

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TINLEY PARK-PARK DISTRICT
TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS
HELD ON FEBRUARY 01, 2023

The regular 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 February 1, 2023 was called to order by Commissioner Ryan at 6:25 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Shawn Roby, Executive Director
Ryan Veldman, Superintendent of Parks
Meghan Fenlon, Superintendent of Recreation
Sean Caddigan, Facilities Manager
Carol Bradtke, Marketing Manager
Sandy Ardolino, Board Secretary
Michael Hayes, Attorney
Patrick Carr, Village Manager
Hannah Lipman, Assistant Village Manager
Donna Framke, Marketing Director
Patrick Callahan, Resident

Additions, Clarifications, Corrections or Deletions to Agenda

Remove Item 5F. Item to be place on next board agenda for approval due to a lower bid received after report was written.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Commissioner Cuba moved to approve the following Consent Agenda Items as presented, seconded by Commissioner O'Donovan carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Items approved:

Minutes of the January 18, 2023 Committee Meeting

Minutes of the January 18, 2023 Regular Meeting

Summary of Funds for the period January 19, 2023 through February 1, 2023 in the amount of \$222,264.54

Resolution 23-R-03-Weed Control 3 Year Service Contract Award C & T Lawn and Landscape \$52,335.00

Resolution 23-R-04-Fertilizer 3 Year Service Contract Award Forever Green Lawncare \$100,800

Resolution 23-R-06-Authorizing Creation of an IGA for Bulk Salt Purchase-Orland Township Highway Department.

Staff Reports

None.

Unfinished Business:

COVID-19 UPDATE

Covid cases seemed to level out and will continue to be monitored.

JULY 4th OPTIONS

Executive Roby is recommending that we cancel all of the 4th of July activities except for the Stars and Stripes 5K race which has been a community staple for years.

All Commissioners favored cancelation of the event due to the actions by the Village to host a very similar event, don't believe we are getting a permit for and mindful of taxpayer expense for two events.

New Business:

None.

Open Floor

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

Village Manager Pat Carr stated "it makes me sick to my stomach where we are right now." He said he has been with the village for 17 years and have always enjoyed a working relationship with the park district staff and consider all the park district employees his friends. We all know the white elephant in the room that caused the breakdown in communication (The Mental Health Center Property bid by the Park District). He admitted that they didn't communicate anything with the Park District about their event. He stated "All I'm asking for is a do over." He reference becoming a social media king today with the comments sighting safety issues and concerns as to why the July 4th event was being moved. He ask if Shawn and the Park Disrict Staff could meet with him and Village Staff to work on the 4th of July event. He feels the footprint is better by the train station and traditions can start anew. Pat stated he is committed to work with Shawn and this town doesn't need to be split over this silliness.

Resident/Former Park Commissioner/Retired State Police Officer, Patrick Callaghan spoke about how McCarthy Park has always been a family tradition in this town for at least four generations. He spoke about how crime can happen anywhere. He felt McCarthy Park is probably more secure since you will have the train running along the new event sight. Thus allowing bad people to come in off the trains. The police department will be able to prepare and protect anywhere however access to a train make it more limited.

Commissioner Ryan thanked them for coming.

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

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Cuba asked if there was any correspondence from the police department regarding any safety issues from last year. Executive Roby informed the board that staff meet with Deputy Chief Tillis (Tilton) and Sargent Sullivan on October 12, 2022. Correspondence was drafted by staff to ensure all safety items were addressed. Nowhere at this time was a change in venue mentioned or recommended.

Commissioner O'Donovan asked if Executive Director received a response to his last email. Executive Director Roby stated no however he was out of town for the last few days. Commissioner O'Donovan asked when Executive Director Roby was made aware there were safety concerns. Executive Roby stated he was not made aware until it was mentioned recently at a Village Board Meeting. Commissioner O'Donovan asked if the police reports from July 4th may help us better understand the Village's concern or maybe the Park Board can be debriefed by the Deputy Chief Tillis (Tilton).

Commissioner O'Boyle agrees the two board should be working together but would like a clearer definition of what participation is. Freedom Park just underwent a \$600,000 turf installation. We may need to obtain an insurance policy from the Village in the event a sparkler or a firework shell does damage to the field.

Closed Session

Not Needed.

Adjourn

Commissioner Cuba moved to adjourn to the February 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner O'Donovan and carried by unanimous roll call vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Secretary

President