

FRANKFORT SQUARE PARK DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
April 18, 2024

The following are Minutes of a meeting of the Frankfort Square Park District Board of Commissioners held at the Park District Administration Building, 7540 W. Braemar Lane, Frankfort, Illinois.

I. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present were: Phil Cherry, Frank Florentine, Ryan Holley, and Dave Macek, and Denis Moore.

Craig Maksymiak joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m., *see Sect IV., below.*

Also present were: Audrey Marcquenski, Executive Director/Secretary, John Keenan, Superintendent of Recreation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Vice President, Dave Macek, asked all to remain standing for a moment of silence for former Park Board President, Ken Blackburn in honor of his service to the community and 39 years of dedicated Park Board service.

IV. Consideration to allow an Off-Site Board Member to Participate Remotely

Denis Moore made Motion 21-1911 to allow Treasurer, Craig Maksymiak, to participate in this meeting remotely. Frank Florentine seconded.

Vote on Motion Ayes: Phil Cherry, Frank Florentine, Ryan Holley, Denis Moore, and Dave Macek. Abstained: None. Nays: None. Motion passed.

V. Public Input

No members of the public were present.

VI. Correspondence

Ms. Marcquenski presented the following correspondence for Board review.

A. Appreciation

Thank you note received from Lizzy Moloney, expressing appreciation for the Park District's donation of a Square Links round of golf with power carts as a raffle prize in support of the Kick 4 A Cure Breast Cancer Awareness fundraising event on April 4, 2024.

VII. Presentation of March 21, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes and March 21, 2024 Executive Session Minutes.

Frank Florentine made Motion 24-1912 to accept the March 21, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes, as presented. Phil Cherry seconded.

Vote on Motion Ayes: Phil Cherry, Frank Florentine, Ryan Holley, Craig Maksymiak, Denis Moore, and Dave Macek. Abstained: None. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Audrey Marcquenski distributed written copies of the March 21, 2024 Executive Session Minutes to each Board Member and requested review and approval of same.

Ryan Holley made Motion 24-1913 to accept the March 21, 2024 Executive Session Minutes, as presented. Denis Moore seconded.

Vote on Motion Ayes: Phil Cherry, Frank Florentine, Ryan Holley, Craig Maksymiak, Denis Moore, and Dave Macek. Abstained: None. Nays: None. Motion passed.

VIII. Legal Report

No report.

IX. Treasurer's Report

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Vice-President, Dave Macek, accepted the March Treasurer's Report, pending audit.

Denis Moore made Motion 24-1914 to accept the Accounts Payable Listing. Phil Cherry seconded.

Vote on Motion Ayes: Phil Cherry, Frank Florentine, Ryan Holley, Craig Maksymiak, Denis Moore, and Dave Macek. Abstained: None. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Audrey Marcquenski presented the 2024/2025 Operating Budget, a copy of which was provided to each Board Member in advance of said meeting and requested consideration of same.

Frank Florentine made Motion 24-1915 authorizing the adoption of the 2024/2025 Operating Budget as presented. Ryan Holley seconded.

Vote on Motion Ayes: Phil Cherry, Frank Florentine, Ryan Holley, Craig Maksymiak, Denis Moore, and Dave Macek. Abstained: None. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Audrey Marcquenski presented the 2024/2025 Project List a copy of which was provided to each Board Member in advance of said meeting and requested consideration of same.

Frank Florentine made Motion 24-1916 to authorize the 2024/2025 Project List as presented. Ryan Holley seconded.

Commissioner, Denis Moore, requested clarification on the estimated cost of \$15,216.00 for the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-350 4x4 Truck. Ms. Marcquenski stated that the amount listed reflects the one-year financing cost.

Vote on Motion Ayes: Phil Cherry, Frank Florentine, Ryan Holley, Craig Maksymiak, Denis Moore, and Dave Macek. Abstained: None. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Audrey Marcquenski requested consideration to authorize the Executive Director to transfer funds from Corporate to balance certain other funds at the end of the fiscal year.

