

**BATAVIA PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2009- BARTHOLOMEW ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER- REGULAR BOARD MEETING- The regular board meeting was called to order by President Callahan at 7:14 p.m.

ROLL CALL- President Callahan called for the roll. Commissioners' Behmer, Corken, Tilmon, Leard and Callahan were in attendance. 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; Director of Leisure Services, Jeff Clark. Also in attendance was 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- None.

CONSENT AGENDA- President Callahan entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which included approval of the minutes from the March 17, 2009 Regular Board Meeting, March 17, 2009 Executive Session, March 19, 2009 Special Board Meeting, Approval of the Paid and Unpaid Expenditures and the Treasurer's **Motion was made by Behmer and seconded by Leard to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The roll was called. Ayes: Behmer, Leard, Corken, Tilmon and Callahan. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none. Motion passed.**

GUEST- MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC- None.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS- None.

CORRESPONDENCE- A letter was received from IDNR regarding a grant. All correspondence will be placed on file.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- Director Sohr read the announcements.

1. South Mill Creek Park dedication will be held on Saturday, May 2.

AFFILIATE REPORTS- President acknowledged receipt of the Batavia Parks Foundation's March minutes.

President Callahan discussed the request made by Executive Director Clark to have a Board member present at an upcoming meeting with Park District of Oak Park regarding the PAF program. The Board has requested to be educated more on the PAF program. Vice President Behmer requested for staff to update the Board quarterly on the PAF program.

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President Callahan wants to challenge staff to become more effective with communicated with the residents. He feels the majority of the public does not understand the Park District's mission and what the Park District does for the community. The Board wants to see staff toot the Park District's horn when involved in something in the community. President Callahan would like to see for the affiliates to be spokespersons for the Park District.

STAFF REPORTS- Before the Board tonight was pictures of the renovation project at Prairie and Lathem Park.

Vice President Behmer would like for staff to look into why numbers are down for our sport affiliates. Director Clark stated he felt it was because pricing has gone up for many of our affiliate's programs. Despite their numbers, the Park District's sport programs have grown. Commissioner Tilmon feels many are making different choices this year due to the economy. Instead of signing their children up for two or three activities they are choosing only one.

Director Clark updated the Board on Quarry welcome back sales. Welcome back season pass sales ran from March 30 through April brining in 642 sales. In 2008 the number of sales were 819.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT- No update.

OLD BUSINESS –

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

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Planning Update-** No update at this time.
- b. **Approval of Fiscal Year 2009-10 Annual Operating Budget-** Staff gave an overview budget presentation to the Board earlier tonight. The Board came to a consensus to table the approval of the annual operating budget until next month.
- c. **Approval of Resolution #196- FY 2009-10 Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule-** President Callahan entertained a motion to approve Resolution #196 approving the FY 2009-10 Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule as presented. **Motion was made by Leard, seconded by Corken. The roll was called. Ayes: Leard, Corken, Tilmon, Behmer and Callahan. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none. Motion passed.**
- d. **Nominations and Slate of Candidates- park Board Officers and Appointments-** Executive Director Clark explained the process for the new commissioners. He will accept nominations via e-mail.
- e. **Approval of Ordinance #279- Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds-** Director Strake gave an overview. At this time by refinancing

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these bonds the Park District is projected to save about \$200,000. **Motion was made by Leard, seconded by Tilmon. The roll was called. Ayes: Leard, Tilmon, Corken, Behmer and Callahan. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none. Motion passed.**

FOX VALLEY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION- No update.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD- None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Motion was made by Leard, seconded by Tilmon to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss Land Acquisition (2)(c)(5).

Motion was made by Behmer, seconded by Tilmon to reconvene the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business before the Board, **motion was made by Behmer seconded by Tilmon to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

Secretary, Board of Commissioners
Batavia Park District

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