

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE STREAMWOOD
PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON
AUGUST 1, 2017 AT HOOSIER GROVE BARN,
700 W. IRVING PARK ROAD,
STREAMWOOD, ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Wright called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Present were Commissioners Armstrong, Brogan, Janiec and Yawer, along with staff members Executive Director Dennis Stein, Superintendent of Business & HR Jennifer Hermonson and Superintendent of Recreation Kurt Reckamp.

Finance Manager Sherri Harry arrived at 6:40 p.m.

All those answering "present" were physically present at the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

TOPICS FROM THE FLOOR

Construction Analyst Jodi R. Frailey who works for the Indiana, Illinois and Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting asked to speak in reference to our Park District's recent playground bids. She stated that she had spoke to Joe Brusseau from the Hitchcock Design Group and Superintendent of Business & HR Hermonson on some information regarding Hacienda Landscaping, Inc. She stated that she has personally monitored Hacienda Landscaping, Inc. to make sure they were paying their employees the prevailing wage rates which she feels their workers are not being paid properly. Jodi R. Frailey also stated that the Board of Commissioners at the Skokie and Winnetka Park Districts rejected their bids due to their references, delays, etc. She wanted to let the Board of Commissioners consider these issues before they make their decision tonight.

President Wright asked Superintendent of Business & HR Hermonson if we had any issues before with them and she responded that we did not.

Commissioner Armstrong asked if we thought Hacienda Landscaping, Inc. were honest people which Superintendent of Business & HR Hermonson stated that she can not say whether they are ethical or not but she can say that we never had any issues with them in the past.

Commissioner Yawer asked if there has been any settled or pending lawsuits which Jodi Frailey responded that there are only pending lawsuits. Commissioner Yawer also said that we would specify what is to be done and if they don't follow it we would not have to pay them.

Commissioner Armstrong asked if other Park Districts were suing Hacienda Landscaping, Inc. and Jodi Frailey answered that Vernon Hills and Joliet Park Districts are and she couldn't remember if there are others.

Commissioner Yawer informed the Board that she had spoke with the Park District attorney Robert Bush who didn't see a problem using them as we are not liable if they don't pay their employees the prevailing wage rates nor have they been found guilty of anything and we would have a signed contract with them.

Commissioner Janiec said that we passed the Prevailing Wage Ordinance and we should not hire Hacienda Landscaping, Inc. if they don't abide by the prevailing wage rates.

Commissioner Armstrong said that they haven't been found guilty of anything yet and that they will sign a contract saying they do follow the prevailing wage rates.

President Wright stated that \$40,000 is a big difference between what Hacienda Landscaping, Inc. bid was and the next lowest bidder and the residents expect us to be mindful of how we spend their tax dollars.

Commissioner Brogan stated that our only responsibility is that they are in compliance with what we make them sign off on and that the workmanship is good.

Commissioner Yawer said that she agreed with Commissioner Wright that \$40,000 is a large difference between the bidders.

Jodi Frailey stated that they are able to bid low because they are not paying their employees the prevailing wage rates. She also wanted to let the Commissioners know that if Hacienda Landscaping, Inc. gets the job she will be monitoring them.

MARKETING PLAN

Superintendent of Business & HR Hermonson handed out a report on what steps will be done after the Comprehensive Marketing Plan is complete.

Commissioner Brogan said that we need to identify the reasons why we have lost some participants in programs like adult softball and what we need to do to bring them back to Streamwood. He suggested that we go to the residents and ask them what they would like to see at the Streamwood Park District.

President Wright stated that it is important to target residents that share similar characteristics, such as age, gender and location.

Commissioner Janiec said that he agrees with Commissioner Brogan that we need to go to the residents and maybe invite them to an open meeting.

Superintendent of Business & HR Hermonson stated that we will be doing a community survey so we hope we will receive some good feedback from that.

Commissioner Yawer asked how long it will take to complete the survey on line but Superintendent of Business & HR Hermonson responded that she wasn't sure about that yet.

Commissioner Janiec moved approval of the professional consulting services of Pro Consulting, Inc. for the services of a comprehensive marketing plan and the facilitation of a comprehensive community survey in the amount not to exceed \$62,000. Commissioner Yawer seconded the motion. Vote on the motion:

Commissioner Brogan – Aye

Commissioner Armstrong – Aye

Commissioner Janiec – Aye

Commissioner Yawer – Aye

President Wright – Aye

Motion carried.

PLAYGROUND BIDS

Commissioner Armstrong wanted to know how staff feels about Hacienda Landscaping and Superintendent of Business & HR Hermonson responded that we haven't had any issues in their craftsmanship and that Hitchcock Design Group have worked with them before without any issues.

Commissioner Yawer asked how many times they have done projects for us and Superintendent of Business & HR Hermonson said about two or three times.

President Wright moved approval of the construction bid from Hacienda Landscaping for the total base construction bid amount for all four playgrounds in the amount not to exceed \$263,258.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Yawer. Vote on the motion:

Commissioner Yawer – Aye

Commissioner Janiec – Nay

Commissioner Armstrong – Abstain

Commissioner Brogan – Aye

President Wright – Aye

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:13 p.m., Commissioner Janiec moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Armstrong. A voice vote was unanimous for approval; motion carried.

Approved: September 19, 2017

Signed: Sheri Harry
Sheri Harry, Secretary

Attest: William H. Wright
William H. Wright