

**OLYMPIA FIELDS PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE 710th REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 20, 2016 5:30 p.m.
Sergeant Means Park, Barn Meeting room Conference Room**

President Carlton-Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call:

Board Members Present: President Carlton-Jordan; Commissioner McGuire-Smith; Commissioner Aloway. Commissioner Bradford arrived at 6:19 P.M.

Board Members Absent: Commissioner Martin

Also Present: Denise Will, Executive Director; Eric Anderson, Attorney; Eric Darwell, Superintendent of Parks; Mallory Dodds, Office Manager; Beverly Meekins, The Meekins Group; Amanda Hamill, Recreation Supervisor; Willis Pennington, Village Trustee, Liaison to the Park District.

Commissioners Comments: None

Additions or Corrections to Agenda: None

Open Forum: Dion Harding, Baseball coach from MOF FH Baseball, addressed the board stating that the MOF HF program is competing against fully funded programs that neighboring towns, specifically Country Club Hills and Flossmoor have. MOF FH Baseball is forced to deal with several inadequacies and is forced to play with “shoddy” equipment and Olympia Fields Park District does not provide bases for practice and charge for each game played on their fields. Mr. Harding stated that Mr. Kelvin Oliver basically runs the MOF FH baseball program on his own “but gets treated like a second class citizen.” In spite of all those difficulties, they still compete and win. The more difficult challenges are imposed upon them when the (Olympia Fields) park district makes them pay for practices and games. That is a challenge that the MOF FH’s league cannot meet. Mr. Harding requested that #1 the fees for practices and games are waved and #2 that bases be provided for practices. Executive Director Will clarified that the only time a \$10 fee is charged for practices is if the field was reserved for the practices. All fields are open for practice free of charge on a first come first served basis. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Bradford requested a proposed practice schedule from MOF FH to review. Commissioner Aloway requested the demographics of the registered players for review. Mr. Harding stated that they have about 40% of their players’ are residents of Olympia Fields. They also have players from Matteson and Flossmoor. Commissioner Bradford requested information on if the Ford Heights player paid the registration fees. Commissioner McGuire-Smith requested information on resident vs non-resident fees.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Bradford motioned to approve the minutes of the 709th Regular Board meeting held on March 21, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner McGuire-Smith. All present in favor.

Financial Reports:

Approval of Claims List: Commissioner, McGuire-Smith motioned to approve Claims list for February 2016, Total amount of \$26,362.44. Seconded by Commissioner Bradford. Roll call vote, all present in favor.

Presentation of the 2016-2017 Budget: Beverly Meekins, The Meekins Group presented the proposed budget for the 2016-2017 Fiscal year. Discussion ensued. The

consensus was that the tentative budget presented by Ms. Meekins was acceptable pending the public hearing.

Old Business:

- a) Members of the Village board of trustees that were present to hear the barn renovation presentation were introduced. Those present were, President Debbie Meyers-Martin, Trustee Willis Pennington, Trustee Shirley Nale, Trustee Willett Hudson, Trustee Robert Waite, and the Village Administrator David Mekarski. Steve Mihelich and Marlana Wolff, Williams Architects presented the barn renovation plan to the park district board and the village trustees that were present. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Bradford motioned to proceed with the building renovation plans as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Aloway. Roll call vote, all present in favor.

President Carlton-Jordan requested a motion to table all other agenda items excluding a) and e) until the May meeting. So moved by Commissioner Bradford, all present in favor.

New Business:

- a) **Approval of meeting dates for FY 2016-2017:** Commissioner Bradford motioned to approve the meeting dates for the 2016-217 Fiscal Year. Seconded by Commissioner Aloway, all present in favor.
- b) Election of the Board President:
- c) Election of the Vice President:
- d) Appointments to the Irons Oaks Committee:
- e) **Ordinance #2016-01:** Commissioner Bradford motioned to pass Ordinance #2016-01, and ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for renovation of the Barn. Seconded by Commissioner Aloway. Roll call vote, all present in favor.

Correspondence: None.

Staff Reports: Information only as presented.

Adjournment: President Carlton-Jordan adjourned the meeting at 7:09 P.M.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May17, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric J. Darwell, Recording Secretary