

CHANNAHON PARK DISTRICT
Minutes of the August 22, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President at 5:02 p.m. at the Park District offices. Roll call for attendance was taken.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Clower, Caldwell, Lehman, Babich, Lesniak

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Szoke, Munkvold, Knutson, Cole, Anfield

GUESTS PRESENT: None

Everyone present at the meeting recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 22, 2016 Board Meeting presented for approval. Motion by Commissioner Lehman, second by Commissioner Caldwell to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Channahon Park District Board of Commissioners. All Commissioners present voted aye; motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Staff reviewed the monthly Treasurer's Report and reviewed the outstanding bills presented for approval. Motion by Commissioner Lesniak second by Commissioner Babich to approve the monthly report and authorize payment of outstanding bills. Upon a roll call vote, the following Commissioners voted aye: Caldwell, Clower, Lehman, Lesniak and Babich. Motion carried 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

A resident contacted the Board regarding the District's track access policy for children not yet in 5th grade. Board members reviewed the current policy and reaffirmed the age limits with no changes as recommended by Staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Babich acknowledged Staff for the summer change in Field House hours he passed along from users was able to be accommodated.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Szoke reviewed the outcomes of the 2016 Three Rivers Festival.

Two grants administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources have been approved to make improvements to Channahon parks. The People for Channahon Parks Foundation received a \$200,000 grant to begin construction of the primary trail at Arroyo Trails. The grant uses Federal Highway Transportation money as a funding source, and the \$200,000 represents the maximum grant amount. Illinois Park District 2015 OSLAD grants had their suspension lifted, which will result in \$400,000 available for improvements to Central Park. The grant authorization followed the State's six month budget approval at the end of June. OSLAD grants are funded by capital dollars from a portion of the state's real estate transfer tax, not general revenue funds.

STAFF REPORTS

Golf Grounds Operation Manager Anfield discussed the effects on the golf course as a result of much higher than usual August rainfall amounts. Disease pressure from the resulting wet conditions, high humidity, and high temperatures have generally been minimal due to the turf maintenance plan in place.

PEOPLE FOR CHANNAHON PARKS FOUNDATION

The July 30th Donor Appreciation Party at Tomahawk Aquatic Center was very well received. Terry and Sue D'Arcy received the 2016 ExxonMobil Community Philanthropic Award.

Hollywood Casino Joliet has agreed to again serve as the presenting sponsor of Putts and Suds for Park event on Saturday February 25th 2017.

Tami Sender's contract as Director of Development has ended. Steve Pratapas of Pratapas and Associates has been hired by Foundation Board to completed the Capital Campaign and to transition into a Community Fund raising campaign.

OLD BUSINESS

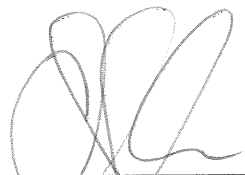
The Board reviewed the list of projects and a cost opinion prepared by Hitchcock Design Group for Central Park improvements. The grant amount covers approximately 80% of the cost opinion, which includes a number of pre-bid contingencies. Staff continue to work with HDG to align the scope of the project with the funds available. A 2017 construction season is anticipated.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a proposal to increase the time off benefit structure for the six classification I Part Time Staff Member positions. Paid sick days are proposed to increase from 3 to 5 per year and will be allowed to accumulate to a maximum of 240 days over the term of employment; paid vacation days are proposed to increase from 3 days per year to a schedule of 5 days for completing four to nine years of service and 10 days for ten or more years of service completed. Motion by Commissioner Lesniak second by Commissioner Babich to approve changes to the Classification I Part Time Staff Member benefit structures as recommend by Staff. Upon a roll call vote, the following Commissioners voted aye: Caldwell, Clower, Lehman, Lesniak and Babich. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Motion by Commissioner Lesniak, second by Commissioner Babich at 6:20 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.



Charles J. Szoke
Secretary