

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TINLEY PARK-PARK DISTRICT
TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS
SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 14, 2022

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Tinley Park-Park District scheduled to be held in the Rickerson Meeting Room of the Bettenhausen Recreation Building on November 14, 2022 was called to order by Commissioner O'Boyle at 6:01 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Don Cuba
Lisa O'Donovan
Bernie O'Boyle
Ashley Rubino

Commissioners Absent: Marie Ryan

Others Present: Shawn Roby, Executive Director
Tom Leeson, Business Manager
Ryan Veldman, Superintendent of Parks
Meghan Fenlon, Superintendent of Recreation
Carol Bradtke, Marketing Manager
Sandy Ardolino, Board Secretary
Burt Odelson, Attorney
Paul O'Grady
Several Members of Village of Tinley Park

Additions, Clarifications, Corrections or Deletions to Agenda
None.

New Business

Resolution 22-R-66 Rescinding and Voiding Resolution 22-R-26 and Appointing New Legal Counsel
Commissioner Rubino moved to approve Resolution 21-R-66 rescinding and voiding Resolution 22-R-26 and appointing a new legal counsel (Odelson, Sterk, Murphy, Frazier and McGrath, Ltd.) as presented, seconded by Commissioner O'Donovan and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion to direct new legal counsel to take necessary steps to notify the State of Illinois, and any appropriate agencies of the State, of the Tinley Park-Park District's interest in acquiring the surplus property located at 7400-7600 W. 183rd Street, Tinley Park, Illinois
Commissioner Cuba moved to approve direction of new legal counsel to take necessary steps to notify the State of Illinois and any appropriate agencies of the State of Tinley Park-Park District's interest in acquiring the surplus property located at 7400-7600 W. 183rd Street, Tinley Park, Illinois as presented, seconded by Commissioner O'Donovan and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Open Floor

Commissioner O'Donovan moved to open the floor to the public, seconded by Commissioner Rubino carried by voice vote.

The audience was reminded of the park district public comment policy by Commissioner O'Donovan.

Paul O'Grady-Village Attorney

Mr. O'Grady voiced disappointment in his firm being let go. He noted how he felt what the park district did was politically driven.

Michael Glotz-Mayor

Mayor Glotz expressed his disappointment with the Tinley Park-Park District of not informing the Village of Tinley Park of their interest in the mental health site property. In the Village of Tinley Park's plan, they feel would create additional revenue and 1000 permanent jobs for our village.

The Tinley Park-Park District and the Village of Tinley Park have worked together well in the past with such things as police presence on July 4th and joint volume discount on gasoline etc. He pointed out that the Mental Health Property is zoned as Office and Restricted Industrial (ORI). Thus the Park District couldn't put a park there even if they got all 280 acres. He said "they would first have to come to us".

Pat Carr-Village Manager

Mr. Carr felt the Village and Park District had a good working relationship. Tinley Park-Park District Executive Director, Shawn Roby regularly work on projects. The Village of Tinley Park was blindsided with the Tinley Park-Park District's attempt to acquire the Tinley Park Mental Health site. The Village has invested over 1000 hours to acquire the sight and not once did the park district express interest or help offset costs associated.

Nancy O'Connor- Village Clerk

Ms. O'Connor expressed her dismay and concern of the Park District's interest in obtaining the land. She questioned whether the Tinley Park-Park District Board knew that the Howe Center area was full of environmental issues. She had asked if the park district has any environmental understanding of what is going on with the site. She also asked if the board understood the sheer cost of remediation of the site and the location of the various environmental hazards throughout the site. Are you prepared to deal with the homeless people in the buildings, security, fencing, etc. and all the cost associated with cleaning up this site?

Ken Shaw-Village Plan Commission


Mr. Shaw claimed he reviewed our website and financial status. Is the Park District being fiscal responsible? The Park District just approved approximately \$ 3.8 million available for capital improvement projects for 2022-2023 fiscal year. The remediate costs for this sight are estimated to be between 12 million and 25 million dollars. The Village of Tinley Park has been working 10 years on obtaining this land. Nowhere is the Park District obtaining this land mentioned until now. He also inform the Park Commissioners that there will be zoning concerns for the Park District since everything needs to go through the Village to be approved.

Commissioner O'Donovan thanked everyone for their comments and time this evening. We are moving forward with exploring our options with the best interest of the Park District in mind. Up until notice of this meeting, the board has not received any communication or response from the Village in terms of wanting to collaborate on any future developments at the TPMHC property. It is our hope, that moving forward we can build a partnership with the Village and continue to work in the best interest of all citizens of Tinley Park.

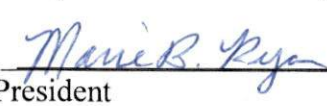
Commissioner Rubino moved to close the floor to the public, seconded by O'Donovan and carried by voice vote.

Adjourn

Commissioner O'Donovan moved to adjourn to the November 16, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rubino, and carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.


Secretary

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President