

**MINUTES OF THE 713th REGULAR MEETING
MORTON GROVE PARK DISTRICT
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.
PRAIRIE VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER
6834 DEMPSTER STREET**

President Jerry Coursey called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and directed roll to be taken.

- I. Roll Call:** Commissioners Present: Eileen Coursey, Jerry Coursey, Betty Fergus, and Kevin Lochner, Dominick Burdi –Absent (attending a family medical emergency)

Staff Present: Sue Braubach, Assistant Recreation Manager; Chris Dagley, Recreation Supervisor; Greg Jayne, Parks Manager; Laurie Larson , HR Generalist; Laurie Miller, Fitness Attendant; Les Preuss; Finance Manager; Kelly Smith; Recreation and Facilities Manager; Brian Sullivan, Director; Attorney Frank Tennant.

Guests Present: over 40 guest were in attendance from the community

- II. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Jerry Coursey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. Consent Agenda:**

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus, seconded by Commissioner Eileen Coursey to approve the minutes of the Recreation Facility Programming Committee meeting held on January 6, 2011 and dispense with the reading thereof, since all commissioners had previously received a copy. *Eileen Coursey: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye, Jerry Coursey: Aye, Betty Fergus: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.*

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Lochner to approve the minutes of the Parks Facility Maintenance Committee meeting held on January 6, 2011 and dispense reading thereof, since all commissioners had previously received a copy. *Eileen Coursey: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye, Jerry Coursey: Aye, Betty Fergus: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.*

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Lochner to approve the minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee meeting held on January 3, 2011 and dispense with the reading thereof, since all commissioners had previously received a copy. *Eileen Coursey: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye, Jerry Coursey: Aye, Betty Fergus: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.*

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Lochner to approve the minutes of an executive session held on January 13, 2011 and dispense with the reading thereof, since all commissioners had previously received a copy. *Eileen Coursey: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye, Jerry Coursey: Aye, Betty Fergus: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.*

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus, seconded by Commissioner Eileen Coursey to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 20, 2011 and dispense with the reading thereof, since all commissioners had previously received a copy. *Eileen Coursey: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye, Jerry Coursey: Aye, Betty Fergus: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.*

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus, seconded by Commissioner Eileen Coursey to approve the Treasurer's report for January 2011 subject to audit. *Eileen Coursey: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye, Jerry Coursey: Aye, Betty Fergus: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.*

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus, seconded by Commissioner Eileen Coursey to approve the bills dated February 17, 2011 subject to audit. *Eileen Coursey: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye, Jerry Coursey: Aye, Betty Fergus: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.*

IV. Correspondence:

- A. Thank you from Cindy Kopczyk for flowers and support at Chamber VIP Dinner
- B. Photo spread in Morton Grove Champion illuminating the Daddy Daughter dance.
- C. We received a call from Dr. Jamie Reilly Superintendent from School District 67 stating that they would not be attending tonight's Board meeting. District 67's Board and Attorney are still researching various elements of the issue involving the Park District.

V. Visitors Comments:

Visitor, Michael Kalodimos thanked the Board for their help with the issue at hand, and Manager, Smith for responding to District's 67 Fundraiser by sending a fitness basket. Over \$14K was raised at the event.

Board President, Jerry Coursey stated that the Morton Grove Park District has been partners with Golf School District 67 for many years and it is our hope to maintain the positive relationship on into the future. We recognize the need to continue to advance education, fight childhood obesity and grow the cultural as well as spiritual needs of this great community. We

stand ready to assist in that effort in a manner which allows us to maintain the sound fiscal condition we presently enjoy.

It is part of our core values to serve as stewards of the open space and park land for our present as well as future generations. We believe a community working together can accomplish great things and overcome adversity. We are prepared to lend our voice and resources to assist in promoting quality education throughout the village. To this end we are willing to consider an offer to Golf School District 67 to purchase the Frank Hren Discovery Park Site, providing that the state grant requirements permit this. This would potentially alleviate the reported lack of available funds to upgrade the Golf School facility. While admittedly not being a full answerer to the problems the Golf School District 67 is encountering, it is our hope it can be part of a solution to allow time for more substantive discussion about long term remedies to occur.

The Park District is grateful for the positive things that have come out of the recent discussions regarding the Golf School Facility. Over the last few weeks, the process engaged residents in this issue, provided valuable information to taxpayers, given citizens the opportunity and platform to speak and have their voices heard, and involved elected officials who listened intently to everyone's concerns. We believe the school district can now build on these relationships by working together to explore avenues to continue providing the highest quality of educational services to its students and resident families residing within its boundaries.

