

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ELMHURST PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
April 9, 2014  
7:00 p.m.**

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Elmhurst Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at the Administrative Office, 375 W. First Street, Elmhurst, IL. Prior notice of the meeting was posted. The meeting was called to order by Board President Kubiesa at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Commissioners Howard, Kies, Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Spaeth, Ubriaco and Kubiesa

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** James W. Rogers, Executive Director  
Angela Ferrentino, Director of Parks & Facilities  
Dave Kenny, Director of Information Technology  
Brian McDermott, Director of Enterprise Services  
Cathy Medema, Director of Finance & Human Resources  
Cindy Szkolka, Director of Recreation  
Ginger Wade, Director of Marketing & Communications  
Sarah Lagesse, Program Manager (Facilities – Aquatics)

**Visitors:** Erika Ehlmann - Elmhurst League of Women Voters - *The Observer*

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA**

None

**REMARKS/CORRESPONDENCE FROM VISITORS**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Gateway – April 10, 2014  
Storm Water Sub Committee – April 14, 2014  
Elmhurst Art Museum – April 16, 2014  
Sugar Creek Golf Course – April 22, 2014  
PEP – April 24, 2014  
Park/City/School – May 12, 2014  
Lizzadro Museum – May 15, 2014

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Ubriaco asked that the March 12 and March 26, 2014 Regular Board meeting minutes be moved from the Consent Agenda. Board President Kubiesa moved both items to Unfinished Business as items #9a (1) March 12, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes and 9a (2) Regular Meeting Minutes for further discussion.

Commissioner Kies made a motion for the Board to approve the Consent Agenda of April 9, 2014, with the exception of moving the March 12, 2014 and March 26, 2014 Regular Board meeting minutes to Unfinished Business. Commissioner Pelosi seconded the motion. The Board was polled: Ayes: Commissioners Ubriaco, Howard, Kies, Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Spaeth, and Kubiesa. Nays: None. Motion passed unanimously.

It should be noted that the following items were approved on the revised Consent Agenda: Closed Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2014, Check Registers 03/28/14 - \$44,627.27, and the Liquid Chlorine Bid results.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS (OLD) –**

#### **Approval of March 12, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Ubriaco stated that at the March 26, 2014 Board meeting, the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2014 were pulled for revisions. After reviewing those revisions, Commissioner Ubriaco requested additional revisions be made in those same minutes. The Board discussed the requested revisions and Commissioner Kies suggested the Board consider changing the written record of minutes to either a verbatim account or an outline of agenda of action items and roll call votes. Executive Director Rogers will consult with District attorneys regarding written meeting minutes requirements. Board President Kubiesa stated that the meeting minutes of March 12, 2014 will be returned to Executive Director Rogers for review.

#### **Approval of March 26, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Ubriaco requested revisions be made to the March 26, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes. The Board discussed the requested revisions and Board President Kubiesa stated that the meeting minutes of March 26, 2014 will be returned to Executive Director Rogers for review.

### **NEW BUSINESS –**

#### **Program and Service Report: Intergovernmental Agreements and Partnerships**

Executive Director Rogers gave a presentation listing a number of government and private organization partnerships the District maintains to share resources and to offer a wide spectrum of services to the community. Collaborating with affiliates allows specialized cost-effective programming that has proven beneficial to both parties. Partnerships have been key to the District's success. The 2013-2017 Strategic Plan lists the initiative to review current and prospective partnerships to ensure continued alignment with the District's mission. On November 6, 2013, the Board requested an overview of facility use by non-profit community organizations, which will be presented by staff at a later date.

**COMMISSIONER INFORMATION ITEMS –  
Announcements**

**Commissioner Kies**

- Asked when the next prairie burn is scheduled.
- Presented samples of fossils found in Coal City.

**Commissioner Spaeth**

- Read the following statement for the record.

**April 9, 2014**

**Dear Fellow Elmhurst Park Board Commissioners,**

**In today's environment of quick information access, we have the opportunity to learn of community developments quickly. When developments can potentially impact the community/EPD, we have a duty to proactively bring this information to the board team in a way that allows the board to quickly understand it and then allow staff the option to follow up on potential action. I believe closed session provides an excellent environment to allow these issues to come to the table in the proper way and also allow for confidentiality when dealing with land issues etc.**

**Commissioner Ubriaco should be applauded for her efforts to bring recent important land acquisitions to the board table in closed session where such discussions belong according to state law. In the current highly competitive and rapidly evolving real estate environment, any delay in bringing land acquisition opportunities to the Elmhurst Park Board puts the Elmhurst Park District at an unnecessary competitive disadvantage. Our failure to be proactive on other land acquisitions has cost us substantial opportunity to better the community.**

