



MEETING MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Thursday, January 21, 2016

7:00pm

Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave.

Members Present: D. Stein, H. Garcia, R. Mayne, E. DeStefano, B. Logan,
A. DiMarco, J. Bryan

Members Absent: J. Brown, D. Campbell,

Staff Present: B. Dorneker, L. Biggs

Others Present: M. Skotna, K. Vanderwan

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

With a quorum present, D. Stein called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of OCTOBER 16

The motion to accept the minutes with noted changes was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Skotna offered suggestions on LED lights that would save the City money at the Robert Crown Center. He provided his contact information to City staff to discuss further.

CIP UPDATE

L. Biggs, Bureau Chief of Capital Planning & Engineering, provided information on the recent restructuring of the Public Works Department and a status report on capital improvement projects.

STAFF REPORT

There has been a lot of interest / sign up for the summer camp lottery so far. Staff received a few complaints regarding the new Dempster St Boat Rack Policy and will meet with those individuals to discuss further. Parks, Recreation and Community Services Assistant Director Christina Ferraro resigned. She accepted the Prospect Heights Park District Executive Director position. Her last day with the City was December 31. Lawrence C. Hemingway, the new Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, will start on February 8, 2016. The Gibbs-Morrison Cultural Center is up and running with programs, community meetings and community rentals. The First Slice Café should be moved in within the next few weeks. There's still some work to do in the recording studio and the side yard/patio. On January 19 City Council directed staff to proceed with a fundraising campaign for the Robert Crown Center. The Board received a copy of Oak Park's Park District 2015 Park Report Card. The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will be doing something similar.

REQUEST FOR WILLIAM N. ERICKSON FUNDS

Action: It was moved and seconded that the Evanston Baseball/Softball Association be approved to receive \$850 from the Erickson Fund to sponsor two teams (\$425 each) for the 2016 season.

OTHER ITEMS

The Board thanked B. Dorneker for his services, running the department during absence of Director Joe McRae and Assistant Director Christina Ferraro.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting was approved 7:56PM. The next scheduled meeting is 7pm on February 18, 2016 at the Chandler-Newberger Center.