

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
May 12, 2011

The Board of Park Commissioners held a special meeting on May 12, 2011 in the Park District Administrative Office. President Beattie called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Commissioners Jeske, Schwartz, O'Brien, and DeForest were present.

At the April Board meeting, Director Neu stated that he would be resigning as Director effective June 30, 2011. Commissioner O'Brien noted that the Board did not accept his resignation at the meeting. Commissioner O'Brien moved to accept Director Neu's resignation effective June 30, 2011. Commissioner DeForest seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Jeske, Schwartz, O'Brien, DeForest and President Beattie. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner DeForest moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Schwartz seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Jeske, Schwartz, O'Brien, DeForest and President Beattie. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Discussion was held among the Board member on the process they would use to hire a new Director.

The Board discussed hiring the new Director as an employee of the District or on a contract basis. Commissioner O'Brien moved that the new Director of Parks and Recreation be hired as an employee of the District as the position is currently structured. Commissioner DeForest seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Jeske, Schwartz, O'Brien, DeForest and President Beattie. The nays being none, the motion carried.

The Board discussed whether to hire the Director internally or to advertise the position and conduct a public search. Commissioner Jeske moved that the Board advertise the position and conduct a public search. Commissioner DeForest seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Jeske, Schwartz, O'Brien, DeForest and President Beattie. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Discussion was held on requesting proposals to hire a search firm or to conduct the process by the Board alone. The Board will have staff conduct research on what services search firms could provide and develop a request for proposals to hire a search firm. Once price quotes are received, a final decision will be made.

Commissioner Schwartz moved that Director Neu resign effective May 12, 2011 and be paid out for his time through June 30, 2011. He also moved to name Assistant Director Bina as Interim Director, effective May 12<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Schwartz and O'Brien. Nays: Commissioners Jeske, DeForest and President Beattie. The motion failed.

Commissioner O'Brien moved to name Assistant Director Bina as Interim Director of Parks and Recreation effective June 30, 2011. Commissioner DeForest seconded the motion and the voting

went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Jeske, Schwartz, O'Brien, DeForest and President Beattie. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner O'Brien moved to name Julie Fornshell, Administrative Specialist, as Clerk of the Park District, effective immediately. Commissioner DeForest seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Jeske, Schwartz, O'Brien, DeForest and President Beattie. The nays being none, the motion carried.

The next regular Board meeting will be held May 19, 2011 at 5:15 pm at the Tom Baker meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.