MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CARY PARK DISTRICT, CARY, ILLINOIS, HELD IN
THE COMMUNITY CENTER, 255 BRIARGATE ROAD, CARY, IL
September 24, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Emma called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following Commissioners answered present: Mr. Krueger, Mr. Stanko, Mr. Frangiamore, and Mr. Emma.

Commissioner Absent: Mr. Renner.

Staff

Staff present: Dan Jones, Executive Director; Vicki Krueger, Director of Finance and Administration; Sara Kelly, Superintendent of Recreation; Dave Raica, Director of Planning and Development; Ben Rea, Superintendent of Park Maintenance/Deputy Director; Katie Hughes, Director of Communications and Marketing, and Megan Lee, Recording Secretary.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

IV. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

V. MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

No items from commissioners.

Jones stated that for the past couple of years we have held a photo contest. We had pictures posted at the community center as well as online for people to vote for the best picture. Now we are recognizing the People’s Choice Winners for their great work.

Hughes explained that we have been doing the photo contest for 7 years. There were 16 entries this year, 10 adults and 6 youth. People’s Choice voting occurred throughout July. This year, 2,000 votes were cast which is the most to ever occur. Both winners and their families were present to accept recognition. Each will receive a certificate and have their photo enlarged and displayed in the main hallway. The Cary Park District will submit the photos on behalf of the winners to the IAPD photo contest as well.
Grace O’Malle won for her photo “Play Ball.” This photo was taken at Lions Park.

Paul San Fillippo won adult division for his photo “Lucy in Snow.” The photo was taken at the Cary Dog Park when his puppy was 3 months old.

Emma congratulated both winners on their creativity and nice work.

*At 7:08 PM, a motion was made by Stanko to take a 5 minute recess. Second by Frangiamore.*

Voice Vote: Yes – 4. No – None. Motion carried.

Emma called the meeting back to order at 7:12 PM.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

Emma asked if any items were to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

No items were requested for removal.


Roll call vote: Yes – B. Krueger, Stanko, Frangiamore, and Emma. No – None. Motion carried.

**VII. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**VII.A. Any Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

None.

**VII.B. Action Items**

**VII.B.1. Consider – Revisions to Policy 6-020, Recognition of Community Youth Sport Organizations.**

Jones asked the Commissioners to consider two things. First, he asked if they would consider holding off acting on making any decisions until the five youth groups are made aware of the policy revisions that are being considered. He stated that he would want to give them a chance to give comment or feedback directly affected by the change. Second, he asked that they postpone making a decision about what year would count as the first year for groups not meeting residency requirements until they have had a chance to speak with the groups.
Emma stated his concerns over when the groups were notified of the failure to meet the requirements. He asked if the groups were only notified upon their third year of failing to meet the 75% residency requirement or if they were notified each year. Jones explained that this year we conducted the review of the guidelines and there are two groups who do not meet the guidelines on residency. Kelly wrote a letter of understanding for the upcoming year, and within that letter, they are notified that they did not meet the residency guideline.

Kelly stated that the letter did not say what would happen as a result of failure to meet the residency requirement, but upon 2016 something could happen. All groups are aware of the requirement.

Stanko said he would like to communicate to the groups that the Commissioners want to be supportive, but they also have to create guidelines that deal with all of the various sport groups and organizations that require field usage and its need to be balanced. He agrees that the groups should be notified and we should listen to their feedback about the policy change.

Frangiamore stated his dislike of the policy. He stated that groups are already struggling, and why have the residency requirement if there is no defined consequences if there is failure to comply with the policy. His concern is over the survival of the groups, and he stated that groups should have to pay more, but still be allowed to their keep legacy status. If this is a guideline and no repercussions, why have it.

Krueger expressed concern over the groups meeting the 75% if they are below the requirement already. He doesn’t feel that a group will be able to raise group residency above if they are already struggling. He stated he would like to see an out of district fee charged for those participating youth who do not live in the district.

Krueger and Stanko stated they wanted to send the policy back to Committee for further review.

Jones stated he would like to focus on the 75% and ask groups for their input. He then asked the Commissioners what they would like to see at the next Committee Meeting. Emma stated that he would like to see policy 6-021 and the current unrevised policy as well as the revised policy for reference. Frangiamore asked to see the Park District’s fee structure.

**Stanko moved to send Revisions to Policy 6-020, Recognition of Community Youth Sport Organizations, back to Committee. Second by Frangiamore.**

Voice Vote: Yes – 4. No – None. Motion carried.

**VII.C.1. Discussion Items.**

None.
VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Jones reminded the Commissioners that there is a ribbon cutting event for the Cary-Grove Fine Arts Theater on September 30th, and that there will be presentation on the Comprehensive Master Plan after the Administration, Finance & Personnel (AFP) Committee meeting on October 8. The AFP Committee Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM and cover topics such as the audit and roll-over bond, and tax levy.

Reica gave the Commissioners an update on the playground improvements. He said that the Kenneth Company is doing the demolition on Candlewood Park. The Park District looked into having the old playground equipment donated to a 503c Company, but it the equipment was too dated, so they declined. Instead, the demolition company is going to recycle the aluminum and steel, and a lot of materials will be reused on site to save on haul off. About 60% of the structure is done. He stated that the neighbors seem happy, and he has been in contact with them throughout the project. The deadline for the project to be complete is December 1.

Jones explained that a resident requested for a fence to be put up around a home that sits on High Road where the property runs along a Cary Park District easement along Hightower Prairie Park. If built, the fence would go across parts of that easement. He asked the Commissioners to make a decision as to whether or not the fence should be allowed to be built, and presented them with three different options. First, the owner could put up a fence with no restrictions from the Cary Park District. Second, they could allow the owner to put up a fence with the restriction that if the government needed to access the easement at any point, the fence would need to be removed at the owner’s expense. Lastly, let the owners build the fence and give up the easement.

Stanko expressed concerns that if a fence were to be built, it would block emergency vehicle access to the park. Jones stated that if there were an emergency in the park, emergency responders would access the park from Spring Street.

The Commissioners decided the best response would be to allow the owner to build the fence with the restricting of having to take it down at their expense if the easement needed to be accessed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Krueger. Second by Stanko.

Voice vote: Yes – 4. No - None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

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Daniel C. Jones, Secretary
Park District Board of Commissioners