

Truth-in-Taxation Hearing Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes of the
Gurnee Park District Board of Commissioners
November 17, 2015

Board President Jim Goshorn called the Gurnee Park District truth-in-taxation hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. The roll was called. Commissioners present: Libby Baker, Vicki Paddock, Gerry Crews, Jim Goshorn and Michelle Klemz. Commissioners absent: none. Also present: Susie Kuruvilla, Executive Director; Jeff Reinhard, Supt. of Parks; Scott Crowe, Supt. of Recreation; Mike Szpylman, Supt. of Business; Suzanne Gage, Administrative Assistant and Jennifer Gilbert, Marketing/PR Manager. There were no visitors.

The President stated that the truth-in-taxation hearing notice was published in the *Daily Herald* on November 6, 2015. The proposed tax levy for 2015 is \$5,708,955 a 6% increase from the 2014 tax extension. The levy for the corporate and special purpose funds is estimated at \$4,747,723 which is 7.32% higher than the previous year. The total estimated debt service levy is \$961,232. Since the total increase in estimated tax levy including debt service is estimated to be higher than 5%, a truth-in-taxation hearing is being held at this time. The proposed 2015 tax levy is based on an estimate of \$1,075,118,409 of Equalized Assessed Valuation, which is a 6% increase from the 2014 EAV. The new construction amount is estimated to be \$52,741,658. The consumer price index is 0.8%. The percentage increase in the tax extension amount is an estimate at this time and it is only due to the increase in EAV mainly as a result of new construction in our community. The estimated tax rate for 2015 is .531, which is the same as the 2014 tax rate.

President Goshorn opened the floor for public comments but there were none.

Motion was made by Libby Baker seconded by Vicki Paddock to adjourn the hearing. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Paddock, Crews and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. The hearing was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

President Jim Goshorn called the regular meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. The roll was called again. Commissioners present: Libby Baker, Vicki Paddock, Gerry Crews, Jim Goshorn, and Michelle Klemz. Commissioners absent: none. Also present: Susie Kuruvilla, Executive Director; Jeff Reinhard, Supt. of Parks; Scott Crowe, Supt. of Recreation; Mike Szpylman, Supt. of Business; Suzanne Gage, Administrative Assistant and Jennifer Gilbert, Marketing/PR Manager.

A motion was made by Michelle Klemz to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 20, 2015. 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 \$1,051,647.13 presented on November 17, 2015 was made by Michelle Klemz and seconded by Vicki Paddock. 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.

Department heads discussed their written reports.

Parks Superintendent Jeff Reinhard noted that a controlled burn took place on Monday November 16 at Hunt Club Park. More burns will be conducted if the weather cooperates this winter.

Recreation Superintendent Scott Crowe announced that Youth Recreation Supervisor Sabrina Hinkens was awarded the IPRA Recreation section Marcy Adams Spirit Award yesterday. Board members expressed their congratulations. Scott also announced that full day preschool at Hunt Club Community Center is 100% full.

Business Superintendent Mike Szpylman reviewed the aquatic center fees for the coming season.

Marketing/PR manager Jennifer Gilbert noted that there will be a branding presentation next month. She also reported on the sponsorships being provided by the Knauz Auto dealership in 2016.

Susie Kuruvilla discussed her report. She stated that the remodeling project at FitNation may not be completed by December 12. The permit process took longer than anticipated. The opening event is more likely to be held on January 9. The 12/12 event will be a member appreciation day instead. The delay does not affect programming in that space however.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Vicki Paddock to approve the annual levy ordinance #15/16-6 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 approve Categories of Services as presented. Motion seconded by Vicki Paddock. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Baker, Paddock, Crews and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gerry Crews and seconded by Vicki Paddock. On voice vote, all voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

James G. Goshorn, President

Michelle Klemz, Secretary