

Springfield Park District BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

Roll Call.

A meeting of the Springfield Park District Board of Trustees was held at 5:30pm at the John F. Linxwiler Administrative Center, 2500 South 11th Street, Springfield, IL:

President Sgro called the meeting to order at 6pm and requested roll call.

Present: President Sgro, Vice President Logan, Trustee Fulgenzi, Trustee Reardon, Trustee Beagles, Trustee Noll, Trustee Jannazzo

Others Present: Director/Secretary Stratton, Bob Walbaum/General Counsel.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was moved by Logan, seconded by Reardon that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 20, 2011 be approved as presented. The minutes of the regular Board meeting was approved by voice vote 7 voting yes and 0 voting no. Motion passed.

Minutes of Special Meeting & Public Hearing

It was moved by Fulgenzi, seconded by Noll that the minute of the Public Hearing & Special Board Meeting of April 27, 2011 be approved as presented. The minutes of the regular Board meeting was approved by voice vote 7 voting yes and 0 voting no. Motion passed.

Statement of Claims

Statement of Claims was presented by President Sgro for approval. It was moved by Reardon and seconded by Fulgenzi that the Statement of Claims be approved as presented. Roll Call Vote: Beagles – yes; Fulgenzi – yes; Jannazzo – Yes; Logan – Yes; Noll – Yes; Reardon – Yes; Sgro - Yes. Motion Passed: 7 voting yes, 0 voting no.

Oral Communication

President Sgro asked if anyone wanted to address the Board.

1. David Ploskonka, President of Zoological Society. Mr. Ploskonka addressed the Board on matters relating to the history of the Zoological Society in fundraising for the Zoo highlighting accomplishments and improvements. He also noted the Dr. Doolittle Day event was a great success and the Zoological Society raised \$1,170 at the event and presented a check in that same amount to the Park District.
2. Jesse Bolder, Owner – Springfield Sliders. Mr. Bolder addressed the Board thanking the District for its continued support of the collegiate baseball league and use of Lanphier Ball Park as its summer season venue for the past four years. He also addressed the Board about the exciting promotion scheduled for 2011 and encourage Board and staff to join in the first opening day on June 3, 2011 to cheer on the Sliders.
3. David Seneff, Resident-Docent of HR Zoo. Mr. Seneff addressed the Board about the Dr. Doolittle Day event noting his thought that day was a disaster, only three memberships were sold, that memberships are too expensive and much more could have been done to promote and market the event by management and recommended more be done to encourage increased awareness, marketing and cross promotion of the Zoo.

4. Talon Thornton, Director of HR Zoo. President Sgro requested Director Thornton address the Board on the Dr. Doolittle event. Director Thornton noted that Dr. Doolittle Day realized about \$6,500 in sales although admission was free to the public, could not provide a definitive answer as to the total number of attendees but sales up from prior years, membership costs are cheaper than other zoo in the region.
5. Larry Estep, Member of Foundation/Friends of the Zoo. Mr. Estep addressed the Board noting that the lack of respect to him and volunteers continue and that Director Talon continues to not communicate or respond to his e-mails.
6. Rosie Christie, Dog Park Advocate. Ms. Christie addressed the Board to thank staff for the work that has been completed at the Stuart Dog park and hopes that more can be done in the near future to address long range plans for Dog park improvements.
7. Kasie Wagner, Zookeeper/Union Representative. Ms Wagner addressed the Board to question why management is receiving raises as part of budget.

Outgoing Trustees.

President Sgro addressed the Board and requested the following:

Motion: “Adopt Resolution Number 362-11 recognizing the service and commitment of Willis “Bill” Logan with the Springfield Park District Board of Trustees and naming of the roadway through Bunn Golf Course – “Logan’s Way” by Fulgenzi, second by Noll and all in favor by Voice Vote. All voting yes. None voting no.

Motion: “Adopt Resolution Number 363-11 recognizing the service and commitment of Jim Fulgenzi, Jr. with the Springfield Park District Board of Trustees and naming of the ring road in Washington Park the “Jim Fulgenzi, Jr. Way”, by Logan, second by Reardon and all in favor by Voice Vote. All voting yes. None voting no.

Both Logan and Fulgenzi left the Board table and the meeting.

Swearing in of Trustees/Oath of Office.

