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December 17, 2007

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No public was present for the public hearing

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A Public Hearing was held at 5:45 pm pursuant to the Bond Issue Notification Act regarding the
issuing of \$370,000 bonds.
No public was present for the public hearing.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 17, 2007

1.0 Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Washington Park District Board of Commissioners, Tazewell County, Illinois was held on December 17, 2007 at the Washington Park District office located at 105 S. Spruce Street, Washington, Illinois. President Jim Bremner called the meeting to order at 5:50p.m.

Staff present was Doug Damery, Director, Mary Toel; Recreation Manager, Brad Kanaga; Superintendent of Parks and Property, Jackie Hofer ;Administrative Assistant, Lorelei Cox and Matt Moehle arrived at 5:40 p.m.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 20, 2006 (Claus, Underwood; C-Un)

5.0 Petition and Public Comment

- Ken Johnson, 112 Bondurant, Washington, Illinois was interested in receiving an update on Oak Ridge concessions. Director Damery stated he has been working with Milt Heilman and are currently in the process of trying to get a permit which has been very difficult in obtaining. We are still in the waiting process and Director Damery has contacted Mr. Heilman, leaving messages for him to contact us. We would like to proceed as soon as possible. The septic system can still be done this winter and it is very likely we may get that done before spring.

8.0 Old Business

8.2 Discussion of WACC Management Agreement

Commissioner Underwood attended this meeting and reports as follows:

- The first meeting was held 2 weeks ago with the new operations board which has been appointed for the community center. The biggest thing that came out of the meeting was a big push for independent operation for the community center. Many things were discussed and many discussions went back and forth. It was decided there should be a separate committee that should discuss the pros and cons of the park district running the Community Center verses an independent group in charge of operations. Commissioner Underwood stated that Dick Benson, Bob Morris, Commissioner Underwood and Director Damery met at the

City Hall building and discussed that. Currently board members feel that an independent General Manager is the preferred choice.

3.0 Treasurers Report

- A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. (Moehle, Cox; C-Un)

Treasurer Hess pointed out that we have placed \$500,000 in a 3 month CD. The APR is 5.1%. Also, the treasurer's report has a different look to it. The transfers were always shown on the treasurer's report; however, it does not give a true picture of the funds. If the funds are low, Treasurer Hess states she transfers the money so it is shown on the report as income. All the transfers have been taken out of the report to give you a truer picture and the transfers can be seen on the fund balance page of the treasurer's report.

4.0 Claims to be Paid

- A motion was made to approve and pay the claims as presented. (Cox, Moehle C-Un)

4.1. Pay Request #12 for Washington Park Pool

4.2. Pay Request #13 for Washington Park Pool

It has been recommended by Commissioners to table these two pay requests until the Jan board meeting due to a discrepancy in an amount on Pay Request #12.

4.3. Pay Request for WACC

- A motion was made to approve and pay the WACC invoice in the amount of \$80,805.67 (Cox; Claus, C-Un)

5.0 Petition and Public Comment

- Moved up in the agenda

6.0 Committee Reports

- None

7.0 Staff Reports

7.1. Parks and Property- on vacation during time of board meeting. No additions to report.

7.2. Recreation Coordinator- The winter/spring brochure has been sent out and we did meet our date deadline. We are offering a Holiday Camp during Christmas break. We did have to cancel our bus trip to Mama Mia in Chicago, we sold 6 tickets.

7.3. Athletic Supervisor- Little Hoopers League is kicking off with practices beginning the week of the 18th. The Coaches clinic was very successful with Coach Brown showing appropriate drills and skills that he would like to see taught at this age. The Men's Adult basketball league is filling up fast. Special Events coming up are the Bradley Basketball Game along with tickets to the Conklin Dinner Theatre Bus trips.

7.4. Executive Director- The pool has received an outstanding facility award from IPRA for the Washington Park Pool Project.

7.5. Marketing and Special Events Manager – Julie was absent for the board meeting. No additions to her report.

8.0 Old Business

8.1. Action on Ordinance No. 223 2006 Levy Ordinance –

- A motion was made to approve Ordinance No. 223 2006 Levy Ordinance (Claus; Moehle, C-Un)

Director Damery explained that the Levy for FY 2007-2008 was explained at the November board meeting and nothing has changed regarding the Levy. The anticipated tax rate without the tax cap will be approximately .3904 which is approximately the same as this year, but is expected to be less.

9.0 New Business

9.1. Action on IPARKS Liability Insurance Proposal –

- A motion was made to authorize payment of our annual liability insurance premium in the amount not to exceed \$40,000. (Claus; Moehle, C-Un)

Director Damery explained the Proposal was not delivered today. It does need to be paid rather quickly and the cost is close to \$39,000. Director Damery hoped to have a breakdown as to what is due to building growth. That breakdown will be available at the January board meeting.

10.0 Executive Session - in accordance with the open meetings act to discuss the sale, lease or acquisition of property and discussion of personnel.

- A motion was made at approximately 6:58 p.m. to adjourn the meeting and move into executive session.(Cox; Claus, C-Un)
- A motion was made at approximately 8:35 p.m. to adjourn from executive session (Cox; Claus, C-Un)

Following the Executive Session, a motion was made to grant pay increases to employees as recommended by Director Damery.

A motion was made to increase Director Damery's salary 4% for the upcoming year.

11.0 Adjournment

- A motion was made at approximately 8:37 p.m. to adjourn from the regular board meeting (Cox; Claus, C-Un)

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorelei Cox, Secretary
Washington Park District