**Developments announced in our community in the days following our March 12 board meeting highlight the need for a sense of urgency as we contemplate land acquisitions.**

**No formal board action was to be taken as a result of Commissioner Ubriaco's request and the district was put in a much better position to be proactive. She brought key properties to the attention of the entire board and staff in an environment where open and transparent collaboration could occur. There is absolutely nothing but upside to our district when a commissioner chooses to request closed session for land acquisition as provided for by the Illinois Open Meetings Act. I support and advocate for the continuation of such actions that ultimately help the EPD vet out opportunities/situations in this way.**

**Regards,**

**Vince Spaeth  
Elmhurst Park Board Commissioner**

**Commissioner Ubriaco**

- Presented a copy of the 2009 Land-Cash Donation Ordinance Survey from the Office of Recreation and Park Resources, Dept. of Recreation, Sports & Tourism, University of IL at Urbana-Champaign. The document surveys all of the districts. Executive Director Rogers will forward a copy to the Board in the Weekly Update.

**Commissioner Kubiesa**

- Requested the subject of land-cash donation be added to Future Agenda providing an explanation, where originated, why developed, current practice, and future of land-cash donations. Executive Director Rogers will research the City's status on land-cash donations.

**Commissioner Spaeth**

- Requested updated discussion of storm water issue. Executive Director Rogers will meet with V3 engineers on April 11 and anticipates an update for the Board soon after.

**Future Agenda**

Land-cash donations

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director of Information Technology – Kenny

- Upgraded back-end applications and local devices.

Director of Enterprise Services – McDermott

- Provided information regarding Courts Plus' new program challenging members to reach quantifiable goals with monthly incentives.
- A wedding planning firm requested a photo shoot of Wilder Mansion to include pictures on its website. Enterprise Services will receive the photos to add to its website.
- Mario Tricoci will film a commercial spot and photo shoot at Wilder Mansion for its *Make Me a Model* competition.

Director of Recreation – Szkolka

- Marilyn Connolly, Program Manager of Early Childhood Education will be retiring on May 30. She has been with the District for 25 years.

Director of Finance & Human Resources – Medema

- On April 23, staff will present the Board with the 2013 Financial Audit.
- The District has received its preliminary 2015 IMRF rate of 10.94 (a decrease from 11.7). Early knowledge of the rate allows for budget planning.

Director of Marketing & Communications – Wade

- Listed several District activities including dates.

Program Manager - (Facilities - Aquatics) – Lagesse

- Announced egg hunts planned for the District in upcoming weeks.
- Recruiting summer pool help.

Director of Facilities – Ferrentino

- The Hub opened last weekend. The new independent contractor Rocco Vino’s opened at Plunkett Park concessions serving a variety of new menu items.

Executive Director Rogers

- On Monday, the District closed on the refunding of the 2006 G.O. Bonds. The reissue will save taxpayers \$204,528 on the remaining life of the bonds. A press release will go out notifying residents.
- Received notification that the District is in line to be issued a \$25,000 reimbursement for the 2010 grant (costs associated with Marjorie Davis upgrades and Wagner Community Center improvements).
- Distributed a schedule of events for the Wilder Park Conservatory Grand Re-opening on April 27. Anticipates all Board members will be present for the ribbon cutting event.
- Meeting with V3 engineers to discuss proposed storm water detention plans.
- Will attend the April 10 Zoning & Planning Commission meeting to speak on behalf of the District regarding development of Industrial Drive and York Road.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A motion to adjourn to Closed Session was made by Commissioner Spaeth pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for the “appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body” at 8:10 p.m. Commissioner Kies seconded the motion. The Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioners Howard, Kies, Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Spaeth, Ubriaco, and Kubiesa. Nays: None. Motion passed unanimously to go to Closed Session.

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to open session at 9:24 p.m. Board President Kubiesa stated that the Board met in Closed Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for the “appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body” No final action was taken on the matter discussed in Closed Session at this meeting.

Commissioner Ubriaco stated that the Board recommends setting Executive Director Rogers’ salary increase retroactive to March 1, 2014 at \$138,225 annually, awarding a bonus of \$5,000, adding a third year to his employment contract, and that staff post this statement in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, which requires six days prior to final approval.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Spaeth moved to adjourn at 9:57 p.m. and Commissioner Morissette-Moll seconded the motion. The Board adjourned by voice vote.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administrative Office Boardroom, 375 West First Street, Elmhurst, IL. Prior notice will be posted.

Note: Roll call voting will start with Commissioner Howard at the April 23, 2014 Park Board meeting.

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Colette M. Kubiesa, Board President

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Nimfa Melesio, Recording Secretary