Denis Moore made Motion 24-1917 to authorize the Executive Director to transfer funds from Corporate to balance certain other funds at the end of the fiscal year, as requested. Ryan Holley seconded.

Vote on Motion Ayes: Phil Cherry, Frank Florentine, Ryan Holley, Craig Maksymiak, Denis Moore, and Dave Macek. Abstained: None. Nays: None. Motion passed.

X. Executive Director's Report

At the March 21, 2024 meeting of the Park Board, Dave Macek announced that he would be resigning from the Park Board, effective following the April 18, 2024 Board Meeting, (*ref. March 21, 2024 Board Meeting minutes, Sect. XII., New Business*).

Audrey Marcquenski summarized Mr. Macek's involvement with the Park District, noting his attendance at a Truth in Taxation Public Hearing as a concerned FSPD resident that wished to learn more about the Park District's Tax Levy process, which then led to his candidacy and election to the Park Board where he served as a Commissioner for 19 consecutive years.

Prior to Park Board service, Mr. Macek was involved in the Frankfort Square Baseball League, and in an effort to work through scheduling conflicts with spring calendars, he met with Ms. Marcquenski, then Superintendent of Recreation, to better organize events to resolve the conflicts.

Mr. Macek also served as a volunteer coach and was a Park District recreation department employee, teaching the Little Bulls basketball program on Saturday mornings.

The Macek family also worked and supported the Park District for many years, always ready, willing, and able to help when and where needed.

On behalf of the Park Board and staff of the FSPD, Ms. Marcquenski thanked Dave Macek for all he has done for the Park District and Frankfort Square community.

Ms. Marcquenski presented an honorary resolution to Mr. Macek, recognized his distinguished service to the Frankfort Square Park District Board of Commissioners, a copy of which is attached and made part of these minutes.

Mr. Macek noted that he enjoyed his time of service on the Park Board, commending the hard work and dedication of Jim Randall as former Executive Director, Audrey Marcquenski as current Executive Director, and the entire FSPD team.

Ms. Marcquenski noted there was more to celebrate, as this meeting nearly marked the 50th Anniversary of the first meeting of the Frankfort Square Park Board of Commissioners that occurred on April 22, 1974.

This was made possible through a successful referendum question on an April 13, 1974 election ballot with 87% of residents voting in favor of establishing the Frankfort Square Park District and selecting five Board Members that included Bob Garrett, Russ Lundquist, Robert Maloney, Bob Denton, and David Martin.

During the March 21, 2024 Board Meeting, the Commissioners discussed naming Community Park pond in honor of Ken Blackburn, former Park Board President. Ms. Marcquenski provided a rendering of a sign that would be added to the Community Park sign that faces St. Francis Road. In addition, the existing interpretive sign that details Mr. Blackburn's service to the FSPD and community would be updated with the pond dedication information. There was a consensus by the Board to move forward with the sign, as presented.

Ms. Marcquenski thanked the 2024 College Scholarship judging committee for their efforts with this year's applications, noting that thanks to our generous donors, the Park District is able to award \$1,000 checks to eight deserving students in what was a very competitive group of applicants. Frank Florentine and Phil Cherry will represent the Park District at Lincoln-Way East's Community Scholarship Night where the checks will be distributed to the students.

Ms. Marcquenski and Ed Reidy, Superintendent of Parks had a good meeting with Frank Bradley, Crana Homes Developer, to discuss the new townhome development at 191st Street and 80th Avenue in Tinley Park. The tot lot that is planned for this development was originally drafted in 2021 and will be updated and the Park District will work on necessary changes with its playground equipment vendor, Cunningham Recreation.

Ms. Marcquenski requested an Executive Session at the conclusion of this meeting to enable Board Members to discuss selection of individuals to fill the Board vacancies and potential purchase or lease of property.

XI. Department Reports

In lieu of providing individual department reports, Ms. Marcquenski stated that she would answer any questions Board Members may have regarding the information that was included in her monthly report. As none were posed, those that may wish additional details may find them on the April Executive Director's Report that is linked to the April agenda on the Park District's website at www.fspd.org.

A. Maintenance

Sufficient information was included in the April Executive Director's Report.

