

**Foss Park District
Committee Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER Commissioner Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Commissioner Jimmy Baldwin, Commissioner Johnny Johnson, Commissioner Kenneth Robinson and Commissioner Bernard Semasko.

Board members absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. City of North Chicago – abatement: City of North Chicago representatives presented the proposed abatement and answered questions from Commissioners. City of North Chicago Director of Economic Development presented that the abatement would provide tax money, gradually increasing over time, as opposed to the TIF that offers no tax money for each entity until the TIF is terminated.

Commissioner Baldwin asked if the School District accepted the proposal. City of North Chicago Director of Economic Development stated that they have been in various meetings and have been told they are in favor of the proposal.

Commissioner Robinson clarified the percentages over the years until 2036 and asked for some of difficulties with the School District. City of North Chicago Director of Economic Development stated the School District was working to understand all the details.

Scott Puma, attorney, stated the changes that were requested by Foss Park District were fulfilled and the document is legally in good form.

2. City of North Chicago – water tower: City of North Chicago Director of Public Works presented possible layout and construction of new water tower on Foss Park District Property and answered questions from Commissioners. City of North Chicago Director of Public Works stated this is preliminary and that both entities should reach a common ground on the project and the project could begin as early as next year.

Commissioner Semasko stated potential items of discussion are running a water line from the tower to the golf course pond, possibly building of sled hill and reduced water rates for the Foss Park District. Commissioner Baldwin asked for clarification that Hamlet Park will still be open during the construction. City of North Chicago Director of Public Works stated it would and the possible completion date is July 2019 if everything runs smoothly and everything necessary gets completed.

3. Green Golf Partners

COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS

1. *Business Office*

- a. Director report
- b. Business Manager report

2. *Parks*

- a. Superintendent of Grounds report

3. *Golf*

- a. Manager/Golf Pro report

4. *Recreation*

- a. Recreation Supervisor report

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Baldwin motions to adjourn the Committee Meeting. Second by Commissioner Semasko.

Aye: Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Semasko.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES at 6:57 pm

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary

**Foss Park District
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Board members present: Commissioner Jimmy Baldwin, Commissioner Johnny Johnson, Commissioner Kenneth Robinson and Commissioner Bernard Semasko.

Board members absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: waived as recited in Committee Meeting.

1. MINUTES: Commissioner Baldwin motions to approve Committee & Regular Meeting, Executive Session (01/17/2018) and Special Meeting (01/30/2018) minutes as presented. Second by Commissioner Robinson.

Aye: Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Semasko.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

2. BILLS: Commissioner Semasko motions to approve monthly bills: invoices paid (01/13/2018-02/16/2018): \$18,852.03, invoices due \$39,482.22, invoices to be paid by credit card at approximate \$2,109.50 and first of the month bills (March) – approximate: \$14,225.00 as presented. Second by Commissioner Baldwin.

Aye: Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Semasko.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

3. PAYROLL: Commissioner Baldwin motions to approve monthly payroll of \$71,278.68 as presented. Second by Commissioner Robinson.

Aye: Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Semasko.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

4. PETTY CASH REPORTS: Commissioner Robinson motions to approve all petty cash funds: \$101.35 (Business Office) and \$0.00 (Golf Course) as presented. Second by Commissioner Baldwin.

Aye: Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Semasko.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

5. FINANCE REPORTS: Commissioner Robinson motions to approve finance reports as presented in the Board Packet. Second by Commissioner Baldwin.

Aye: Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Semasko.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

6. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

FINANCE: COMMISSIONER ROBINSON stated a meeting was held with Green Golf Partners as consultants and recommends golf course operations assessment.

Ms. Cowart reported on: IAPD Legislative Conference/Parks Day at Capitol – April 23 – 25, staff evaluations are nearly complete, sand management group is waiting on response in regards to sand from US Army Corp of Engineers and a new pilot program is being applied for to transport the material, the teen party request is on the agenda as well as the revised Commissioner involvement policy.

Mr. Skof reported on the budget time line, the economic interest forms and tax abatement must be completed by March 15.

GOLF: COMMISSIONER SEMASKO

Mr. Monroe stated staff is working toward April 1 opening day, golf carts should be delivered in the middle of March, four golf outings have been scheduled and the golf shows are complete.

PARKS: COMMISSIONER SEMASKO

RECREATION: COMMISSIONER BALDWIN

Ms. Cowart stated flyers of programs are included in the Board packet. Commissioner Baldwin stated the evening basketball program should not go on as it could lead to problems.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Approval: City of North Chicago Sheridan Crossings – tax abatement. Commissioner Semasko motions to approve the City of North Chicago Sheridan Crossings tax abatement proposal as presented. Second by Commissioner Robinson.

Commissioner Semasko asked attorney if he agrees with the proposal and Mr. Puma stated the language in the agreement is in good legal form. Commissioner Robinson stated the agreement will get tax money to the District as to not receiving any funds with the TIF. Commissioner Baldwin would like to table the item to see what the School District does and feels like everyone is asking for things from the District and gives nothing in return. Mr. Puma clarified the abatement will get the taxes back to the District.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Semasko.

Nay: Commissioner Baldwin.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

Approval: 701 14th Street renovation bid – Commissioner Robinson motions keep item tabled. Second by Commissioner Semasko.

Aye: Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Semasko.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

Commissioner Robinson motions to move to Executive Session to discuss: appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s) 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and appointment/removal for a Public Office 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3). Second by Commissioner Baldwin.

Aye: Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Semasko.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES at 7:28 pm

Commissioner Baldwin motions to move to Regular Meeting from Executive Session. Second by Commissioner Robinson.

Aye: Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Semasko.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES at 7:54 pm

8. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval: Teen party – May 26, 2018 (5:00 – 10:00 pm) for T. Friar

Commissioner Robinson motions to approve Teen party – May 26, 2018 (5:00 – 10:00 pm) for T. Friar. Second by Commissioner Semasko.

Commissioner Semasko stated it should end at 9:00 pm – discussion on weekend curfew.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Semasko.

Nay: Commissioner Baldwin.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

2. Approval: Appointment of selected candidate to fill vacancy to be sworn in at the Regular Meeting, March 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Commissioner Robinson motions to approve Anthony Coleman, selected candidate to fill vacancy to be sworn in at the Regular Meeting, March 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Second by Commissioner Semasko.

Aye: Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Semasko.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

3. Approval: Revised Commissioner Involvement in Activities/Programs and Facilities policy

Commissioner Baldwin motions to approve revised Commissioner Involvement in Activities/Programs and Facilities policy as presented. Second by Commissioner Robinson.

Commissioner Semasko stated the letter from Lake County State's Attorney is an opinion and not the law.

Aye: Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Robinson.

Nay: Commissioner Semasko.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

9. CITIZEN COMMENTS: Gerald Coleman – Mr. Coleman agrees with Commissioner Semasko and if it is not a law, the policy of the golf course usage by past commissioners does not need to be changed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Johnson stands the meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm with no objections.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Cowart, Board Secretary