

**BATAVIA PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2009- BARTHOLOMEW ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER- REGULAR BOARD MEETING- The regular board meeting was called to order by President Callahan at 7:13 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL- President Callahan called for the roll and the following Park Commissioners were present: Commissioners' Behmer, Callahan, Corken, Foiles and Tilmon 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 Planning and Development, Jim Eby. Also in attendance was Deanna Kellum, minute's recorder; Matt Ellmann and Dan Brace of the Batavia Parks Foundation; Dave Phillips of Speer Financial; Britta McKenna of Batavia MainStreet; Batavia residents, Carl and Yvonne Dinwiddie; and Batavia resident Randy Yoch.

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 November 17, 2009 Executive Session Meeting; November 17, 2009 Regular Board Meeting; November 17, 2009 Public Hearing; Approval of the Paid and Unpaid Expenditures and the Treasurer's Report; Ratification of Award of Contract- Marketing Support Services Agreement; Approval of Ordinance #284- FY 2010-11 Tax Levy Request; Approval of Ordinance #285- 2009 Short Term Bond Series. **Motion was made by Foiles and seconded by Behmer to establish the Consent Agenda as presented. The roll was called. Ayes: Foiles, Behmer, Corken, Tilmon and Callahan. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none. Motion passed.**

President Callahan then entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion was made by Tilmon and seconded by Corken to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The roll was called. Ayes: Tilmon, Corken, Foiles, Behmer and Callahan. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none. Motion passed.**

GUEST- MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC- None.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS- Commissioner Tilmon asked to discuss the Batavia Youth Basketball program. There has been discussion of the program splitting from the Park District and becoming its own entity. He would like to know what the impact will be if this happens. He feels this is a viable program that the Park District should fight to keep and does not agree with the rationale behind their decision. Commissioner Behmer feels this will not impact the Park District. He feels the Park District should invite them to be a part of the team but haven't done so in the past so they should just let them go. Commissioner Callahan would like an action plan put together and is willing to mediate any meetings between the Park District and the volunteers of this program if necessary. He sees this as a Park District Program that uses volunteers that have a difference of opinion and feels these differences can be talked out. It was the consensus of the Board to have Executive Director Clark meet with the volunteers of this program and come to terms.

CORRESPONDENCE- None.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS- Director Eby read the announcements.

1. New Horizons Preschool registration for 2010/11 school year will take place at the ESCC from January 4- January 22 for residents and beginning February 1 for non-residents.
2. Batavia Teen Center will be holding a Job Fair on January 5 from 4 to 6 pm at the ESCC.
3. The Batavia Depot Museum is selling the third series of ornaments for \$10.

AFFILIATE REPORTS- At tonight's meeting was Britta McKenna of Batavia MainStreet with an annual report. Britta thanked the Park District staff for their support with a lot of projects this past year. Especially Allison Sohr and Kari Miller for their help with serving on the branding committee, Kristin Bykowski for her help with the Bridge Bash and the Park Department for the support with set up and clean up for events throughout the year. She then updated the Board on this year's past events and projects. She stated Batavia MainStreet appreciates being a PAF member and working with the Park District.

Also at tonight's meeting was Matt Ellmann and Dan Brace of the Batavia Parks Foundation. Dan first thanked the Board for keeping the Park District's tax rates one of the lowest in the county and for offering such extensive programs. Dan updated the Board on the Leisureship Program, SpaceNet Project and the Peg Bond Expansion Project. Matt gave a snap shop of the Foundations financial picture regarding funds raised for the Peg Bond Project. They will need to continue to raise funds for the project. More information regarding the Peg Bond Band Shell Project can be found at it's-coming.org and the Riverwalk Band Shell Facebook page.

STAFF REPORTS- No further updates.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT- Executive Director Clark invited the Board to the January 15 employee recognition party.

PRESENTATIONS- None.

OLD BUSINESS –

- a. **Policy Discussion-** A second reading was done of the Policy and Procedure Manual section 6.56.1-.3. Legal counsel has reviewed the policy and feels it is appropriate. President Callahan entertained a motion to approve section 6.56.1 through 6.56.3 of the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual as presented. **Motion was made by Corken, seconded by Behmer. The roll was called. Ayes: Corken, Behmer, Foiles, Tilmon and Callahan. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none. Motion passed.**
- b. **Recession Relief Financial Impact Report-** Staff followed up with the Board's request and added totals with and with out the Quarry as well as added their main take a ways from the report. Tilmon would like for staff to be more aggressive with getting feedback from these programs.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Planning Update-** No update.
- b. **CDP Inquiry for Release Funding- Braeburn Park with Geneva Park District-** Executive Director Clark and Director Eby explained to the Board this would be a collaborated effort to renovate this park with Geneva Park District. Geneva wasn't ready for the project last year because it was not in

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their schedule but they are ready to proceed this year. The cost will be just under \$100,000 for each district. President Callahan entertained a motion to release funding for the renovation of Breaburn Park a joint project with Geneva Park District through the CDP Bond Fund as presented. **The roll was called. Ayes: Behmer, Corken, Foiles, Tilmon 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 Foiles and seconded by Corken to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss Land Acquisition (2)(c)(5) and Personnel (2)(c)(1).

Motion was made by Behmer, seconded by Foiles to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:56 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 Foiles to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:56 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

Secretary, Board of Commissioners
Batavia Park District

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