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**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1015
March 28, 2017**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on March 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioners Kaplan, Kilbridge, McGinn, Mohan, Bickham

Absent: Commissioners R. Evans, Kinnane

Also Present: Executive Director Bostrom, Deputy Director/A&F Director Talsma, Rec/Facilities Director Kies

Audience: Asst. IT Lonergan & friend, IT Manager Agudelo, Jodi Frailey, Compliance Monitor for Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting; 50+ Program Manager Cuff, Superintendent of Recreation Palmer, Mr. K. Evans

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

• Awards & Recognitions:

President Bickham awarded the PT Employee of the 1st Quarter to Assistant IT Lonergan for his terrific support to the IT Department.

President Bickham awarded 50+ Program Manager Cuff the FT Employee of the 1st Quarter for her work with the 50+ program noting the tremendous growth of the program since she took on the position.

4. Minutes:

Commissioner Kilbridge made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mohan to approve the minutes of the Special Board 2/21/17 and the Regular Board 2/28/17 meetings as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

5. Comments from the Audience:

Jodi Frailey, Compliance Monitor for Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting addressed the board with regard to concerns she had about Innovation Landscape that was on the agenda to be awarded the bid for playground installation.

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kilbridge to move item B of the Consent Agenda Playground Installation Victoria, Colony and SFAC/M17-027 to item A of New Business for further discussion prior to the vote. The motion carried by voice vote.

6. Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kilbridge to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

On a Roll Call: Carried 5-0-2
Ayes: 5 Kaplan, Kilbridge, McGinn, Mohan, Bickham
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 R. Evans, Kinnane

- A. Asphalt Patching and Pathway Renovation Work / M17-026
- B. Greens Mower Purchase / M17-029
- C. Bond Abatement Ordinance O17-002 / M17-035
- D. Open and Paid Invoice Register
- E. Revenue and Expenditure Report
- F. Acceptance B&G Minutes 2/7/2017
- G. Acceptance Rec Minutes 2/14/2017
- H. Acceptance A&F Minutes 2/21/2017

7. President's Report:

President Bickham reviewed the information on the Power Play Grant that was awarded to the park district and would be used to implement health and fitness programming in the STAR program.

He also noted that the district had attended the March 4 IAPD Legislative Breakfast and found more candor with the legislators than in the past.

He noted that the district had also attended the TIF meeting on March 21 with regard to the proposed Plum Farms development and that the district had voted for the TIFF. He also explained that there should be a public hearing within the next few weeks.

Finally, he explained that Robert Neel would not be returning as a Comm Rep due to the scheduling conflict with moving the committee meetings to the last two weeks of each month and there would be an opening on the B&G Committee.

8. Adoption of Executive Director's Report:

Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kilbridge to adopt the Executive Director's Report as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

9. Old Business:

None

10. New Business:

A. Playground Installation Victoria, Colony and SFAC / M17-027:

Jodi Frailey distributed information with regard to Innovation Landscapes and Fuertes Systems asking the board to review the information.

Executive Director Bostrom reviewed M17-027 noting that Innovation's references had been checked and the district was aware that Fuertes' staff was employed by Innovation. He also noted that Innovation was the low bidder.

President Bickham noted that Innovation was \$13,000 lower than the next bid.

Commissioner Mohan asked what the complaint was in light of the fact that Innovation was the low bid and appeared to be qualified.

Ms. Frailey explained that Innovation's ties to Fuertes Systems were disconcerting because of the outstanding taxes due by Fuertes, Fuertes law suits for not paying their outside contractors and that Innovation's President was Fuertes' Corporate Secretary as well as Rafael, past owner of Fuertes now employed by Innovation noting that he was listed on their certified payroll.

She went on to say that she had seen that Innovation Landscapes did not secure a playground during construction (an OSHA violation) and was using workers from Fuertes. She also referenced a park that Innovation had begun work on October 27, 2016 that was still not finished to date. She cited damage to playground equipment, broken sewer line, equipment not secure and that the playground manufacturer would not sign off on the structure. She explained that she wanted to bring that information to the attention of the board prior to the vote.

She also explained that the certified payroll forms were provided but that they did not pay that amount and offered to provide additional information. She explained that she was currently investigating and monitoring Innovation Landscapes work and that she worked for the Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting in Cook County.

Commissioner McGinn asked how she was funded and she explained it was through signatory contractors in Union Local 150. She explained that she attended bid openings and followed low bidders through their project. President Bickham asked how she became involved with this project and she explained that she had been contacted by a contractor that attended the bid opening and had spoken with Director Buczkowski after the bid opening. She explained that information on this issue had been sent to Mr. Buczkowski.

Mr. K. Evans asked if Certificates of Insurance were checked for accuracy and it was noted that they were. Commissioner Mohan noted that they had to provide a bid bond and Deputy Director Talsma explained that they also had to provide a Payment and Performance Bond.

Ms. Frailey explained that Fuertes Systems was involuntarily shut down due to their tax lien of \$191,000 as well as 3 law suits (subcontractors that did not get paid including New Toys).

Executive Director Bostrom noted that Innovation was scheduled to begin demolition shortly with playground equipment scheduled to be delivered on the 14th. He explained that he could speak with Director Buczkowski on Wednesday with regard to the situation and that the item could be approved at the April 4th B&G Committee meeting and at a Special Board that same night without impacting the construction schedule. Ms. Frailey offered to email the documentation.

Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kilbridge to table the item to the April B&G meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

11. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Kaplan said it was good to start the golf season.

Commissioner Kilbridge noted that she had enjoyed Fish Fry.

Commissioner Mohan thanked the board and wished them good luck noting that April/May would be his final meeting.

Commissioner McGinn reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday.

12. Adjournment:

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean R. Bostrom
Secretary

Peg Kusmierski
Recording Secretary