

1. Call the Meeting to Order

President Stout called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2. Roll Call

At 7:04 pm roll call was taken:

Present: Commissioners Sbertoli, Pulice, Lange, Schroeder, Stout

Absent: None

Also Present: Greg Kuhs, Executive Director; Raymond Chaussey, Superintendent of Parks; Michele Silver, Superintendent of Recreation; Rhonda Brewer, Business Manager; Carolyn Mondlock, Recording Secretary.

Members of the Public: Pasquale Torrito, family and friends of Pasquale Torrito; Keith Schmerer and George Mangen, WDPD staff.

3. Additions to Agenda

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 27, 2011

It was moved by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Pulice to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2011. Copy attached to Official Minutes.

Ayes: Commissioners Sbertoli, Pulice, Lange, Schroeder, Stout

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

5. Approval of the monthly expenditures: Totaling \$567,833.02 covered by check nos. 71220 thru 71378 (\$408,372.43); and payrolls for 9/30/11 (\$81,848.62) and 10/14/11 (\$77,611.97).

It was moved by Commissioner Schroeder, seconded by Commissioner Pulice to approve the monthly expenditures totaling \$567,833.02.

Ayes: Commissioners Sbertoli, Pulice, Lange, Schroeder, Stout

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

6. Written and Public Communication

A. Written Correspondence – Request for Use of Beach Parking Lot – December Fireworks – City of Wood Dale

Director Kuhs reminded the Board of a letter in their packets from the City of Wood Dale requesting use of the Beach parking lot for their fireworks. Historically, the park district has approved this request, and Director Kuhs recommended that the Board approve it this year as well. He assured the Board that the City will provide the appropriate insurance coverage for their event.

It was moved by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Schroeder to approve the use of the Beach parking lot for the December fireworks.

Ayes: Commissioners Sbertoli, Pulice, Lange, Schroeder, Stout
Nays: None MOTION CARRIED

- B. Public Communication – Recognition of Pasquale Torrito – Honorary Resolution 12-02
Director Kuhs introduced Pasquale Torrito to the Board. He said Pasquale has been involved with the park district soccer program for a number of years and has been very instrumental in making huge improvements to that program and in keeping the excitement going amongst the kids as well as the parents within the whole program.

Director Kuhs said that the park district nominated Pasquale for the IAPD Good Sportsmanship Award, a nomination process open to all the park districts in the State of Illinois. Pasquale was awarded the first runner up for the award. He was recently presented with the award at the IAPD Best of the Best Awards Gala.

President Stout congratulated Pasquale and expressed his pride. He stated that the award is not only indicative of Pasquale's character but also of the program in place. President Stout feels it is an honor for the whole park district. He then read the Honorary Resolution 12-02 and thanked Pasquale Torrito. Pasquale was applauded by the Board and Members of the Public, and a picture was taken with President Stout. Director Kuhs also presented Pasquale with a State of Illinois Senate Recognition award from Senator Carole Pankau.

7. Directors Report

Director Kuhs submitted a Director's Report for the month of September 2011. Copy attached to Official Minutes. He reported and reviewed the following:

Referring to the Legislative Member Initiative Grant Update, Director Kuhs said he just found out on October 24 that the park district was approved for a grant of \$25,000 that will be allocated to the addition of the maintenance garage. The park district will complete the required paperwork and, when the grant is received, will apply it towards the expenses of the addition.

Director Kuhs informed the Board that he received the paperwork back from the utility companies to release an easement on this property (111 E. Foster Avenue) with the school district. He said the park district has applied for both the re-subdivision of this particular area, between the school and the Park Street property lines, as well as the plan of annexation and the plan of re-subdivision for Brookwood Park, where the park district is trying to get the City to annex in a small parcel of land that was in unincorporated Dupage County. When all is completed, the park district will work on expanding the parking lot. The park district is ready to go to the City Committee on November 21 as the first step to getting this approved. Director Kuhs is hopeful that the process will be complete by the first of the year or shortly thereafter. Director Kuhs answered questions from Commissioner Lange about the process.

Director Kuhs reminded the Board of his planned time out of the office and how he can be contacted.

8. NEDSRA Report

Director Kuhs reminded the Board that the monthly NEDSRA Newsflash for the month of September is included in the Board packet. He told the Board that NEDSRA has been interviewing potential new law firms for their corporate counsel. The corporate counsel they have had for over 30 years is retiring, and they are interviewing three firms as potential replacements. The NEDSRA Board came to a consensus and will seek approval at their Board Meeting in November.

9. Recreation Report

Michele Silver, Supt. of Recreation, submitted a Recreation Report for the month of September 2011. Copy attached to Official Minutes. Michele stated she had no additional information to add to her monthly report.

President Stout commented he had heard that the trip to Cedarburg was a really good trip from a few people he knew who participated.

Commissioner Lange asked for the numbers on the Scare Walk event. Michele responded, "900." Commissioner Schroeder inquired about turn out for the younger children, knowing the event was starting earlier for them. Commissioner Lange responded that she thought it was more. Continuing, she thought the event ran smoothly by having more lines and guides. The Board shared additional positive feedback about the event.

Michele informed the Board that she will be at the NRPA conference during the time Director Kuhs is out of the office, and she named staff that could assist the Board in her absence if needed.

10. Parks Report

Raymond Chaussey, Supt. of Parks, submitted a Parks Report for the month of September 2011. Copy attached to Official Minutes. Ray stated he had no additional information to add to his monthly report.

