivas advised that the Park District has a three-year commitment with PDRMA.

Executive Director Buchs said that staff will always continue to investigate other options to obtain the best rate.

Commissioner Stein moved, seconded by Commissioner Lichtenberger, to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Wheeling Park District Board of Commissioners, to select the traditional funding method for employee health insurance in 2010.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: J. Kolssak, B. Lichtenberger, M. Kurgan, S. Stein, R. Rosen, C. Klumpp, K. Pecka

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Bid Summary for Print Bid

Director Wehby advised that a total of seven bids were received. After checking the references provided by the lowest bidder and finding them to be favorable, it is staff's recommendation that the Board accept the proposal from Hagg Press of Elgin, Illinois, in the amount of \$28,650.00.

Commissioner Klumpp moved, seconded by Commissioner Stein, to accept the bid from Hagg Press in the amount of \$28,650.00 for supplying the Wheeling Park District with the printed materials detailed in the bid specifications dated October 16, 2009.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: B. Lichtenberger, M. Kurgan, S. Stein, R. Rosen, C. Klumpp, J. Kolssak, K. Pecka

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Committee – Acting Chair Pecka advised that the next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.

Future Planning & Wheeling Town Center 2040 – Chair Lichtenberger said that the Future Planning Committee has not had a recent meeting. The Wheeling Town Center 2040 Committee will meet November 5. A developer is expected to speak about future development on the Wickes property. Superintendent Raffel has emailed Commissioners to request input on different ideas for the Wickes property.

Intergovernmental & Community Relations – Chair Klumpp reported that the Committee has not met recently. She thanked the Board for the Lollipop Lane contribution that was approved at the last meeting. The tentative setup date for the event is December 1.

Chair Klumpp also thanked Director Wehby and Superintendent Waterson for meeting with Mrs. Hancock and her to discuss the Museum and Lollipop Lane, and expressed her appreciation to staff for replacing the tree at Chamber Park.

Chair Klumpp said she would not be able to attend the Buffalo Creek Stabilization celebration or the SLSF Celebrate Ability event, but she would attend the Library Breakfast.

FINANCE

Voucher List 11A

President Pecka moved, seconded by Commissioner Stein, to approve Voucher List 11A in the amount of \$149,325.41.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: M. Kurgan, S. Stein, R. Rosen, C. Klumpp, J. Kolssak, B. Lichtenberger, K. Pecka

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

President Pecka said that a memo was received from Executive Director Buchs regarding the tentative schedule of Regular Meeting dates for 2010, which will be an action item on the agenda at the November 17 Board Meeting. He asked Commissioners if anyone had conflicts with any of the dates. After numerous comments from the Board, including suggestions to change the time and frequency of the meetings, Executive Director Buchs proposed that a discussion on this topic take place during the next Administration Committee meeting. All Commissioners agreed.

President Pecka acknowledged receipt of the following written communications: a letter from MWRDGC regarding the draft Intergovernmental Agreement for Heritage Park; an invitation from the Village of Wheeling for the Streambank Stabilization Celebration at Childerley Park; Virtual Office instructions; a thank-you letter from the Wheeling Board of Health regarding the recent Health Fair; and a letter from SLSF, thanking staff for the use of Chevy Chase for the Women's Golf Outing.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

Staff:

Superintendent Raffel advised that the extension of Community Boulevard should be completed by the end of next week, weather permitting, and pending arrival of the light poles. Details for a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be forthcoming.

Director Arnold reported that Traditions will host the Goose Shoot golf event on Saturday.

Director Rivas stated that Park Security's season ended October 31. A detailed report of activities will be provided to the Board.

Director Wehby introduced Superintendent Waterson to the Board. The Halloween Boo-nanza event was attended by 300 to 500 children, and positive feedback was received. Director Wehby extended appreciation to Horcher's Farm for delivering extra pumpkins.

Director Becker said that staff anticipates the budget books will be ready for delivery on November 25, in preparation for the budget presentation on December 8.

Executive Director Buchs said that she will be attending the IAPD Legal Symposium on November 5.

Board:

Commissioner Stein was glad to hear about the overwhelming response for the Boo-nanza event. She commented that she visited Childerley Park and was impressed with the way it looked. She also passed along some questions that she heard from a resident regarding the fencing and trees in the park, to which Superintendent Raffel responded.

Commissioner Stein inquired about another opportunity for grant money for Northside Park. Executive Director Buchs advised the Northside Park project was shelved for 2010 because staff will resubmit the grant for OSLAD funding in 2011.

Commissioner Stein said she will be attending the Library Breakfast and the SLSF Celebrate Ability event.

Commissioner Kolssak was pleased that the Board has taken the first step toward going paperless with the new Virtual Office setup.

Commissioner Lichtenberger agreed that Virtual Office is going to be a great thing. He is looking forward to the Creek Stabilization celebration and the SLSF Celebrate Ability event. There is another meeting on Friday, November 6, between Wheeling High School and the Park District, to talk about ways they can cooperate together for the betterment of the students.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Kolssak moved, seconded by Commissioner Klumpp, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Buchs
Secretary

Approved this 17th day of November 2009
Board of Commissioners
Wheeling Park District