

Regular Meeting Minutes of the  
Gurnee Park District Board of Commissioners  
February 18, 2014

President Jim Goshorn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. The roll was called. Commissioners present: Libby Baker, Vicki Paddock, Jim Goshorn, Gerry Crews and Michelle Klemz. Commissioners absent: none. Staff members present: Susie Kuruvilla, Executive Director; Jeff Reinhard, Supt. of Parks; Scott Crowe, Supt. of Recreation; Mike Szpylman, Supt. of Business; Jennifer Gilbert, Marketing/PR Manager; Kara Moss, Aquatic Manager; and Suzanne Gage, Administrative Assistant. Please see the attendance record for visitors.

A motion was made by Michelle Klemz to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 21, 2014. The motion was seconded by Vicki Paddock. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Paddock, Crews and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vicki Paddock to approve the executive meeting minutes of January 21, 2014. The motion was seconded by Gerry Crews. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Paddock, Crews and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the total bills, payouts and payroll in the amount of \$795,641.75 presented on February 18, 2014 was made by Michelle Klemz and seconded by Gerry Crews. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Paddock, Crews and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The financial report and treasurer's report were reviewed.

The President opened the floor to visitor comments. There were no comments.

President Goshorn presented Community Service Awards to individuals and businesses nominated this year by the Gurnee Park District. The Park District honors those employees, volunteers, elected officials and civic leaders who go above and beyond assisting the Park District. These awards are presented jointly with the Illinois Association of Park Districts and Illinois Park and Recreation Association.

Volunteer Jack Berens was nominated by Linda Brogren, Volunteer Coordinator and Sue McDougle, Early Childhood/Youth Division Manager. Staff members Ginni Gianneschi and Jackie Beinlich also helped to thank him. Jack was chosen because of his exceptional service as a volunteer in the early childhood camp program. His enthusiasm, hard work and positive attitude helped to create a wonderful experience for hundreds of youngsters in the camp program. Because of his efforts, these children will remember their camp experience with great fondness. He consistently displays maturity, initiative, reliability, kindness, creativity and team spirit. He focuses and is fully engaged in every activity. He is poised, observant, confident and articulate. He is an outstanding role model for peers and campers, exhibiting a "first day of camp" level of enthusiasm at all times. Jack received a round of applause as he accepted his community service award plaque from the Board President.

The Board presented the community service award to Dr. Oana Honey of Honey Orthodontics, who was nominated by Jennifer Gilbert. Jennifer noted that Dr. Honey took over her orthodontics practice from Dr. Bard who had a passion for the community which was passed on to the staff. Dr. Honey and her phenomenal team of employees believe in what they do and believe in the community they serve. Honey Orthodontics has supported special events including the Trick or Treat Path, Family Fun Day and Frosty Fest for several years. Her team always comes out with energy and spunk that adds to the fun and excitement. Jennifer noted how grateful the Park District is for what they bring to the events and their support for what we do. Dr. Honey expressed her thanks and said how much she and the staff love taking part in events. She said that as a mother of four, it's important to be part of the community and she appreciates the events that the Park District offers. Dr. Honey received applause and she accepted her award plaque from the Board President.

The Board presented an award to Stephen DuBois, Director of Marketing for North Shore Trust & Savings, who was nominated by Jennifer Gilbert. North Shore has sponsored the GPD summer concert series since 2009. The four free concerts would not be possible without this sponsorship. Jennifer thanked Steve and noted that he is a leader within the

business who appreciates the value of supporting community activities and promoting park districts and recreation. He received applause as he accepted his award plaque from the Board President.

The Board presented the award to volunteer Keith Eldrup, who was nominated by Kristi Murray, Cultural Arts, Special Events and Community Relations Manager. Speaking for Kristi, Jennifer Gilbert said that Keith has enhanced our annual fishing derby since he first learned out about the event. Keith and Jennifer have worked together on marketing and print projects and he has always shown an interest in the Park District. As an example of that, he served on the Strategic Plan Advisory Committee in 2011. Jennifer expressed the District's gratitude and explained that since fishing is his passion, he goes above and beyond securing sponsors, securing bait and he also maintains the rods. Jennifer said it's a precious family event and we are honored and blessed that he takes ownership of it. He received applause as he accepted his award plaque from the Board President.

Department heads discussed their written monthly reports and answered questions.

Susie Kuruvilla reviewed the Director's Report. She asked for Board feedback on the proposal to change locations of outdoor ice rinks next year. The staff proposes to discontinue rinks at Petersen Park and Christine Thompson Park, which are not getting much use. Rinks will then be added at Viking Park and Hunt Club Park, where there is lighting, access to restrooms and more parking. The Board agreed that it makes sense to have ice rinks more strategically placed throughout the community.

#### ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Vicki Paddock to approve the affiliate agreement with the Blue Devil Swim Club as presented. Motion seconded by Libby Baker. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Paddock, Crews and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Libby Baker to approve the affiliate agreement with Northern Illinois Hoopers Youth Basketball Club as presented. Motion seconded by Gerry Crews. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Paddock, Crews and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Libby Baker to enter executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss:

- Semi Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes (5ILCS 120/2 (c)(21))
- To consider information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel to determine its validity. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

Motion was seconded by Vicki Paddock. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Paddock, Crews and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. Susie Kuruvilla and Suzanne Gage were authorized to attend the closed session.

A motion was made by Michelle Klemz to return to open session at 8:23 p.m. Motion seconded by Gerry Crews. On voice vote, all voted aye.

A motion was made by Libby Baker to release executive session minutes dated 7/16/13. Motion seconded by Michelle Klemz. On voice vote, all voted aye.

A motion to adjourn was made by Vicki Paddock and seconded by Libby Baker. On voice vote, all voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

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James G. Goshorn, President

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Michelle Klemz, Secretary