

**BATAVIA PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2008- BARTHOLOMEW ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER- The regular meeting was called to order by President Callahan at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL- President Callahan called for the roll. Commissioners' Behmer, Corken and Callahan were in attendance. Elfstrom and Leard were absent. Staff in attendance included Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Allison Sohr; Director of Finance, Linda Straka; Director of Museum and Interpretative Services, Carla Hill; Director of Parks and Properties, Eric Lacher; Director of Leisure Services, Jeff Clark and Director of Planning and Development, Jim Eby. Also in attendance were Deanna Kellum, minute's recorder; Legal Counsel Derke Price; and Gretchen Schrader along with the Batavia High School Cheer Team.

ITEMS REMOVED/ADDED/CHANGED ON AGENDA- None.

CONSENT AGENDA- President Callahan entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which included approval of the minutes from the September 16, 2008 Regular Board Meeting, Approval of the Paid and Unpaid Expenditures and the Treasurer's Report. **Motion was made by Behmer and seconded by Corken to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The roll was called. Ayes: Behmer, Corken and Callahan. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Elfstrom and Leard. Motion passed.**

GUEST- MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC- At tonight's meeting was Gretchen Schrader and the Batavia High School Cheer Team. They invited the Board to their upcoming Flippin' and Flyin' for it being held at the high school's open house on November 5 at 7 p.m. This event will help the cheer team raise money for the Early Childhood Center.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS- Vice President Behmer addressed the public regarding the proposed recreation center. He stated that the Park District hears the public's concern regarding the timing of the referendum and that the Park District is being sensitive to this. He stated that a portion of the tax money can be taken now and the rest deferred until 2011-2012. He also feels that because of the state of the economy the Park District will be able to hire contractors at a better rate which will also help.

President Callahan also addressed the public's concerns regarding closing the Quarry. He stated that if plans move forward with the new recreation center then the Quarry will have to be closed during construction. If the referendum fails, the Park District has not determined whether or not the Quarry will stay open. He also wanted to clarify that the question on the ballot is specific to the Quarry site.

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CORRESPONDENCE- President Callahan acknowledged the following correspondence.

1. A letter from Marie Moulton complimenting the Park District's fitness director, Kathy Freedlund.
 2. Several e-mails and letters from residents regarding the proposed recreation center.
 3. A letter from Fran Vestuto, President of the DuPage County Historical Society complimenting the Museum staff on their recent visit to the Depot.
- All correspondence will be placed on file.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- Director Sohr read the announcements.

1. Bat Fest will be held at the Riverwalk October 25 from 1:30-3:00 p.m.
2. Join U Pick 'Em Football Fantasy Game on the Batavia Park District website.

AFFILIATE REPORTS- At tonight's meeting was the new BATV manager, Holly Deitchman. Director Sohr introduced Holly to the Board.

STAFF REPORTS- Director Straka made the Board aware of the upcoming IAPD/IPRA Conference and that housing arrangement would need to be made as soon as possible.

Director Lacher invited the Board to the City Appreciation luncheon being held at the Maintenance Facility on Friday, October 25.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT- No further update.

PRESENTATIONS- None.

OLD BUSINESS –

- a. **Policy Discussion-** A first reading of the District's Emergency Response plan was conducted.
- b. **Mill Creek Community Park Development Follow Up-** Director Eby gave an update. The seeding has been re-done and is coming in well. The tennis courts have been completed. The final punch list walk through has been done. The billing package will be sent to the State soon. President Callahan requested for Director Eby to forward pictures of the park to the Board via e-mail.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Planning Update-** No further update since the last written report.
- b. **Award of Bid- Installation of Playground at Woodland Hills Park-** Director Eby updated the Board. Bid opening was October 8. Seven bids were received. The lowest qualified bid was George's Landscaping of Joliet, IL. President Callahan entertained a motion to award bid and contract for the

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installation of the playground replacement at Woodland Hills Park to George's Landscaping, Inc of Joliet, IL not to exceed 43,610.50. Motion was made by Behmer, seconded by Corken. **The roll was called. Ayes: Behmer, Corken and Callahan. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Elfstrom and Leard. Motion passed.**

- c. Approval of Change Order #3- South Mill Creek Community Park-** President Callahan requested for this item to be tabled until further review by Legal Counsel Price.
- d. Approval of Ordinance #273- Declaration of Surplus Property-** President Callahan entertained a motion to approve Ordinance #273, an ordinance declaring certain property of the District as surplus in accordance with the District's governance policy and requirements of the Illinois Park District Code as presented. **Motion was made by Behmer, seconded by Corken. The roll was called. Ayes: Behmer, Corken and Callahan. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Elfstrom and Leard. Motion passed.**

FOX VALLEY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION- No update.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD- None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- At 7:27 p.m. **motion was made by Behmer and seconded by Corken to adjourn into Executive Session to Imminent Litigation (2)(c)(11). The roll was called. Ayes: Behmer, Corken and Callahan. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Elfstrom and Leard. Motion passed.**

Motion was made by Corken, seconded by Behmer to reconvene the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business before the Board, **motion was made by Corken seconded by Behmer to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

Secretary, Board of Commissioners
Batavia Park District

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