

1. **Call the Meeting to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 8:31 am.

2. **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:**

Dorothy Lange – President  
Georgia Schroeder – Vice President  
Denice Sbertoli – Secretary  
Rick Pokorny – Treasurer  
Greg Stimpson – Commissioner

**Staff:**

Matthew Ellmann – Executive Director  
Mitch Bowlin – Director of Administration & Finance  
Mike Huber – Director of Golf Operations  
Jan Hincapie – Recreation - Advisor & Assistant  
Ben Appler – Director of Parks & Facilities

**Also Present:**

Mike Bersani - Attorney  
Yordana Wysocki – Attorney

*Awaiting the arrival of general legal counsel, the board moved ahead in the agenda to item #4.*

4. **Identification & discussion of topics brought forth by the commissioners**

a. **Budget timeline**

Commissioner Schroeder expressed her desire to have the budget development process start earlier this year to avoid concerns with being rushed like in recent years. Director Ellmann and Finance Director Bowlin indicated that they were planning to start earlier and that the suggestion would not be an issue. Director Ellmann said that today's meeting would help in this regard knowing that some priorities would hopefully be determined leading into the start of the budget process next month.

b. **White Oaks Park Building**

Director Ellmann indicated that he was seeking some direction from the board on the development of a concept plan for a potential new building at White Oaks Park. He stated that a concept rendering and plan is needed before approaching the City. Over the past few weeks it was proposed that we investigate having a pre-cast concrete building as seen at the recently attended National Recreation and Park Association Conference. On the surface, this appears to be a more economical option, but after researching, Director Ellmann said it is likely not the case and limits our designing and floor plan capabilities. Director Ellmann shared some examples of both architecturally prepared and pre-cast concrete structure renderings. The board discussed the pros and cons of both approaches to designing a building and agreed that we should work with an architect to allow for more control and flexibility in the design. It was determined that the original plan to have Altamanu prepare a concept plan for presentation to the City and then to consider engaging a building architect, when and if, the project proceeds.

c. **Other**

Commissioner Schroeder asked if staff could look into providing hot lunch as part of the day camp program next summer. Brief discussion was held and the board concurred that staff should examine the need, viability and costs associated.

Director Ellmann mentioned that the Community Action Council was considering hosting a Food Pantry Truck here in Wood Dale next year. Director Ellmann inquired if the board was supportive of the idea and having the park district pledge some funds. He informed the board that Fenton High School hosts a few and the idea of having one in Wood Dale annually was proposed. The board conveyed no objections.

Director Ellmann reminded the board of the upcoming January State Conference and asked which board members were interested in attending. Only Commissioners Pokorny and Stimpson communicated plans to attend.

President Lange mentioned that Director Ellmann recently met with City Manager Mermuys about intergovernmental cooperation and working jointly on some projects being explored. This includes the downtown park/pool area, White Oaks Park, the Mitel road extension project amongst others. The idea was proposed to form a joint committee having two elected officials from each governmental body represent the group. President Lange proposed Commissioners Stimpson and Sbertoli who expressed desire to be more involved. It was agreed upon that a committee should be established with the City and representatives proposed. Commissioner Schroeder requested to be an alternate which all supported.

*General Council Mike Bersani and Yordana Wysocki arrived at 8:44am*

### 3. Executive Session

It was moved by Commissioner Pokorny, seconded by Commissioner Stimpson, to move into Executive Session at 9:26 am for the following:

- A. Discussion about litigation, pending before the DuPage County Circuit Court, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2©(11)
- B. Discussion of the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body under 5 ILCS 120/(C)(6)

*ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED*

*The Board re-entered back into the Special Meeting Open Session at 10:25 and then immediately took a short recess, starting back at 10:44am. General Council Mike Bersani and Yordana Wysocki departed the meeting during the recess.*

### 5. Presentation and discussion of challenges & opportunities

Director Ellmann proposed an exercise to help bring forth the challenges and opportunities from everyone's perspective, of the district. Brief discussion took place on the merits of the exercise and time left for discussion on this subject. The board agreed to proceed and Director Ellmann introduced the exercise. The board and department heads were asked to verbally convey what they felt were the greatest and highest priority challenges and opportunities at the park district in each of the following categories, organizational wide, finance, golf course, recreation and parks. Jan Hincapie wrote all the expressed items down on a large visible pad as each item was verbally shared. Brief discussion took place as the list was created, with some inquiries on the specifics of what people shared. Next, Director Ellmann asked the group to prioritize the items on each list. Each person was provided a total of twelve dots to place on the created opportunity and challenge sheets. All were instructed to place dots on the items they felt were of the highest concern and priority to the district, with two dots provided per sheet along with two bonus dots that could be placed anywhere.

Brief discussion on the completed sheets took place with Director Ellmann offering to have them typed up and distributed to the board. The board agreed to call for another special meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss the lists of prioritized opportunities and challenges.

### 6. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Pokorny, seconded by Commissioner Sbertoli, to adjourn the Special Meeting. *VOICE VOTE, ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.*

Board Member Signatures:

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President

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Secretary