

Regular Meeting Minutes of the
Gurnee Park District Board of Commissioners
December 16, 2014

Board Vice President Libby Baker called the Gurnee Park District board meeting to order at 7 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called. Commissioners present: Libby Baker, Vicki Paddock, Gerry Crews, and Michelle Klemz. Commissioners absent: Jim Goshorn. Also 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 and Suzanne Gage, Administrative Assistant. There were no visitors.

A motion was made by Michelle Klemz to approve the minutes of the truth in taxation hearing and regular meeting of November 18, 2014. The motion was seconded by Vicki Paddock. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Crews, and Paddock. Nays: none. Absent: Goshorn. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vicki Paddock to approve the executive session minutes of November 18, 2014. The motion was seconded by Michelle Klemz. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Crews, and Paddock. Nays: none. Absent: Goshorn. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the total bills, payouts and payroll in the amount of \$1,644,793.10 presented on December 16, 2014 was made by Michelle Klemz and seconded by Vicki Paddock. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Crews, and Paddock. Nays: none. Absent: Goshorn. Motion carried.

The financial report and treasurer's report were reviewed.

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

Department heads reviewed their written reports with the Board.

Susie Kuruvilla discussed the Director's Report. The one-year anniversary party for FitNation and the grand opening of the remodeled FitNation pool and locker areas occurred on December 6. The event went extremely well. Over 250 people joined that day and the numbers are still growing. The pool renovations came in within budget, including the change orders for the steam rooms. There was \$100,000 in contingency and \$67,000 was used. The Director said she was pleased both with FGM Architects and the general contractor, W.B. Olson.

She noted that Frosty Fest will be held at Bittersweet Golf Course on January 9 in cooperation with the Village of Gurnee. Breakfast with Santa was well attended on December 13. Several board members volunteered.

Aquatic center fees were reviewed. A team studied the fees and the decision was made to retain them at the same level. Because of the cool summer this year, the aquatic center revenue was down \$50,000 in operations but fund balance will make up for it. Weather is the one factor that cannot be controlled. The Director noted that expenditures will be monitored but safety will not be jeopardized.

The John H. Emery Youth, Pageantry, and Patriotism Fund grant was discussed. The Park District received a \$20,000 posthumous gift from Mr. Emery this past year. While he lived in the Chicago area, no one knows his connection to Gurnee. The funds were to be earmarked for youth programs. The District has decided that the grant shall be used for swim tot and learn to swim programs for resident children ages 3-12. The same process will be followed as it is for other park district scholarships offered; it will be based on financial criteria. However, unlike the current scholarship program, the children chosen will receive 100% subsidy for swim lessons. A child would be eligible for one session per season for one calendar year. The program funds should be sustainable for about five years. The Board heartily supported the program. The ability to swim is an important skill. The scholarship will be advertised through a press release, our website and on Facebook and could start as early as this winter.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Michelle Klemz to approve Ordinance #14/15-5 abating taxes for the year 2014 to pay debt service on the \$6 million general obligation bonds series 2001 (alternate revenue source) issued to finance construction of the aquatic center. Motion seconded by Gerry Crews. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Crews, and Paddock. Nays: none. Absent: Goshorn. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gerry Crews to approve Ordinance #14/15-6 abating taxes for the year 2014 to pay debt service on the \$8.51 million general obligation bonds series 2013A (alternate revenue source) issued for the purchase and improvement of FitNation. Motion seconded by Vicki Paddock. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Crews, and Paddock. Nays: none. Absent: Goshorn. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vicki Paddock to approve Ordinance #14/15-7 abating taxes for the year 2014 to pay debt service on the \$1.99 million general obligation bonds series 2014A (alternate revenue source) issued for the rehabilitation of the FitNation facility. Motion seconded by Michelle Klemz . Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Crews, and Paddock. Nays: none. Absent: Goshorn. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gerry Crews to accept the lowest responsible bid from Creekside Printing, Elgin, Illinois for the printing of four program brochures for \$48,303. Motion seconded by Michelle Klemz. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Crews, and Paddock. Nays: none. Absent: Goshorn. Motion carried.

There was no other business. The Director thanked the Board and department heads for a great year.

A motion to adjourn was made by Michelle Klemz and seconded by Vicki Paddock. On voice vote, all voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

James G. Goshorn, President

Michelle Klemz, Secretary