

MINUTES
DeKalb Park District
Public Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
November 7, 2019
Ellwood Visitors Center, DeKalb, IL

Public Meeting
6:00 p.m.

I. Meeting Call to Order:

President Phil Young called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Board members present: President Phil Young, Commissioner Gail A. Krmeneč, Commissioner Doug Eaton and Commissioner Dag Grada.

Staff Members Present: Executive Director Amy Doll, Superintendent of Parks & Development Mat Emken, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Heather Collins, Superintendent of Recreation Greg Bruggeman, Accounting & Administrative Assistant Jennifer Anderson, and Recreation Office Coordinator Wendy Hayes.

II. Action on the Agenda

Commissioner Krmeneč made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Eaton. Motion carried by voice vote.

III. Public Comments

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

a. Action on Resolution 19-09: Resolution Establishing Estimate of Funds to be Raised by Taxation for the 2019 Levy Year

Commissioner Grada made a motion to approve Resolution 19-09: Establishing Estimate of Funds to be Raised by Taxation for the 2019 Levy Year in the amount of \$2,899,639, seconded by Commissioner Krmeneč.

Motion carried by roll call vote. Aye: Eaton, Grada, Krmeneč, Young. Nay: None. Absent: Holliday. (4-0-1)

b. Discussion of Girl Scout Project

Torrance Sharp presented information about her Girl Scout project and would like

to place 3 little libraries at three different locations in Dekalb. Her silver award project was her first little library in Sycamore.

President Young asked what kind of material it would be built from. Torrance said it would be built from a certified kit. The money is coming from her Girl Scout Troop and her own fundraising, books will be from donation, and the libraries will be serviced by her. Commissioner Krmeneč asked if the libraries would be shorter for the kids and Torrance confirmed the post would be shorter. She also stated she would pass the project along to another member in the troop after she graduates this year to preserve the longevity.

c. Discussion of Kishwaukee Special Recreation Needs Assessment

Dawn Schaffer, Executive Director of KSRA, stated that KSRA is working on an assessment to try to increase their marketing efforts and reach more people with their services. Dawn asked the Board members to fill out a strategic plan survey and provide their input on what is needed from their view from KSRA. This year, they had 68 kids at Camp Mapleleaf from 5 districts. This is a pretty small number compared to those in schools with IEPS, and they would like to grow their programming.

d. Discussion of Administrative Policies on Alcohol and Drug Use

With the new laws coming into effect January 1, we will need to change our policy. First, there will be no pre-employment testing. The big difference is that we will now turn to a series of reasonable suspicion tests. In the coming months, there will be a lot of training for managers and supervisors. If anyone is accused, there must be an opportunity for them to contest it.

Commissioner Krmeneč had some questions on wording within the new policy and the fact that after tested, an employee can return to work.

President Young wanted to know how this ties into our collective bargaining with the union— does this have to go through the union. Director Doll stated that the personnel policies would apply.

e. Action to Establish a Golf Committee

Commissioner Krmeneč made a motion to establish a golf committee, seconded by Commissioner Eaton.

President Young mentioned that with the formation of the new committee, all meetings must be open to the public, follow the OMA guidelines, agendas will need to be posted, and all members will need to take the OMA training. The primary task should be an assessment for operating golf for next year. President Young would also like the committee to report back to the board by December

19th with a direction of what to do next, suggestions, options, hiring of staff or contractual work. The size of the committee can be determined by the chair and vice-chair and the first meeting should be next week.

Motion carried by roll call vote. Aye: Eaton, Grada, Krmeneč, Young. Nay: None. Absent: Holliday. (4-0-1)

President Young appointed Commissioner Grada and Chair and Commissioner Krmeneč as Co-Chair.

VI. Adjourn Public Meeting

Commissioner Eaton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Grada. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.