

**1. Call the Meeting to Order**

Commissioner Lange, standing in for President Stout, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

At 6:00 pm roll call was taken:

Present: Commissioners Sbertoli, Pulice, Schroeder, Lange

Absent: President Stout

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

Members of the Public: Arlene Grossi and Adam Vasquez, staff; Family and Friends of Arlene Grossi: Mark Grossi, Mark Grossi, Jr., Sarah Marie Grossi, Vicki Grossi, Cortney Felton, Mike Bersani, legal counsel.

**3. Additions to Agenda**

None.

**4. Executive Session**

Executive Session was moved to Agenda Item 16.

**5. Take Action, if any, on Items Discussed in Executive Session**

**6. Approval of Consent Agenda Items (Roll Call)**

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 28, 2012.

B. Approval of the monthly expenditures, totaling \$327,331.76, covered by check nos. 72880 through 73024 (\$161,633.98), payrolls for 8/31/12 (\$86,183.85) and 9/14/12 (\$79,513.93).

At the request of Commissioner Schroeder, Commissioner Lange removed **Item 6.B. Approval of the monthly expenditures** out of the Consent Agenda Items to **Item 8.A. Unfinished Business**.

It was moved by Commissioner Sbertoli, seconded by Commissioner Schroeder to approve the Consent Agenda Item 6.A., Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 28, 2012. Copy attached to Official Minutes.

Ayes: Commissioners Sbertoli, Pulice, Schroeder, Lange,

Nays: None

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**7. Written and Public Communication** (*The Board has set a 7-minute maximum per individual for Public Communication*)

Recognition of 30 Years of Service – Arlene Grossi – Commissioner Lange congratulated Arlene on her 30 years of service with the Wood Dale Park District and Salt Creek Golf Club. The Board and audience applauded. Arlene was presented with a plaque. Pictures were taken of Arlene with the Board and her family. Arlene recalled her history with the park district and thanked the Board.

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Request for Use of Beach Parking Lot – December Fireworks – City of Wood Dale – Director Kuhs said that the City of Wood Dale had requested the use of the Beach parking lot for a number of years for their holiday fireworks display. This year it will be on December 8. A letter from the City is included in the Board packet. Director Kuhs further stated that the City will supply a Certificate of Insurance from the fireworks company naming the park district as additionally insured.

It was moved by Commissioner Pulice, seconded by Commissioner Schroeder to approve the request from the City of Wood Dale to use the Beach parking lot for their fireworks display.

A voice vote was taken. All in Favor.

**8. Unfinished Business**

- A. Items removed from Consent Agenda – Item 6.B. Approval of the monthly expenditures, totaling \$327,331.76, covered by check nos. 72880 through 73024 (\$161,633.98), payrolls for 8/31/12 (\$86,183.85) and 9/14/12 (\$79,513.93).

Commissioner Schroeder had a question about the monthly expenditures. Referring to the alarm detection system on page one, she asked if it is a brand new system. Director Kuhs and General Manager Brewer responded that the charge is for the panic button that goes directly to the police department from the front counter of the Wood Dale Park District recreation complex.

It was moved by Commissioner Pulice, seconded by Commissioner Sbertoli to approve the monthly expenditures, totaling \$327,331.76. Copy attached to Official Minutes.

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

- B. TopGolf Wood Dale – Facility Enhancement (3<sup>rd</sup> floor enclosure) – Director Kuhs reminded the Board that he included in their packets an email message he sent to Brett Hintz of TopGolf after the last Board Meeting summarizing the discussion that took place after Brett left. He noted that Brett is not present at this meeting, and he had not received a response from the email as of this meeting. Director Kuhs had nothing else to report at this time.
- C. Intergovernmental Agreement – Leasing of Certain Real Property – Golf Course Maintenance – Director Kuhs updated the Board about the extended lease agreement with the Forest Preserve District. He pointed out a copy of the current agreement with an extension through December 17 is included in the Board packets. He reminded the Board that at the last meeting, he was authorized to sign the agreement. Between now and December 17, the goal is to have park district legal counsel work with their legal counsel to develop a year lease for the property, which would start on December 17, 2012, through December 2013.

