

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TINLEY PARK-PARK DISTRICT
TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS
HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 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 October 18, 2023, was called to order by Commissioner Ryan at 6:07p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: Lisa O'Donovan

Others Present: Shawn Roby, Executive Director
Ryan Veldman, Superintendent of Parks
Tom Leeson, Business Manager
Meghan Fenlon, Superintendent of Recreation
Sean Caddigan, Facility Manager
Carol Bradtke, Marketing Manager
Kelly Jones, Board Secretary
Michael Hayes, Attorney

Additions, corrections or deletions to the agenda

None

Approval of the Consent Agenda Items

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

Items Approved:

Minutes of the September 20, 2023, Committee Meeting

Minutes of the September 20, 2023, Regular Meeting

Summary of funds for the period of September 21, 2023-October 4, 2023, in the amount of \$406,663.86

Summary of funds for the period of October 5, 2023-October 18, 2023, in the amount of \$319,952.01

Resolution 23-R-56 Fall Tree Planting Project-Apple Grove Systems-\$21,745.

Resolution 23-R-57 Tree Trimming work-Smitty's Tree Service- \$10,925.00

Resolution 23-R-58 Employee Health Insurance Plans for 2024

Resolution 23-R-59 IT Firewall Upgrade-Mindsight \$10,229.56

Staff Reports

none

Unfinished Business

none

New Business

none

Public Comment

A resident asked for the basketball nets to be put back up at Bannes Park.

A resident asked Mr. Roby what he thinks his responsibilities are to the taxpayers in Tinley Park-Park District. He is concerned the Tinley Park-Park District is focused on completing the Mental Health Center project for the South Suburbs when he believes

the focus should be on doing this project for Tinley Park and the Tinley Park taxpayers. He is also concerned with the legality of sending direct mailers to people outside the Tinley Park-Park District boundaries. He would also like to know how he will get his questions answered and how will the rest of the Tinley Park Community hear the answers to the questions asked at the board meeting. He feels the public minutes of the board meetings do not give enough information about what happens at the board meeting.

Attorney Michael Hayes added that he would be happy to speak with him after the meeting.

A volunteer from the historical society would like to let the board know they are doing a great job. He is interested in discovering the origin of some of the park names.

He thinks the park district does a great job supporting the Historical Society. He suggested; If you want something done ask a senior volunteer.

He also feels that the mental health center property could be the gem of the southside. He knows there will be obstacles, but he believes Tinley Park can handle it.

Commissioner Ryan thanked him for his positivity.

A resident had questions about the mailer that he received a few weeks ago. He scanned the QR code, and it did not work for him. He would like to know what the plan will be for the mental health center property and how it is going to be paid for.

Mayor of Tinley Park, Michael Glotz commented that the agenda for almost \$800,000 is only one page of paper. He feels it gives no back up information. He stated the October 3rd Tinley Park Village Board meeting was 589 pages of back up of all the expenditures. He stated the Tinley Park-Park District does not disclose its expenditures. He had questions about the attorneys' authority to approve contracts, engagement letters, contracts, control bills and if referral fees have been paid. He is unsatisfied with his FOIA responses. He also stated mailings sent to target Tinley Park voters who are outside the park district boundaries are clearly not a public purpose but a political purpose the mailing and the use of public funds to pay for it violates the park district act and the Illinois Constitution. He stated this money should have been spent on Tinley Park programs within the park district boundaries. He feels the park district is receiving bad advice from people who don't live in Tinley Park and don't have the same goals as some of the Tinley Park Board members. He thanked the board for the extension.

Another Resident stated he loves the neighborhood and noted how tough it is that tribalism and politics have divided the great town of Tinley Park. He stated it is difficult now with the political atmosphere in this town and what happens on social media. He stated he is excited about a park and sports complex, but he is also concerned about TIFS and tax money. He stated being transparent with the city, village and park district is important. He stated you can be bitter, or you can be better. He stated the park district fought a valiant fight to get the property and they were successful. He hopes the village will work with the park district to make it a great park and a great place. He stated it is going to be constructed and cleaned up using union workers, which makes it a win-win situation. He suggested everyone look at the little victories and move forward. He would like Tinley Park to move forward as a community.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Rubino would like to thank the staff for always being professional. She attended the Pumpkin decorating class with her children, and it was a successful event. She appreciates the staff and all they do behind the scenes.

Commissioner Ryan stated that she would like everything to go smoothly and for us all to work together as a town. She feels unity is the way to go.


Mr. Roby addressed the board regarding the QR code mailer, He explained the mailer provides a QR code to scan which will take you to the website on the mental health property project where you can provide your email address and get on the mailing list for monthly updates. The remediate 280 will go out once a month. It is a monthly update, explaining what is going on with the mental health center property project.

Closed Session

none

Adjourn

Commissioner Cuba moved to adjourn to the November 15, 2023, Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rubino and carried by unanimous roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.



Secretary



President

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