B. Recreation

Sufficient information was included in the April Executive Director's Report.

C. Information Technology

Sufficient information was included in the April Executive Director's Report.

D. Special Recreation

Sufficient information was included in the April Executive Director's Report.

E. Finance and Planning

No report.

F. Golf Course

Sufficient information was included in the April Executive Director's Report.

G. Office

Sufficient information was included in the April Executive Director's Report.

H. Risk Management

Sufficient information was included in the April Executive Director's Report.

I. Community Updates

No report.

J. FOIA

No FOIA requests for information were received over the past month.

XII. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

XIII. New Business

No new business was discussed.

Commissioners Comments

Denis Moore noted that the summer brochure, currently available on the website, was very well done. Audrey commended John Keenan for managing the production of the brochure, along with Jackie Keenan, the District's Projects Manager, who worked on the photos and summary of the Park District's first five parks.

Mr. Moore also thanked Dave Macek for all he has done over the years.

Commissioner, Phil Cherry, wished to sum up Mr. Macek's accomplishments that are listed on the honorary resolution, by thanking him for making a difference in the lives of the residents through his community and Park Board service, further noting he will always be remembered.

Commissioner, Frank Florentine, thanked Mr. Macek for his leadership and mentorship.

Commissioner, Ryan Holley, thanked Mr. Macek for encouraging him to consider running for the Park Board of Commissioners, stating that he hopes to fill his shoes one day.

Treasurer, Craig Maksymiak, thanked Mr. Macek for “blazing the trail” that to some extent Craig followed along and noted he appreciates all he has done for the community.

XIV. Executive Session

Frank Florentine made Motion 24-1918 to enter into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. Denis Moore seconded. Motion carried in a vote by voice.

The Park Board entered into Executive Session to deliberate over Letters of Interest that were submitted by FSPD residents that wish to be considered for the vacant Park Board positions.

The Park Board also discussed purchase or lease of property in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6).

Ryan Holley made Motion 24-1919 to go out of Executive Session and enter into Open Session at 8:38 p.m. Frank Florentine seconded. Motion carried in a vote by voice.

XV. Return to Open Session

Frank Florentine made Motion 24-1920 to appoint Lauren Breedlove and Joseph King to fill the open Park Board positions. Phil Cherry seconded.

Vote on Motion Ayes: Phil Cherry, Frank Florentine, Ryan Holley, Craig Maksymiak, Denis Moore, and Dave Macek. Abstained: None. Nays: None. Motion passed.

XVI. Adjournment

Denis Moore made Motion 24-1921 to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Frank Florentine seconded. Motion carried in a vote by voice.

Respectfully submitted:
Linda Mitchell



RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DAVID J. MACEK FOR
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE FRANKFORT SQUARE PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Whereas, Dave Macek was initially elected to the Frankfort Square Park District Board of Commissioners on April 4, 2005, and began his volunteer service as a Park Board Member after taking the Oath of Office on April 27, 2005; and

Whereas, Dave Macek was reelected to the Park Board at four consecutive Consolidated Elections held in 2009, 2013, 2017, and 2021; and

Whereas, Dave Macek approved successful grant applications, securing \$2,764,430 that enabled improvements and park redevelopment throughout the community; and

Whereas, Dave Macek approved a successful referendum ballot measure that provided \$1.4 million for park and recreation improvements; and

Whereas, Dave Macek was instrumental in founding the Frankfort Square Park District College Scholarship Program in 2006, awarding \$153,000 to 153 high school graduates seeking higher education; and

Whereas, Dave Macek was instrumental in the Frankfort Square Park District being nationally recognized by the NRPA as a Gold Medal finalist four times and as the recipient of the prestigious Grand Plaque Award winner two times during his tenure.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Frankfort Square Park District, Will County, Illinois, that we hereby commend Dave Macek for 19 years of service, contributing time and talents for the benefit of his community and Park District.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2024.

By: _____
Denis Moore, Commissioner
Park Board of Commissioners

ATTEST

Audrey Marcquenski, Secretary
Park Board of Commissioners

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