

**FLAGG-ROCHELLE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
December 17, 2018 6:30 PM
Rochelle City Hall**

Call to Order:

- A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District, was held at Rochelle City Hall, 420 North Sixth Street, Rochelle, Illinois on December 17, 2018. The meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. President Tim Hayden, presiding.

Roll Call:

Commissioners Present

Marshall Norcross
John Dobbs
Tim Hayden
Dale Wells
Michael Brooks
Brent Carmichael
Joe Lenkaitis

Commissioners Absent

Staff Present: Jackee Ohlinger, Executive Director; Don Elliott, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities; Maureen Stevens, Office/Program Manager

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- Commissioner Carmichael moved to approve the consent agenda dated December 17, 2018, as presented. Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion; the motion carried 7-0 by roll call.

Public Hearing:

- Commissioner Norcross moved to adjourn to Public Hearing to receive comments on the proposal to sell General Obligation Park Bonds in the amount of \$860,000 for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.
- After roll call, Commissioner Hayden asked for public comment or questions. There being non, Commissioner Dobbs moved to adjourn from public hearing. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously by roll call.

- Commissioner Norcross moved to reconvene the regular session. Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Items from the Public:

- Christa Seebach presented the board with 116 signatures of residents requesting the board send the Community Center question to referendum.
- Jerry Seebach thanked the board members for their service and expressed his desire for a referendum on the Community Center topic.
- Richard Overby stated that the board had already been elected to make decisions and should move forward with the project without outside opinions. He stated the community center was long overdue.
- John Kaminski presented the board with an additional 39 signatures calling for referendum for the community center. He mentioned that it's common for boards to get "tunnel" vision and not take into account factors that would affect the whole community. He stated that taxes were already too high.
- Dale Meyers expressed his desire for the facility but that it needs to be bigger and include a pool in the first phase of the project. He suggested making the field house section smaller to accommodate the pool.
- Henry Bunger of RYBA stated how useful a community center would be. He relies on the schools for gym space and often has young kids practicing until 8:30PM. He also mentioned that the increased property values that would come from the Community Center would make up for the tax increase.
- Jeff White asked the board to send the matter to referendum. He stated that he didn't think memberships would be able to pay for the facility in the long term and that the community needed to be able to vote.

President and/or Director Comments:

- Jackee Ohlinger spoke on the Kids Ground project and invited the community to sign up to volunteer to help. She also mentioned the OSLAD grant and hopes to hear more about the next steps for Spring Lake after the 1st of the year.

Old Business:

- **Community Center Discussion**

- Jackee Ohlinger presented updated findings on the Community Center. She discussed budgets that had been put together based off of current budgets as well as input from other facility in the local area. Noah Carmichael of Fehr-Graham presented on the civil engineering of the building that had been designed so far. Ohlinger talked on the layout and features of the building – turf, hard surface, drop curtains for separation, multi-purpose rooms, fitness center with 24-hour access, etc.
- Ringland Johnson was present (Scott Mutton, Zach Enderle, and Greg Kladar) to speak on the design elements both on the interior and exterior.
- Tom Chapman then spoke on the financing options – either general obligation bonds or alternate bonds. Both allow for public input prior to approval. Both options are very similar in end result and the amount of funds that would be available. The board discussed and opted not to vote at this meeting and will hold a special meeting prior to January 14th, 2019.

New Business:

- **Discuss/Approve the recurring Municipal Advisor Agreement with Tom Chapman in the amount of \$7,500.00**

Tom Chapman has been with the District for 9 years and has been immensely helpful with our budget appropriations and bond issuances. Commissioner Norcross moved to approve the Municipal Advisor Agreement with Tom Chapman, as presented. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion; the motion carried 7-0

- **Property Tax Rebate Program Presentation**

Michelle Pease from the City of Rochelle was present to share information about the rebate program that the City has passed for individuals who build newly constructed single-family homes in Rochelle.

- **Discuss/Approve Audit Services Bids**

A request for bids for auditing services for years 2019-2021 was issued on October 1, 2018. A notice in the Rochelle News-Leader was published and bid packets were mailed to several auditing firms. It is good practice for the Park District to bid out these services from time to time. The low bid was from Knutte & Associates from Darien, IL in the 3-year amount of \$26,250. Commissioner Brooks suggested that the next time this service is bid out, Knutte should not be selected as to keep a rotation of auditors open. Commissioner Dobbs moved to approve the 3-year bid of \$26,250 to Knutte and Associates for Auditing Services. Commissioner Norcross seconded the motion; the motion carried 7-0.

Items from the Public:


- John Kaminski spoke again and asked the board not to approve any type of tax rebate program as suggested by the City.
- Dale Meyers also spoke again mentioning that an indoor pool could bring in revenue through swim meets.
- Marianne Swanson agreed and stated that an indoor facility doesn't have the large start up and closing costs that an outdoor facility has – that a year-round pool isn't open for such a short period of time. She mentioned that, as the swim team coach, she had 114 kids on the team with a waitlist and was sure aquatic classes would be able to make money for the facility.

Executive Session:

- Commissioner Norcross moved to adjourn to executive session. Commissioner Carmichael seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- Commissioner moved to adjourn from executive session. Commissioner seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- Commissioner moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Commissioner seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Adjourn:

- There being no further business to conduct; Commissioner Dobbs moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wells seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.



Dale Wells, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District



Tim Hayden, President
Board of Commissioners
Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District

January 7, 2019
Date Approved