Director Kuhs said the park district is still working with the forest preserve to clean up some of the items discussed last month with some of the equipment. He is waiting to hear back from the Forest Preserve, as well as PDRMA, the park district insurance carrier, regarding any clean up that is needed in terms of remediation for the soil that potentially may have some contamination.

Commissioner Schroeder inquired whether or not the cost of soil testing is covered in the new contract should the park district have to test the soil again. She could not recall seeing this in the current contract. Attorney for the park district, Mike Bersani, responded that it is not clear in the

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current contract, but it will be apparent in the new contract that the district would be responsible for remediation costs if there was future contamination of the soil.

Commissioner Schroeder asked if PDRMA is going to cover the soil testing. Director Kuhs responded that he had a discussion with PDRMA regarding the testing report, and they are supposed to be contacting an expert to review the test results and give a recommendation based on what they find. Then the park district would discuss the recommendation with the Forest Preserve and get them together with PDRMA to come up with a plan that is agreeable to both. Director Kuhs believes that the soil testing is covered under PDRMA because the park district does have coverage for the property. He said the standard deductible is \$1,000, but he does not know if there is a different level of deductible for that kind of coverage.

- D. Fairways Suites Update – Director Kuhs told the Board that Fairway Suites’ financing was not approved, so the park district did not award any bids for construction work on the golf course. He said he talked to Joe Ross, the CEO of Fairway Suites several times since the last Board Meeting, and he has assured Director Kuhs that they are still working on trying to come up with the financing for the remaining part of the project. Mr. Ross said he spoke with Hyatt, and they are still very interested in seeing a hotel on that site. He is aware that the construction of the project would now be delayed until next fall.

Director Kuhs believes that it is Fairway Suites’ hope that once they get the financing together, they would move forward with the whole permitting process and due diligence, so they can hit the ground running next fall, 2013. He said Fairway Suites has sent the park district a check for reimbursement of the costs the park district has incurred so far.

**9. New Business**

- A. Open Gym Fees – Director Kuhs directed the Board to a survey Michele distributed at the Board Meeting. He said they feel the park district is very much in line with other neighboring districts and what they are charging for open gym fees, especially if you take into consideration the different Rec Pass options available for the 1-month, 3-month and 9-month passes. He said it is a very reasonable and affordable cost if someone chooses to purchase one of those types of passes if they are going to be coming here on a regular basis.

Michele said that the information that was presented by residents at the last Board Meeting was a misprint in the Bensenville Park District brochure. She said they charge \$2 a visit for open gym and only offer open gym three days a week versus five days.

Michele feels that the Wood Dale Park District is doing a good job advertising the open gym, however, the open gym had no participants at all the last few days. In her report she indicates that they usually have no more than four or five kids that come everyday since school started. Although it is advertised and is on the park district Facebook page, response is low. Michele said that Adam Vasquez has been meeting with the junior high school, and they are looking to see if the park district could advertise open gym in their newsletter as well. She said last year’s numbers were low until the wintertime.

Michele further stated that there are many sports activities going on now that kids are involved in. She feels that having a free day on Thursdays is beneficial to them, in addition to having the \$2 daily fee remain the same. She is, however, recommending changing the fees for two Rec passes – the school year 9-month pass from \$80 to \$70, and the 3-month pass from \$50 to \$40.

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Commissioner Lange asked about the request for a full court basketball court discussed by the residents at the last Board Meeting. She was wondering if a tennis court at Community Park could be converted. General discussion ensued, and Director Kuhs said this is something that can be investigated next spring.

It was moved by Commissioner Pulice, seconded by Commissioner Schroeder to make no change to the current daily Youth Open Gym fee to maintain consistency with the program, as well as be in line with surrounding districts; and also approve reducing the 3-month Rec pass from \$50 to \$40 and the 9-month Rec pass from \$80 to \$70.

A voice vote was taken. All in Favor.

