

Minutes of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners

Regular meeting held on December 19, 2017

1. In attendance were Commissioner Yartzak, Jungen, Collin, Schwartz, Stewart, Executive Director Carey, Secretary Witt, Superintendents Schneider and Fisher, Merry Blake, Douglas and Kathy Wilken, Linda Truckenmiller-Krum, Scott Helms.
2. The meeting was called to order by President Collin at 6:30 P.M.
3. Scott Helm spoke about the Sportsplex, Kathy Wilken thanked the board for the work being done at the auditorium.
4. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and second by Commissioner Stewart to approve the board meeting minutes of December 5, 2017. Motion passed.
5. On a motion by Commissioner Jungen and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve and remain confidential the executive session minutes of December 5, 2017. Motion passed.
6. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the December 2017 bill list in the amount of \$174,406.67. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: Jungen, Aye: Collin.
7. On a motion by Commissioner Jungen and second by Commissioner Schwartz to receive and place on file the staff reports. Motion passed.
8. Executive Director Carey updated the board on the auditorium, bat proofing, concrete work and Fehr Graham started the inspection today.
9. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Jungen to approve the creation of a Public Relations Specialist position for the District at a starting salary of \$34,000 plus benefits and authorize staff to solicit applications to fill the position. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Jungen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Collin.
10. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yartzak to approve the arrangements outlined in the WIPFLI audit engagement letter for the 2017-2018 fiscal year audit at the noted cost of \$20,000 and authorize staff to finalize the arrangement. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: Jungen, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Collin.
11. Executive Director Carey informed the board that the tax levy will only generate \$10,200, with the cap of .05 cents, and the difference in funds will come out of the corporate fund.
12. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and second by Commissioner Yartzak that the board reaffirms that the Freeport Park District is, through the sexual harassment policy adopted on October 4, 2016 and incorporated into the District's Personnel Policy Manual, is committed to providing a workplace free from all forms of discrimination, including sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is prohibited by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Illinois Human Rights Act. Any employee's behavior that fits the definition of sexual harassment is a form of misconduct which may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Motion passed.
13. Review and discussion of a joint effort by Freeport taxing bodies to defend multiple appeals of property assessments. No action taken.
14. President Collin asked for a motion to go into closed session at 7:07 P.M. for the purpose of the board discussing the purchase and lease of real estate, pursuant to Sections 2(c)(5) and for the purpose of semi-annual review of closed session minutes pursuant to Section 2(c)(21) of Chapter 5 ILCS 120 of the Illinois Open meetings Act. Commissioner Stewart so moved and Commissioner Yartzak seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye; Yartzak, Aye: Jungen, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Collin.

15. On a motion by Commissioner Collin and second by Commissioner Yarzak to leave closed session at 7:33 P.M. and reconvene into regular session. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Collin, Aye: Yarzak, Aye Schwartz, Aye: Stewart, Aye: Jungen.
16. The board met in closed session for the purpose of discussing the possible purchase or lease of real estate pursuant to Sections 2(c)(5) and for the purpose of conduction the semi-annual review of closed session minutes pursuant to Section 2(c)(21) of Chapter 5 ILCS 120 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
17. On a motion by Commissioner Collin and second by Commissioner Schwartz to release the closed session meeting minutes of January 3, 2017 and March 21, 2017. Motion passed.
18. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and second by Commissioner Yarzak to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 P.M. Motion passed.

Ken Collin, President
Approved

Vickie Witt, Secretary