

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CARY PARK DISTRICT, CARY, ILLINOIS, HELD AT COMMUNITY CENTER,
255 BRIARGATE RD, CARY, IL, ON
DECEMBER 19, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Frangiamore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following Commissioners answered present: Mr. Stanko, Mrs. Victor, Mrs. Carasso, Mr. Renner, Mr. Frangiamore.

Staff

Staff present: Dan Jones, Executive Director

Guests

Al Tuman
Laura Tuman
Jenay Diorio

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

V. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Stanko shared he attended the Preschool Holiday Programs and was very impressed by the staff and Preschool Director Herbster. Stanko stated he wished to clarify a park classification item on “natural areas” from the Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting on December 12, 2024. Stanko distributed a document from the Comprehensive Master Plan Update 2016 (CMP Update 2016) that was provided to the Board previously. Stanko noted that ED Jones had shared this document with the Board via email in November. Stanko highlighted that the document shows “natural areas” as a listed park classification. Frangiamore commented that the document states that “natural areas” are included in the “special use” classification.

Stanko stated he would be making a motion to add an item to a future agenda.

Stanko moved to add the renaming of Community Center Park to the February Committee of the Whole meeting agenda. Second by Victor.

Carasso highlighted Policy 1-005, which states if a Commissioner wants to add an item to an agenda it should be done in writing. Stanko stated that Roberts Rules of Order (RRO) says he can make the motion and commented that another Commissioner had made a motion like this in the past. Roll call vote: Yes – Stanko, Victor. No – Carasso, Renner, Frangiamore. Motion failed.

Renner shared that he attended the Winter Dance Recital and complimented on how well the show was put together. Renner also shared he attended the Merry Cary Parade and the Staff/Commissioner Holiday Party, which were both nice events. Frangiamore stated he attended the Dance Recital as well and thought the layout and the program were very well done.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

President Frangiamore asked if any items were to be removed from the Consent Agenda. No items were requested for removal.

Stanko moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

VI.A:

- 1. Approval – Minutes Regular Board Meeting dated November 21, 2024.***
- 2. Approval – Disbursements in the Amount of \$254,344.45 dated December 19, 2024.***
- 3. Acceptance – Treasurer’s Report dated October 31, 2024.***
- 4. Acceptance – Investment Activity Report dated October 31, 2024.***
- 5. Approval – O-2024-25-08, Levy for Year 2024.***

Second by Victor.

Roll call vote: Yes – Stanko, Carasso, Victor, Renner, Frangiamore. No – None. Motion carried.

VII. BUSINESS ITEMS/CHANGES, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS

VII.A. Any Items Removed From Consent Agenda.

None.

VII.B. Action Items

None.

VII.C. Discussion Items

None.

VII.C.1. –Policy 1-005, Board Meeting Structure.

Jones stated that Carasso had submitted a written request to have this item placed on the agenda and turned the item over to Carasso. Carasso explained the importance of adding more structure to meetings and staying on the agenda topics moving forward. Carasso stated one of the primary focuses of RRO is to stay on topic. Carasso stated everyone needs an opportunity to be prepared to discuss items, rather than having items be brought up where no one is prepared to discuss or provide input or feedback.

Carasso suggested adding time limits on discussion items and adding boundaries on discussion during meetings to the policy.

Renner stated he doesn't disagree with Carasso, and there is need to stay on task. Renner further stated structure needs to be considered carefully as there is a difference between action items and discussion items.

Carasso stated changes to the policy have been made in the past to address specific matters. Carasso highlighted #7 in the policy, which refers to time limits for meetings, how long a meeting may go and if it needs to go longer how a Board should determine this.

Stanko referred to page 483 of RRO and highlighted a sentence that states "motions to close or limit debate are not allowed in Committees". Stanko emphasized that people need to make the effort to understand the basics of RRO.

Victor stated she agrees with adding more structure to meetings and the importance of staying on topic. Victor added that all members should be respectful when another Commissioner has the floor to speak.

Frangiamore stated the Board's role is to look at things on behalf of residents, be respectful of other's time and thoughts, and be passionate and respectful of others in meetings and out. Frangiamore added RRO is logical, but the section referenced by Stanko likely has caveats for different types of Committees and meetings. Frangiamore stated discussion is good, but it should be limited to the discussion item. Frangiamore further stated if someone wants something discussed, it should be on the agenda so that all members may prepare properly.

Frangiamore reminded the Board that the Park District is about to embark on the Comprehensive Master Plan update, which will require extra time and it is important to be effective with the process. Frangiamore stated that the Board should direct ED Jones to develop and create more structure and order for meetings to update the policy.

Carasso reiterated the need for time limits on discussion items; a set time limit on total discussion and time limits on individual speaking as well as a means for extension of time frame for discussion if the Board determines it is needed. Renner stated he agrees with the need for time limits and stated there is a need to separate action items and discussion items.

Stanko stated Committee Meetings are different than regular Board Meetings. Stanko stated he believed the Board is confused as to the difference between a Committee Meeting and regular Board Meeting.

Victor agreed that an item should not be rediscussed at a regular Board Meeting. Victor stated the Board must be careful with time limits being established. Victor suggested looking at policies from other agencies.

Frangiamore stated many agencies use RRO, but in an amended form specific to their own use.

Renner suggested adding best practices for Committee of the Whole (COW) meetings, as well as time limits, which could be added to #8 of the current policy.

Stanko suggested the Board follows RRO, and that there are specific sections within it for use by small boards. Stanko stated he has concerns about the obligation and responsibility of members to come to

meetings without a decision made prior to hearing and considering other points of view. Stanko stated the premise is that everyone has the opportunity to be heard. Stanko stated the Board cannot make meeting structure for people not to be heard. Stanko reiterated that a Committee Meeting is different than a regular Board Meeting.

Frangiamore disagreed with Stanko's point and stated discussion should be tailored to the item being discussed. Frangiamore agreed if it is related to the topic, it is okay, but if it's not, it's not effective.

The Board direction to ED Jones was to bring forward to a future COW meeting, recommended modifications and changes to policy based on the discussion of the Board during the meeting.

VIII. Executive Director Report

None.

Frangiamore asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Stanko. Second by Renner.

Voice vote: Yes – 5. No – None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49PM.



Daniel C. Jones, Secretary
Park District Board of Commissioners