- B. Consent Agenda – Commissioner Lange asked if questions about items on the Consent Agenda be asked ahead of time so that items don't keep getting pulled off. Commissioner Schroeder, who usually has questions about the expenditures, said she does ask her questions ahead of time, but she also feels the Board may be interested in the questions or the answers received. Commissioner Lange thought the Board should leave it as is for a few months to see how it is working.
- C. Purchasing Policy Updates – Rhonda stated that periodically the park district has to update its policies and recommended making changes to the policy as presented.

It was moved by Commissioner Schroeder, seconded by Commissioner Sbertoli, to approve the Park District Purchasing Policy as presented.

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

- D. Resolution R-13-01 – Temporary Election Secretary – A resolution is included in the Board packets authorizing Rhonda Brewer to act as the Election Secretary for the upcoming April 9, 2013 election.

It was moved by Commissioner Pulice, seconded by Commissioner Lange, to approve Resolution R-13-01.

A voice vote was taken. All in Favor.

**10. Director's Report**

General Meeting Agenda – Director Kuhs directed the Board's attention to changes to the order of the Board agenda. He said with having the Consent Agenda, it makes more sense to move Unfinished Business up on the agenda.

IPRA/IAPD Conference – Director Kuhs asked the Board to let him know who will be attending.

Shape of Wood Dale – Director Kuhs received notice today from Itasca Bank that the Shape of Wood Dale is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23. At a previous Board Meeting, President Stout deferred presenting to another Board member. Commissioner Pulice agreed to present on behalf of the Wood Dale Park District Board. Director Kuhs said he will assist in preparing information for the presentation.

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State Grant – Director Kuhs was pleased to announce that the park district received the \$25,000 grant applied for at least three years ago to assist with the building of the maintenance facility.

**11. NEDSRA Report**

Director Kuhs reminded the Board that the monthly NEDSRA Newsflash for the month of September 2012 is included in the Board packet.

**12. Recreation Report**

Michele Silver, Supt. of Recreation, submitted a Recreation Report for the month of September 2012. Copy attached to Official Minutes. Michele reported and reviewed the following:

Halloween Scare Walk – Michele reminded the Board about the Halloween Scare Walk and asked if anyone was interested in volunteering to let her staff know.

Participation and Cancellation Reports – Michele discussed participation history for summer 2012 compared to summer 2011. Adult fitness and camp participation was higher this year, but pool passes and fitness memberships were down. Cancellation rate for summer programs was 21 percent, which is a low percentage.

**13. Parks Report**

Ray Chaussey, Supt. of Parks, submitted a report for the month of September 2012. Copy attached to Official Minutes. Ray had no additional information to report, and the Board had no questions.

**14. Salt Creek Golf Club Report**

Tony Perry, General Manager, was not present at the Board Meeting, but he submitted a report for the month of September 2012. Copy attached to Official Minutes. In his absence, Director Kuhs asked the Board if they had any questions about Tony's report. Director Kuhs reported and reviewed the following:

Event Flyers – Director Kuhs directed the Board's attention to upcoming events for their information. He reminded the Board that the Mayor's Veterans Breakfast is on Saturday, November 10, and they may want to assist in serving the meal.

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Commissioner Schroeder inquired about plans for this event. Director Kuhs said he will ask Tony what specific plans are being made. At this time, special rates are planned.

**15. Public Communication**

There was no further public communication.

**16. 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 imminent or potential pending litigation against the park district. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

It was moved by Commissioner Schroeder, seconded by Commissioner Pulice to enter into Executive Session at 6:44 pm for the purpose of discussing imminent or potential pending litigation against the park district. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

Ayes: Commissioners Sbertoli, Pulice, Schroeder, Lange

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Nays:

None

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Schroeder motioned, seconded by Commissioner Pulice to adjourn the Executive Session and to reconvene the General Meeting at 7:32 pm.

A voice vote was taken. All in Favor.

**17. Take Action, if any, on Items Discussed in Executive Session**

None.

**18. Adjournment**

It was moved by Commissioner Pulice, seconded by Commissioner Sbertoli to adjourn this General Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

After a voice vote, Commissioner Lange declared the MOTION CARRIED.

The next General Meeting of the Wood Dale Park District Board of Commissioners shall be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.

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