Robert Walbaum, General Counsel swore in and gave oath of office at follows:

Mrs. Leslie Sgro as Park Board President.
 Ms. Sara Wojcicki, Park Board Trustee
 Ms. Tina Jannazzo, Park Board Trustee
 Mr. Ted Flickinger, Park Board Trustee

All took their respective seats at the Board table.

Committee Reports:

Buildings & Concessions Committee. Trustee Noll gave the report to the Board on matters brought before the committee on May 11, 2011 (minutes attached) as follows and recommended the following action:

AT&T Easement Request. Motion: “Authorize land use easement through bike trail for construction fiber optics as presented by staff and reviewed by legal counsel,” by Reardon, second by Wojcicki. Discussion: Trustee Flickinger asked if any money was going to AT&T or was their fee. Director Stratton noted that the agreement provides no fee for such easement. Roll Call Vote: Beagles – Yes; Flickinger – Yes; Jannazzo – Yes; Noll- Yes; Reardon – Yes; Wojcicki- Yes; Sgro – Yes. Motion Passed: 7 voting yes, 0 voting no.

Little Johnnies Agreement for Portable Sanitation Services. Motion: “Authorize the execution of a three year agreement with Little Johnnies, Inc to provide handicap accessible units for our parks as presented by staff and reviewed by legal with funds coming from the special recreation fund,” by Reardon, second by Wojcicki. Discussion: Trustee Flickinger questioned whether the use of special recreation fund was justified use of the fund for this contract service. Director Stratton noted that this has been approved for such funding over the past three years and has been audited each year without question. President Sgro recommended staff request legal opinion for file. Roll Call Vote: Beagles – Yes; Flickinger – No; Jannazzo – Yes; Noll- Yes; Reardon – Yes; Wojcicki- Yes; Sgro – Yes. Motion Passed: 6 voting yes, 1 voting no.

30x30 Tent at Lincoln Park for Event. Motion: “ Authorize permit to construct temporary tent 30x30 in Lincoln Park to Minister McCormick for a future event,” by Reardon, second by Flickinger. All in favor by voice vote. None opposed. Motion Passed

Long Range Planning Committee. Trustee Beagles addressed the Board and reported on matters brought before committee on May 11, 2011 (minutes attached) and recommended the following action:

Centennial Park Project. Trustee Beagles addressed Board noting as matter of information that the project that was bid for this development had only one bidder and was substantially over the estimated/budgeted costs. Staff to come back to Committee in June to discuss further and make recommendation on how to proceed. No action taken on this matter.

Dreamland Park Restroom Utility Bid. Motion: “Accept bid and authorize execution of agreement with Prairie State Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$41,540 for the construction/installation of sewer and water for the restroom facility project at Dreamland Park” by Beagles, second by Reardon. Roll Call Vote: Beagles – Yes; Flickinger – Yes; Jannazzo – Yes; Noll- Yes; Reardon – Yes; Wojcicki- Yes; Sgro – Yes. Motion Passed: 7 voting yes, 0 voting no.

Business.

Budget Appropriation Ordinance for FY May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012. Motion: “Adopt Ordinance Number 1247-11: Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for FY beginning May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012,” by Noll, second by Reardon. Discussion: Trustee Reardon added that he plans to vote in favor of budget that much work need to be done on the Zoo budget to close the gap between revenues and expenses. Trustee Flickinger added he will vote in favor of budget but that we need to address use of other funds and need a plan in place. Trustee Jannazzo added that District needs to be less reliant on other funds to balance future budget and we need to do more to these areas. Roll Call Vote: Beagles – Yes; Flickinger – Yes; Jannazzo – Present; Noll- Yes; Reardon – Yes; Wojcicki- Present; Sgro – Yes. Motion Passed: 5 voting yes, 2 voting present.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board on motion by Reardon, seconded by Jannazzo and approved by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:32pm.

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Buildings & Concessions Committee June 1, 2011

A meeting of the Buildings & Concessions Committee was held Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 12:00pm at the John F. Linxwiler Administration Center.

Members Present: Chair Noll, Trustee Beagles, Trustee Jannazzo

Others Present: President Sgro, Trustee Reardon, Trustee Wojcicki, Trustee Flickinger,
Secretary/Director Stratton

Chair Noll opened meeting at 12pm.

