

**OLYMPIA FIELDS PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE 711th REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday May 17, 2016 6:00 p.m.
Sergeant Means Park, Barn Meeting room Conference Room**

Commissioner Aloway called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Commissioner Martin; Commissioner McGuire-Smith; Commissioner Aloway.

Board Members Absent: President Carlton-Jordan; Commissioner Bradford.

Commissioner Martin motioned to appoint Commissioner Aloway, President pro tem. Seconded by Commissioner McGuire-Smith. All present in favor.

Also Present: Denise Will, Executive Director; Eric Anderson, Attorney; Eric Darwell, Superintendent of Parks.

Additions or Corrections to Agenda: None

Open Forum:

Joe Duncan, and Brian Cummings from Basket Cases Disc Golf Club thanked the Park District and presented an appreciation plaque for the disc golf course, now in its 30th year. It was mentioned that the village president may be considering a Mayors' Disc Golf Outing. Brian Cummings offered a couple hundred discs to loan out for any tournament that we would host. Discussion ensued.

Dion Harding, Baseball coach from MOF Baseball addressed the board regarding waiver of field usage fee, and a discussion ensued among the board regarding residency of the participants, team rosters, scheduling of games and practices. Mr. Harding advocated for fields be blocked out for MOF to practice on exclusively for their use. He stated that to be successful they need to show parents that they have practice facilities. Mr. Harding stated that it is challenging to provide a good league in competition with Richton Park and Country Club Hills, which are fully funded. He stated that it is difficult to compete with the pick-up groups for practice field usage. President pro tem Aloway stated that when the fields are reserved on a paid basis, it may not be fair to block out field usage for a league in which many players are not residents. President pro tem Aloway stated that the real problem is funding for MOF Baseball. The board is entrusted with managing the assets of the park district, primarily for the benefit of its residents. Paying for the fields, through fund raising and participant registration seems to be the only legitimate way to give priority to MOF Baseball. Commissioner McGuire-Smith asked about the team sponsorships, and how the business community was being pursued. Commissioner Martin stated that the board needs to be responsible to the residents. Executive Director, Denise Will reported that the staff looked into the fees charged by other leagues and park districts, and what is being asked of the league is not aggressive. Mr. Harding asked that all fees be waived for the remaining games. President pro tem Aloway requested that a specific request be addressed to Executive Director Will so they the board may be fully informed regarding the request at the June board meeting.

Budget FY 2016-2017: Commissioner Martin motioned to approve Ordinance 2016-02, budget for FY 2016-2017 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner McGuire-Smith. Roll call vote. All present in favor.

Public Hearing for General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), for Barn Renovation at Sergeant Means Park: Eric Anderson, Attorney explained the issuing of the bonds to fund the barn renovation project. No one from the public present, Discussion ensued about the funding and updates on the project.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner McGuire-Smith motioned to approve the minutes of the 710th Regular Board meeting held on April 20, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Martin. All present in favor.

Financial Reports:

Approval of Claims List: Commissioner, McGuire-Smith motioned to approve Claims list for April 2016, Total amount of \$36,491.64. Seconded by Commissioner Martin. Roll call vote, all present in favor.

Old Business:

- a) Commissioner Martin motioned to allow the Executive Director to enter into a parking agreement and substantiate a form with Temple Ashe Shalom. Seconded by Commissioner McGuire-Smith. All present in favor.
- b) Eric Darwell, Superintendent of Parks updated the board and added some clarity on the following:
 1. There are only 8 kids registered the MOF HF baseball league that are residents of Olympia Fields. He has not received the rosters from The Ford Heights teams that are in the MOF Program. From the MOF teams 59 kids are registered and 8 are residents of Olympia Fields or 13%.
 2. Registration fees are \$60 for T-Ball, \$75 for Pinto, \$85 for Mustang and Bronco, and \$100 for pony. In addition to the registration fee there is a \$50 opt out fee for the fund raising. There are 14 banners from the sponsors, Mr. Harding stated that they get \$250 from each sponsor. All other leagues have higher registration fees and higher opt out fees from the fundraising.
 3. A discussion ensued regarding the challenges and time consumption spent on field rental for game and practice scheduling.
 4. Text messages and e-mails were presented regarding the ongoing scheduling conflicts. Executive Director Will, briefed the board on the history of the Matteson-Olympia Fields (MOF) league, Matteson no longer part of MOF but on their own and Ford Heights now part of MOF. His is also why MOF doesn't use Mattson's facilities.
 5. An example of a typical Saturday game schedule and the changes that occurred in chronological order was presented.
 6. The rental contract and disorganization of the league was discussed and options for resolution were reviewed.
 7. Cost breakdown to date, 115.82 labor hours for \$2,226.17, materials 280.00 for a total of \$2506.44. This is after 21 chargeable games scheduled to be played or \$119.35 per game for which we bill them \$40 per game. This already discounts their user fee by 33%.
 8. To date MOF has paid ½ of their scheduled fees or \$1,320.00 and have a balance due of \$1,300.00 which was to be paid by June 1st. after the season is over and before the playoffs (if any) the entire schedule is reviewed to get as accurate accounting of the chargeable games and a final payment is supposed to be made. Discussion ensued.

New Business:

- a) Election of the Board President: Commissioner Aloway nominated Commissioner Carlton-Jordan for President. Roll call vote, all present in favor.
- b) Election of the Vice President: Commissioner Martin nominated Commissioner McGuire-Smith for Vice-President. Roll call vote, all present in favor.
- c) Appointment of the Secretary and Treasurer: Commissioner Martin made a motion to appoint Denise Will as the Secretary and Beverly Meekins as the Treasurer. Seconded by Commissioner McGuire-Smith. Roll call vote, all present in favor.
- d) Appointments to the Irons Oaks Committee: will be tabled until more commissioners are present.

Correspondence:

- a) The 17th Annual Presidents Golf outing will be on Monday, June 20th, 2016. Discussion ensued. The Park District will do a \$500 sponsorship and reserve 6 places for dinner.
- b) The Village Beautification Committee sent a letter complaining about the corner of Vollmer and Western. Discussion ensued.

Staff Reports: Executive Director, Denise Will reported that the Sock Hop Hustle 5K race was a huge success and we received many compliments. The weather couldn't have been better. Executive Director, Denise Will and Office Manager Mallory Dodds went to Springfield for Parks Day at the Capitol and our booth brought a lot of great interest and positive comments about our unique facilities. Director Will went over the staff recommendations.

Executive Session-Personnel: Tabled until next month

Adjournment: President pro tem Aloway adjourned the meeting at 7:09 P.M.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric J. Darwell, Recording Secretary