

**ELMHURST PARK DISTRICT  
ANNUAL AND REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS**

Wilder Mansion  
211 S. Prospect Avenue  
May 8, 2017

7 staff; 7 Commissioners; Dir. Rogers; 3 visitors  
LWV Reporter: B. Lipton

7:00 p.m. **NOTE:** Starred items below have related documents that can be accessed via the EPD website, below

**2017 Annual Meeting**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Commissioner Attendance via Electronic Means: None
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:** all Commissioners present
- \* 4. **2017 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION: CANVASSING OF VOTES**
5. **OATH OF OFFICE:** Hon. Paul M. Fullerton, Circuit Judge, 18th Judicial Courtroom, DuPage County
  - Swearing in of newly-elected Commissioners: Mary Kies; Tim Sheehan
6. **APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON BY PRESIDENT (Secretary):** Dir. Rogers
7. **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:** Commissioner Spaeth elected
8. **ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:** Comm. Graf elected
9. **APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:** all appointed unanimously
  - a. Secretary – James W. Rogers
  - b. Treasurer – Christi Jacobson
  - c. Assistant Treasurer – Barbara Stembridge
  - d. Attorney – Andrew S. Paine, Tressler, LLP
  - e. Open Meetings Act Designees – James W. Rogers and Nimfa Melesio
- \* 10. **APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND OTHER GROUPS BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT WITH APPROVAL OF THE BOARD** (current committee members): Commissioners will indicate their preferences, and the Board President will appoint Commissioners based on these. Appointments will be made at the next meeting.
  - a. City/Park/School (Stormwater) Committee (two Board Members and Executive Director)
  - b. Elmhurst Art Museum (one Board member)
  - c. Ethics Committee (three members plus Ethics Officer (Attorney Paine))
  - d. Finance/Audit Committee (two Board members)
  - e. Gateway SRA (one staff member plus one alternate)
  - f. Human Resource Committee (Board President & Vice-President)
  - g. Legislative Committee (one Board member)
  - h. Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art (one Board member)
  - i. Park/School Joint Committee (President and Executive Director)
  - j. PEP (one Board member and one staff member)
  - k. Policy Review Committee (two Board members and Executive Director)
  - l. Senior Citizens Commission (one staff member)
  - m. Sugar Creek Golf Course Administrative Board (three members plus one every other year)
  - n. Veterans' Memorial Commission (one staff member)
  - o. Youth Commission (one staff member)
11. **ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE** (indefinitely) at 7:10 pm
  - Break for refreshments ----

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING** Immediately Following the Annual Meeting

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

### **3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA**

### **4. REMARKS/CORRESPONDENCE FROM VISITORS:** None

### **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- \* a. Sugar Creek Golf Course: Usage is down ~240 rounds over last year, but up more than 500 over past 4 years. Now they are waiting for drier weather to repair the nettings on the driving range. Revenue is up ~\$15,000 due to Junior Golf; Expenses are up ~\$4700. Comm. Kies notes that the greens are in great condition.

### **6. UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- a. Gateway – May 11, 2017
- b. Lizzadro Museum – May 18, 2017
- c. PEP – May 11, 2017 at 8 am
- d. Sugar Creek Golf Course – May 23, 2017

### **7. CONSENT AGENDA:** All items below accepted unanimously without discussion

- \* a. Approval of April 24, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
- \* b. Approval of April 24, 2017 Closed Meeting Minutes
- \* c. Voucher Lists and Non-Accounts Payable Disbursements
- \* d. Disposal Ordinance O-06-17
- \* e. 2017-2021 Electric Supply Vendor

### **8. BOARD BUSINESS**

#### a. Unfinished Business (Old):

- \* 1) 2017 First Quarter Financial Report: Total Revenue up 5.5% over 2016 and total expenses up \$11,000 mostly due to consulting fees over last year's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Capital improvements projects are mostly out for bid; the only completed project this far was to initiate new maintenance software. Wilder Mansion final renovations are now completed (expenditure \$16,000).
- \* 2) Administrative Office Roof and Masonry Repairs: The original administration building dates from the 1950s. The existing green roof needs waterproofing, and there has been some water damage that need repair. US Communities cooperative bidding process has been a good partner in the past; Garland, Inc. successfully bid this job as general contractor. The budget has \$55,000 allocated; the bid came in at \$53,990. There was some discussion of the unique nature of the rooftop garden and its effect on the building; the project will include tuckpointing, caulking, replacing some lintels over windows. This does not include any interior remediation (e.g. ceiling tiles, painting), but that can be done by PD staff.

#### b. New Business:

- 1) Illinois Assoc. of Park Districts (IAPD) Legislative Conference Update: Comm. Ubriaco, Dir. Rogers, and 3 staff attended in Springfield. Comm. Ubriaco and Dir. Rogers reported. The State Senate was in session and they met with many senators; because the House was not in session senators gave their undivided attention to the IAPD. This is despite the much greater expenditures of most groups vying for influence in Springfield. Two key issues that could affect PDs – first, the possible local government property tax freeze, because PDs don't have other revenue sources so they are totally dependent on these taxes. IAPD is working on a proposal to exempt PDs from the freeze. The other issue is the minimum wage increase motivated by the need to give low-wage workers a 'living wage'. It could markedly increase seasonal personnel costs; Elmhurst PD is the prime summer employer for teen workers. The IAPD is looking to have an exemption for teen employees who would not require a 'living wage'. Dir. Rogers expressed the concern is that if staffing costs go up then the amount charged for public programs will increase and thus discourage participation by residents, including kids. Finally, the budget stalemate in Springfield is extremely depressing, as it seems that there won't be any action until after the 2018 election. The services that are most vulnerable are the social services, education, etc. There was discussion of the issue among Board members, revolving around the fact that Illinois is now up to \$8 billion a year lost due to having no budget. The ultimate solution is a combination of increased taxes and budget cuts, but that is not at all on the table right now. The local property tax freeze is considered as a trade-off for the coming increase in state taxes, even though it will only harm local government services like park districts.
- \* 2) Commissioner Travel Expense: Comm. Ubriaco's travel expenses reimbursement approved.

## **9. COMMISSIONER INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **a. Announcements**

- Comm. Morrisette-Moll announces the PEP golf outing will be held on May 13.
- Comm. Kies reports that Vision 20-20 at Wagner was packed with young moms and their kids. This past weekend's Art in the Park was a wonderful event; there was a carnival atmosphere. The next Prairie work morning is on May 20. Wednesday is the Sr. Center meeting at the Library which Comm. Kies will attend.
- Comm. Graf thanks PD staff and officials for the flowers and condolences sent to his family on the passing of his father.

### **\* b. Future Agenda**

## **10. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- About 12,000 people attended Art in the Park this past weekend; the
- The pools are being groomed for the summer season.
- New IT system for payments is installed and will convert over on May 16; it should save about \$6000 annually.
- 18 classes, with just under 300 students from Madison Early Childhood Center, visited Safety Town the week of April 24.
- Tomorrow night there will be an orientation for new teen aquatics staff and their parents.
- June 10 will be Adventure Day
- Dir Rogers commented that the Vision 20/20 event was very successful with ~80 participants.

## **11. CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5) for the discussion of "the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District". Began at 8:05 pm.

Meeting-related documents and audio can be accessed at:

<http://epd.org/park-board/board-meetings/board-meeting-may-8-2017>