

**BATAVIA PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2009- BARTHOLOMEW ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER- REGULAR BOARD MEETING- The regular board meeting was called to order by Vice President Behmer at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL- Vice President Behmer called for the roll. Commissioners' Behmer, Corken, Tilmon and Leard were in attendance. Commissioner Callahan was absent. Staff in attendance included Executive Director, Michael Clark; Director of Finance, Linda Straka; Director of Museum and Interpretative Services, Carla Hill; Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Allison Sohr; Director of Parks and Properties, Eric Lacher and Director of Planning and Development, Jim Eby. Also in attendance was two members of the press; two members of the Batavia Middle School Robotics Team; Carolyn Nagle of Fox Valley Special Recreation Association; Dave Phillips of Speer Financial; Batavia resident and park board candidate, Gary Foiles; and minute taker, Deanna Kellum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEMS REMOVED/ADDED/CHANGED ON AGENDA- Executive Director Clark requested for items 13a and 16a to be moved to after the approval of the Consent Agenda. **Motion was made by Leard, seconded by Corken to approve the agenda as amended. The roll was called. Ayes: Leard, Corken, Tilmon and Behmer. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Callahan. Motion passed.**

CONSENT AGENDA- Vice President Behmer entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which included approval of the minutes from the February 17, 2009 Regular Board Meeting, February 17, 2009 Executive Session, Approval of the Paid and Unpaid Expenditures and the Treasurer's **Motion was made by Corken and seconded by Tilmon to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The roll was called. Ayes: Corken, Tilmon, Leard and Behmer. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Callahan. Motion passed.**

PRESENTATIONS-

- a. **Batavia Middle School Robotics Team-** Two members of the Robotics team along with their coach came before the Board tonight to present their project that won state and will take them to Copenhagen to compete against six other teams.

FOX VALLEY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION-

- a. **Annual Report-** At tonight's meeting was Carolyn Nagle, FVSRA Executive Director. Carolyn passed out packets including FVSRA summer camp brochure, FVSRA facts, employment opportunities and an invite to the upcoming BBQ/Basket Raffle fund raiser. Carolyn then gave a power point presentation highlighted FVSRA mission, values and vision

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as well as an overview of FVSRA's critical issues, participation numbers for 2008, action plan and upcoming events.

GUEST- MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC- None.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS- Commissioner Leard read a letter to the editor sent anonymously to the paper. He stated the letter was cowardly. He reminded the public of the Coffee Clutch held prior to the regular board meetings as well as the community forum being held on Thursday to discuss the Park District's future needs. He asked that the community come out and openly express their opinion on the topic to help the Park District gain a better understanding. He then stated he was proud of the Park District staff and Board on how well they are doing especially during these hard economic times.

Commissioner Tilmon expressed the need to hear from the community. He stated the Park District heard the community when they said no to the referendum in November but the Park District needs to know why.

CORRESPONDENCE- None received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- Director Sohr read the announcements.

1. Annual Easter Egg hunt will be held on Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 a.m. at Prairie Path Parka.
2. Bark Park opens April 1. Permits are now on sale for 50% less than last season.
3. Hall Quarry pre season passes will be on sale from March 20- April 9.
4. Touch a Truck will be held on Friday, May 8 at the ESCC at 10:30 a.m.
5. Sign up for Kids' Club before and after school care.

AFFILIATE REPORTS- Vice President Behmer thanked Tri-Cities Soccer for their letter. Behmer highlighted the letter. He would like for staff to look into how many kids are signed up for outdoor sports whether it be with BYB, Tri-Cities or any other affiliate. He feels this would be good information to know to help support the No Child Left Inside initiative.

At tonight's meeting was the newest member of the PAF program, BATV. BATV Station Manager, Holly Deitchman addressed the Board. Holly gave a brief history of BATV as well as an overview of activities they are currently involved in. Holly thanked the Park District for their support.

STAFF REPORTS- No update.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT- Executive Director Clark reminded the Board to turn in their Economic Interest forms by May 1.

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OLD BUSINESS –

- a. **Policy Discussion-** No update.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Planning Update-** No update at this time.
- b. **Refund of Callable Bond Series of 1998 and 2000-** At tonight's meeting was Dave Phillips of Speer Financial to answer any questions the Board may have on the callable bond series. Dave gave a brief overview of what callable bonds were. He then gave his recommendation. This will help the Park District save money and he feels it would be worth while for the Park District to move forward on. The Board came to a consensus to move forward. Dave will draw up the ordinance needed for the Board to approve at the next regular board meeting in April.
- c. **Approve Intergovernmental Agreement- Kane County Forest Preserve District-** Before the Board tonight was the agreement drawn up by legal counsel between the Kane County Forest Preserve and the Park District for land adjacent to West Main Community Park. The Forest Preserve will allow the Park District use of this open space. Vice President Behmer entertained a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the Kane County Forest Preserve District for the land lease provisions at West Main Community Park. **Motion was made by Corken, seconded by Tilmon. The roll was called. Ayes: Corken, Tilmon, Leard, and Behmer. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Callahan. Motion passed.**
- d. **Ratify Prairie and Lathem Renovation Project Bids with Waivers-** Executive Director Clark explained the need to ratify the bids. Vice President Behmer entertained a motion to declare the bid by Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. unresponsive due to the acknowledgement or the incorrect number of addenda and therefore disqualified. **Motion was made by Leard, seconded by Tilmon. The roll was called. Ayes: Leard, Tilmon, Corken and Behmer. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Callahan. Motion passed.** Vice President Behmer entertained a motion to waive the irregularity in Evans and Son bid and ratify the contract award for asphalt paving to Evans and Son Blacktop from West Chicago, IL for a total of \$163,900.00. **Motion was made by Leard, seconded by Corken. The roll was called. Ayes: Leard, Corken, Tilmon and Behmer. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Callahan. Motion passed.** Vice President Behmer entertained a motion to waive the irregularity in the bid of Pro-Fence, Inc. and ratify the contract award for fencing to Pro-Fence, Inc. of Elgin, IL for a total of \$92,586.00. **Motion was made by Leard, seconded by Tilmon. The roll was called. Ayes: Leard, Tilmon, Corken and Behmer. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Callahan. Motion passed.**

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD- None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Motion was made by Leard, seconded by Corken to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss Land Acquisition (2)(c)(5).

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business before the Board, motion was made by Corken seconded by Tilmon to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:47 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary, Board of Commissioners
Batavia Park District

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