

**Carol Stream Park District  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
February 9, 2009  
7:00pm**

- Call to Order*** The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Roll Call*** Present: Commissioners Schauer, Gramann, Bird, Powers, Sokolowski, and Cooney
- Listening Post*** Claudia Schmidt, 1295 Rose Avenue, Carol Stream, IL 60188
- Has lived in Carol Stream for 35 years. Park District cut down all the shrubs around the park. “What are we going to do to replace what was removed?”
- Staff directed to respond.
- Changes to the Agenda*** Commissioner Cooney made a motion to add scholarship program to the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Sokolowski. Voice vote taken. Motion passed 6-0-0.
- Action Items***
- Approval of Minutes*** Commissioner Schauer made a motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2009. Seconded by Commissioner Powers. Voice vote. Motion passes 6-0-0.
- Board of Commissioners Policy Manual Changes*** Commissioner Powers made a motion to amend Park Board Policy Section 2.10–  
“*The appointee (after the required vote) will be sworn in with the reference “to complete the term vacated by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_”*”. Seconded by Commissioner Gramann.  
Voice vote taken. Motion passes 6-0-0.
- Commissioner Powers made a motion to amend Park Board Policy Section 7.11 –  
“*Staff or guests who are permitted or invited to address the Board on an issue will be expected to limit their presentation to 10 minutes, with additional time as the Board President deems appropriate for questions from commissioners. Each presenter will be asked to provide a printed document supplementing his/her oral presentation.*”  
Seconded by Commissioner Gramann. Voice vote taken. Motion passes 6-0-0.
- Set Meeting Date – Adhoc Committee – Board Officer Terms*** Board consensus is Board Officer Term Ad Hoc Committee will meet March 9, 2009 at 6:15 pm.
- Purchase of Replacement Dump Truck*** Commissioner Sokolowski made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2009 Ford F450 dump truck through the State of Illinois Joint Purchase contract at a cost not to exceed \$32,000. Seconded by Commissioner Gramann. Voice vote taken. Motion passes 6-0-0.
- Discussion Items***
- Email Communications*** Director Biondo explained that “reply all” responses may constitute a formal meeting according to the Illinois Open Meeting Act. Commissioner Powers asked if this was ever litigated; is there an actual legal/judicial ruling? He feels there are many shades

of gray. Director Biondo will discuss with park district attorney.

***Board Packets  
Received  
Electronically***

The Board expressed their views about how they receive Board packets.  
Commissioner Sokolowski – laptops, no. E-mail okay.  
Commissioner Cooney – laptops, no. Not a good perception. E-mail okay.  
Commissioner Schauer – laptops, no. E-mail okay.  
Commissioner Powers – supporter of the printed word.  
Commissioner Gramann – supporter of the printed word, so no laptops. Voucher list is not necessary for all; perhaps it can be circulated.  
Commissioner Bird – What’s the cost analysis?  
Executive Director Biondo - will look at delivery costs, time to collate.

***Information from  
State Conference***

Commissioner Gramann – Disc golf is worth some consideration so we can be on cutting edge.  
Commissioner Powers – Bond issuance. Enjoyed financial sessions.  
Commissioner Bird – Greening, saving environment.  
Commissioner Cooney – Complimented park district staff; athletic fence program; turf fields, online employee application process, green(rustic) playgrounds; portable docks along shoreline.  
Commissioner Sokolowski – Are our outdoor bathrooms ADA compatible? Disc golf; ultimate frisbee.  
Commissioner Schauer – Great spending time with fellow commissioners walking in exhibit hall. Obtained great perspective of what we can do.  
Commissioner Bird – Same as those above; Board effectiveness; greening parks and the environment.

***Potential Sites for  
Future Recreation  
Facility***

Undeveloped sites discussed:

- McCaslin (no sewer)
- Future Library site on Kuhn Road
- Parcel near Brian’s Charhouse
- Fire Station/Volunteer Park
- Town Center

These potential sites are of open land that could accommodate a new recreation center. More information will be obtained at February 28 meeting of Williams Architects, Village of Carol Stream and Consultants.

***Scholarship Program***

Commissioners asked if we had one and what is the criteria in determining scholarships. Executive Director Biondo explained the program.

***Closed Session***

Commissioner Sokolowski made a motion to go into closed session at 8:07pm for the

1. The Purchase or Lease of Real Property: Section 2(c)(5)
2. The Filling of a Vacancy on the Board: Section 2 (c)(3)

Seconded by Commissioner Cooney.

Roll call vote taken:

Commissioner Gramann	Aye
Commissioner Sokolowski	Aye
Commissioner Powers	Aye
Commissioner Cooney	Aye
Commissioner Bird	Aye
Commissioner Schauer	Aye

Motion passes 6-0-0

The Board returned to open session at 8:19 pm.

Commissioner Bird advised no action was taken in closed session on Purchase or Lease of Real Property: Section 2(c)(5).

Regarding the Filling of a Vacancy on the Board: Section 2 (c)(3), the consensus of the Board is to appoint a replacement Commissioner after the election.

***Adjournment***

Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Cooney. Voice vote taken. Motion passes 6-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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*President*  
*Daniel J. Bird*

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*Secretary*  
*Arnold J. Biondo*

*February 23, 2009*  
*Date*