Three (3) issues discussed before Committee, as follows:

1. Request for Permit for Jaycee Park. Director Stratton addressed the Committee noting that Mr. Charles Strickland of Progressive Youth Foundation and Athletic League was not present to address the Committee for a request to permit Jaycee Park for boxing event. No discussion was had on this matter.
2. Request for Large Inflatable Slide at Lincoln Park. Director Stratton addressed the Committee noting that Minister McCormick indicated he would not be addressing the committee. No further discussion was had on this matter.
3. Request to Prepare Bids and Bid Zoo Pathway Project. Director Stratton and Elliot McKinley, Director of Parks/Planning addressed the Board requesting authorization to prepare specification and go to bid on the zoo pathway project. Director Stratton noted this was part of the Museum Grant project and is 100% reimburseable. Stratton and McKinley requested removal of the PLA from the specifications to allow for more bidders as other asphalt projects have received little to no competitive bids due to the PLA. Committee discussed and recommended that staff meet with legal council on the matter of ordinance and get opinion from them as to the removal of PLA from this project bid and report back to the Board at the regular meeting prior taking official vote on the request.

There being no further business to come before the committee,
the meeting was adjourned at 12:16pm.

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Grants & Development Committee

June 1, 2011

A meeting of the Grants & Development Committee was held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 12:16pm at the John F. Linxwiler Administration Center.

Members Present: Chair Reardon; Trustee Beagles, Trustee Jannazzo

Others Present: President Sgro, Trustee Wojcicki, Trustee Flickinger,
Secretary/Director Stratton.

Chair Reardon opened the meeting at 12:16pm.

Three (3) issues discussed before Committee, as follows:

Issue #1: Grants Update. Director Stratton addressed the Committee and provided spreadsheet (attached) of all grants awarded and their status and grants pending award announcement. No action was requested.

Issue #2: 2011 OSLAD Grant Application Update. Director Stratton addressed the Committee noting that the Governor has approved funding for 2011 OSLAD project requests and that the District will proceed to formally apply for Phase I Development for Barker Property. Director Stratton noted the total amount of the grant request will be for \$400,000 with the District's match of the remaining 40 acres at SW park. Stratton also noted that the project will need to be modified to assure the budget stays within the \$400,000 amount for this Phase I development. No action was requested.

Issue #3: FEMA Grant Application Update. Director Stratton addressed the Committee noting that the FEMA Grant application to construct two storm safe shelter/restrooms at SW Park in the amount of \$671,000 is being held up by FEMA due to their internal issues and continued review. Director Stratton noted that IDNR reimbursement of \$400,000 to the District is dependent upon the completion of this project by the end of this calendar year. Director Stratton noted that FEMA has been notified if they do not make decision soon on this grant request then the District may need to withdraw application, proceed to bid/construction to protect the reimbursement by IDNR. FEMA to get back with District with some definitive answers as soon as possible. Stratton to keep the Committee posted on this grant progress.

There being no further business to come before the committee,
the meeting was adjourned at 12:26pm.

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Long Range Planning

June 1, 2011

A meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee was held Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 12:26pm at the John F. Linxwiler Administration Center.

Members Present: Chair Beagles, Trustee Reardon, Trustee Noll

Others Present: President Sgro, Trustee Wojcicki, Trustee Flickinger, Secretary/Director Stratton

Chair Beagles opened meeting at 12:26pm.

Three (3) issues discussed before Committee, as follows:

1. Project Update. Director Stratton addressed the Committee and provided handout on all pending projects of the District and their disposition. (attached)
2. Barker Property Phase I Development – OSLAD Grant Application. Director Stratton addressed the Committee noting the Barker Property development will need to be phased in as the budget for development is limited to \$400,000. Director Stratton noted the OSLAD grant application is due on July 1, 2011 and will include Barker Property Phase I development that will focus on grading, site work, storm management, play grounds, environmental components, access areas and others as funding will allow for this phase development. No action was requested.
3. Centennial Park Bid Recommendation by Staff. Director Stratton addressed the Committee on the recent bidding of the this project as reported last month. Director Stratton noted that there was only one bidder on this project and the bid amount was substantially higher than the estimated costs. Director Stratton noted the higher costs were based on questionable quantities by the engineer per the bidder. Director Stratton recommended the Committee reject the bid to Ottobaum, rewrite the specifications to fit within budget parameters and present to committee in the Fall for possible rebidding of this project. Committee discussed and will present to Board for its discussion and action.

There being no further business to come before the committee,
the meeting was adjourned at 12:46pm.