Parks staff has been working on cleaning and packing up the Scare Walk.

11. Salt Creek Golf Club Report

Tony Perry, General Manager, submitted a report for the month of September 2011. Copy attached to Official Minutes. In Tony's absence, Director Kuhs reported and reviewed the following:

The Oktoberfest event on October 14 was very successful, with a good turnout. The next event is the Turkey Trot on October 29, which is an annual event that is usually sold out.

Director Kuhs said he, Ray, and Tony met with a company called Service Experts about the HVAC needs of the facility. They will be working on replacing the old components of the current HVAC system, which is 20 years old, with more energy efficient components. The work will be done in two phases: 1) begin work on the heating within the next month, and 2) work on the air conditioning, which will be planned in the budget for next year to cover those costs.

Commissioner Lange inquired about the Salt Creek/Top Golf sign. Director Kuhs said in a response from TopGolf, he was told that the existing sign is not worth the cost of repair. He stated displeasure with the fact that the park district paid for one third of the sign, \$12,000, just four years ago, and a sign should last

more than four years. Director Kuhs said TopGolf just sent an e-mail stating they are looking at new options for signage. He further stated that Tony had a company come out and quote what the costs would be for a digital sign, which is something Director Kuhs said the park district would have to look at in the next budget year. Discussion ensued about converting the current sign or adding a new digital sign.

The Board talked about the upcoming Veterans' Breakfast at Salt Creek on November 12, the schedule, and who will be attending to assist staff.

12. Unfinished Business

- A. Board Manual – The Board will be discussing the Board Manual during their next retreat.

- B. Fairway Suites – Update – Director Kuhs reported that there are issues with the length of the agreement. Fairway Suites needs to have more than 50 years in the agreement in order to qualify for financing. They have asked for 100 years. The Wood Dale Park District attorney, along with another park district's attorney, has been talking with Fairway Suites about potential alternatives.

One alternative that Director Kuhs does not think will be feasible is a land swap, which means selling the property where the hotel would be on the golf course, and Fairway Suites would have to buy the park district a like valued property somewhere else in Wood Dale. The other idea is an air lease, which means the park district would have a presence in the hotel, such as offices or programming. The term "presence" needs to be further defined by the park district attorney.

Director Kuhs said the bottom line, at this time, is the whole project is based on the potential length of the lease, which doesn't appear to be working for them right now. Currently, everything is on hold.

13. New Business

- A. Resolution R-12-03 – Resolution to join Illinois Institutional Investors Trust
In the New Business report to the Board, it is explained that the park district currently invests with the Liquid Asset Fund. The Fund is reorganizing to merge with the Illinois Institutional Investors Trust. The purpose of the merger is to combine assets into a larger base over which expenses can be spread. The merger is expected to offer lower operating expenses, lower management fees and increased flexibility. Rhonda said the park district will benefit by this merger with slightly reduced fees and an expanded environment in which to invest.

Discussion ensued about CDs, money market rates, interest rates, transaction fees, etc. Rhonda stated that they (Liquid Asset Fund) are asking all investors to approve this because such approval is required. The merger does not affect the park district.

It was moved by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Sbertoli to approve the Resolution R-12-03.

Ayes: Commissioners Sbertoli, Pulice, Lange, Schroeder, Stout
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

B. Resolution R-12-04 – Estimated Money to be Raised by Taxation – Proposed Tax Levy – FY 2011-12

The Board discussed the proposed tax levy which is an annual process.

Rhonda explained that the park district can ask for up to 4.99% without doing a Truth in Taxation. The park district is levying for a 4% increase this year, but the amount received is based on what is granted by the county. Last year the park district received about a 2.7% increase. The levy amount is what the park district bases its budget on. Further discussion ensued about tax rates, EAV, and home assessments.

Director Kuhs pointed out that the Resolution is preliminary. The tax levy ordinance will be passed at the December Board Meeting. Rhonda stated that the park district is asking for more in the special recreation fund, to help offset the costs of ADA improvements.

It was moved by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Schroeder to approve Resolution R-12-04.

Ayes: Commissioners Sbertoli, Pulice, Lange, Schroeder, Stout
Nays: None MOTION CARRIED

C. IAPD/IPRA Conference Registration & Selection of IAPD Annual Meeting Representatives

Director Kuhs explained to the new Board members that the IAPD/IPRA Conference is the annual State conference and is held at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago, January 27-28, 2012. A schedule of the sessions can be viewed online. Director Kuhs asked the Board for their availability. He informed the Board that IAPD requires each park district to pick a delegate to attend their annual meeting each year. Director Kuhs has been the delegate in the past and will be the delegate for this conference, but a second or alternate delegate needs to be designated. Commissioner Pulice agreed to be the second delegate.

14. Executive Session (if needed)

- A. For the purpose of discussing issues related to the hiring, firing, disciplining or compensation of personnel or status of an employee. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- B. For the purpose of discussing the setting of a price for the sale of or lease of property owned by the park district. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).
- C. For the purpose of discussing imminent or potential pending litigation against the park district. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

15. Take Action, if any, on Items Discussed in Closed Session

No Executive Session was called.

16. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Pulice, seconded by Commissioner Sbertoli to adjourn this General Meeting at 7:53 p.m.

After a voice vote, President Stout declared the MOTION CARRIED.

The next General Meeting of the Wood Dale Park District Board of Commissioners shall be held on Tuesday, December 6th, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.
