

**BATAVIA PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2008- BARTHOLOMEW ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER- The regular meeting was called to order by President Callahan at 7:06p.m.

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

ROLL CALL- President Callahan called for the roll. Commissioners' Corken, Leard and Callahan were in attendance. Behmer and Elfstrom were absent. Staff in attendance included Executive Director, Michael Clark Director of Finance Linda Straka; Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Allison Sohr; Director of Museum and Interpretative Services, Carla Hill; Director of Parks and Properties, Eric Lacher; Director of Leisure Services, Jeff Clark and Director of Planning and Development, Jim Eby. Also in attendance was Deanna Kellum, minute's recorder; Batavia Park District intern, Susan Sawtell; Katrina Laflin from Laflin Design Group; Glenn McGee from F. Quinn Corp; Matt Ellmann, Batavia resident; Dan Anderson, Batavia resident; Joe Leonard from Great Street Commercial Realty; Done Ware of KS+A; Chris Hansen from KS+A; Tim Casai from TMP; Dave Larson from TMP; Bob Walker from EEI and Dave Phillips from Speer Financial. Legal Counsel Derke Price would later attend at 8:00 p.m.

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 July 16, 2008 Regular Board Meeting, the August 8, 2008 Special Board Meeting, Approval of the Paid and Unpaid Expenditures and the Treasurer's Report, Ratify Change Order #5- Hawk's Bluff Park Project Deduct, Ratify Change Order #2- South Mill Creek Project, Approval of Contract- Purchase of Financial Software Package, Approval of License Agreement- Batavia Parks Foundation- Peg Bond Center, Approval of Riverwalk Art Review Commission Recommendation. **Motion was made by Leard and seconded by Corken to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The roll was called. Ayes: Leard, Corken and Callahan. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Behmer and Elfstrom. Motion passed.**

GUEST- MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC- Matt Ellmann, resident of Batavia approached the Board regarding the new recreation center plans for being located at the Quarry. He stressed his desire to keep the unique balance and beauty of the Quarry. He is asking that when looking at the Quarry site to remember the stewardship to open space and neighbors. President Callahan thanked Ellmann for his comments and stated that the Board normally does not respond to public comments but he would like to state in response that the Park District will uphold its mission and is looking to improve and make what the Park District has inherited better.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS- None.

CORRESPONDENCE- President Callahan acknowledged the following correspondence. First was a letter from Cheryl and Bill Pierson regarding the Illinois State Championship Chili Cookoff. Second was a letter from Michelle of the Aurora Convention and Visitor's Bureau thanking Director Hill for the tour of the Depot Museum. Third was a letter from the 3rd grade

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class at Hoover-Wood's Elementary Scholl thanking Director Hill and staff fro their visit at the Depot Museum. All correspondence will be placed on file.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- Director Sohr read the announcements.

1. U Pick 'Em Fantasy Football.
2. Mom and Son Night of Fun. Sunday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m.
3. Battle of the Bands to be held at the Batavia Teen Center September 22.
4. City of Batavia's 175th Anniversary bash will be held Labor Day Weekend.

AFFILIATE REPORTS- Executive Director Clark stated that Tri-City Soccer will be presenting a report to the Board at next month's meeting.

STAFF REPORTS- Director Eby updated the Board on the bike path at Hawk's Bluff. He is currently working with a third party to help produce a report.

Director Clark acknowledged intern, Susan Sawtell. Susan has two more weeks left of her internship with the Park District. She has already landed her first job at Itasca Park District.

Director Lacher thanked the volunteers from IMSA who helped spread 80 yards of mulch at Hawk's Bluff.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT- Executive Director Clark pointed out the Quarry findings report at each Board member's place tonight. He requested for them to review and call him with any questions. He then invited the public to the next community forum on August 28 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS- At tonight's meeting Director Sohr presented the National Gold Medal video submitted to NRPA by the Park District.

OLD BUSINESS –

- a. **Policy Discussion-** A second reading of the Administrative Manual section 2.13.1-2.13.9 was conducted. President Callahan entertained a motion to approve the District's Administrative Manual section 2.13.1 through 2.13.9 as presented. **Motion was made by Corken, seconded by Leard. The roll was called. Ayes: Leard, Corken and Callahan. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Behmer and Elfstrom. Motion passed.**
- b. **Community Recreation Center Feasibility and Site Analysis-** Tim Casai of TMP presented the Board a 3D drawing of the Quarry Site option 3. He highlighted the drawing. Commissioner Leard stated that he liked the progression, he understands this is not at the final stage and that this will continue to evolve as they move forward but feels it was nicely done. Commissioner Corken asked how close the building will be to the limestone wall and if the second floor of the building would be visible to the surrounding neighbors. Tim responded that he thought it would be about 40 feet from the wall and that he did not anticipate the residents on Water Street to see much of the building. Board and staff were impressed with the natural amenities and felt the drawing incorporated the Park District's vision.

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- c. **Mill Creek Community Park Development Follow Up-** Director Eby gave a status report. Before the Board tonight were pictures of the site. This project was completed August 1 with the exception of the tennis courts This site seems to be a very popular.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Planning Update-** No further update since the last written report.
- b. **Review of Executive Session Minutes-** Before the Board tonight was a memo dated August 19, 2008 from Executive Director Clark requested to either hold or partially release executive session minutes from public review. This is a semi annual requirement set by the Open Meetings Act. President Callahan entertain a motion to hold and/or partially release said executive session minutes from public release as presented in a memo from Executive Director/Secretary Clark dated August 19, 2008. Motion was made by Leard, seconded by Corken. **The roll was called. Ayes: Leard, Corken and Callahan. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Behmer and Elfstrom. Motion passed.**

FOX VALLEY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION- Tee Up For Downs was a great success and helped raise \$19,000.

Tape Change at 8:03

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD- None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- At 8:04 p.m. motion was made by Corken and seconded by Leard to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Land Acquisition (2)(c)(5) and Imminent Litigation (2)(c)(11). The roll was called. Ayes: Corken, Leard and Callahan. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Behmer and Elfstrom. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Leard seconded by Corken to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:54 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business before the Board, motion was made by Leard, seconded by Corken to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:54p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary, Board of Commissioners
Batavia Park District

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