VI. Golden Pickle Award:

The February's Golden Pickle was awarded to Laurie Miller. She is being recognized for going above and beyond her call to duty. She arrived at work one Sunday morning and found the facility not open. After making several phone calls she found someone to open up the door. While waiting for maintenance to arrive she assured anxious customers that we would be opening shortly. Once the facility was open Laurie hurried and set up the fitness center then covered the front desk until a supervisor arrived to help out.

VII. Staff Reports:

A. Staff Reports

Laurie Larson, HR Generalist reported that she had submitted a report in the Board Packet and was currently working on a new performance appraisal tool for the District.

Les Preuss, Finance Manager had nothing to add to his report in the Board Packet.

Kelly Smith, Recreation and Facilities Manager had nothing to add to her report in the Board Packet.

Sue Braubach, Marketing and Public Information Manager reported that she had nothing to add to her report in the Board Packet except that she had purchased and is handing out magnets, announcing the new web site.

Greg Jayne, Parks Manager reported that he had nothing to add to the report except that the ice rink will be closed for the rest of the year.

Director Sullivan stated that he had nothing to report at this time. School District 67 cancelled and will not be presenting this evening.

Attorney Tennant stated that an amendment was made to the Open Meetings Act stating that minutes must be approved within 30 days and available within 10 days to the public. Additionally, any person present shall be permitted to speak in accordance to the public bodies policies.

Attorney Tennant stated that tonight the Board will be asked to vote on the Semiannual Open Meeting compliance as to the destruction of closed session verbatim recording. All minutes of recordings have been approved therefore you are entitled to destroy the recordings.

Attorney Tennant stated that confidentiality still exists for the executive session minutes that will be voted on this evening.

Attorney Tennant stated that at next month's meeting the Board will be asked to put the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on the table for public review for a period of at least 30 days. A hearing will be scheduled for April 2011, and the adoption of the Ordinance will be at the April 28, 2011 board meeting. Notice of the public hearing will be given by publication at least one week prior to the time of the hearing.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Recreation and Facility Program Committee

Acceptance of RFP for the Independence Day Fireworks Display

The Board recommended that the acceptance of the RFP for the Independence Day Fireworks be postponed to the March Board Meeting to allow for Johnny Rocket and the Mad Bomber to present to the Board their proposal at the committee meeting of 3-3-2011.

2. Parks and Facility Maintenance Committee

No action

3. Administration and Finance Committee

B. Authorization for Destruction of Verbatim Recordings of Closed Sessions

A motion was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus and seconded by Commissioner Eileen Coursey that the board authorizes the destruction of the verbatim recordings of all closed session meetings held prior to August 1, 2009. The board having determined that written minutes of all such meetings exist which have been approved by the board. ***Kevin Lochner: Aye, Jerry Coursey: Aye, Betty Fergus: Aye, Eileen Coursey: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.***

C. Open Meetings Compliance-Review of Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Betty Fergus and seconded by Commissioner Kevin Lochner that the board, through the director, having reviewed the executive session minutes through January 31, 2011, finds that the need for confidentiality still exists as to all of such minutes and that the information contained in those minutes remain confidential. ***Jerry Coursey: Aye, Betty Fergus: Aye, Eileen Coursey: Aye, Kevin Lochner: Aye, Dominick Burdi: Absent, MOTION CARRIED.***

X. Commissioners' Comments

Guest Lisa Warner asked for clarification on the statement regarding an offer to Golf School District 67 to purchase the property.

Commissioner Jerry Coursey directed Director Sullivan to answer the question. He stated that the District would be willing to consider an offer to Golf School District 67 to purchase the Frank Hren Discovery Park Site, providing that the state grant requirements permit this.

A. ***Commissioner Betty Fergus*** – Congratulations to Executive Director Brian Sullivan in receiving the Illinois Park & Recreation Association Honored Professional of the Year Award. The award was presented to him at the Illinois Association Park Districts State Conference in January. This prestigious award recognizes one Illinois professional each year for their distinguished service. Brian has the ability to build meaningful relations within a community and profession. It is refreshing to work with a person who demonstrates the highest integrity and professionalism. Congrats Brian!

B. ***Commissioner Eileen Coursey*** – Congratulations Brian

C. ***Commissioner Kevin Lochner*** – Laurie “congratulations”. Thank you to the recreation staff the Daddy Daughter Dance was well loved. Thank you everyone for coming out to support the Park District. We never want to see green space disappear.

D. ***Commissioner Jerry Coursey*** – No comment

XI. Executive Session

None

XII. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Betty Fergus – seconded by Commissioner Kevin Lochner to adjourn meeting at 7:28 pm. ***AYES- 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT –1. MOTION CARRIED.***

President: _____

Secretary: _____