



**Fox Valley Park Foundation Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 8, 2016
Prisco Community Center
150 W. Illinois Ave., Aurora
5:00 p.m.**

1.0 Welcome

Chairman Bunce called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

The following members of the Fox Valley Park Foundation Board of Directors were present: Alex Alexandrou, Gloria Bunce, Rachel Ossyra and Jim Pilmer. A quorum was present. Also present: administrative staff.

3.0 Approve minutes from July 11, 2016

Alex Alexandrou motioned, Rachel Ossyra seconded and the board unanimously approved by voice vote the meeting minutes from July 11, 2016. Motioned carried.

4.0 Old Business

4.1 aQity Report

Executive Director Pilmer told the board that the results of the community survey are finalized. Park district staff was not involved in any part of the survey. The presentation to the Fox Valley Park District Board of Trustees must be presented by the park foundation. Gloria Bunce and Jeff Andreasen of aQity Research agreed to make the presentation to the Board of Trustees.

Jeff Andreasen reviewed the results of the survey via teleconference. He said there were 471 likely voters that responded. The survey was sent to a sampling of residents who voted in at least two of the last three statewide elections. The response was slightly over 10 percent; respondents slightly favored Republicans. The ratings were very strong in overall opinion and satisfaction of the Fox Valley Park District and its parks and facilities. Ninety-five percent of respondents are very likely to vote in the upcoming presidential election in November. The strongest reasons to oppose a possible referendum were: Property taxes are high enough; and, the park district needs to live within its means. The strongest reasons to support a possible referendum were: The park district plays an important role in giving young people activities and places to go; and, the park

district's variety of facilities and quality programs makes the community a more attractive place to live and helps improve property values.

Director Pilmer said he would be scheduling a special meeting with the Board of Trustees. The park district board will then be able to make a recommendation as to whether or not to go to referendum based on a presentation of the survey results by foundation Chairman Gloria Bunce and Jeff Andreasen.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Release of restricted funds

Diana Erickson told the board there are two endowments: one for \$97,000 and the other for \$25,000. She and Attorney Gerald Hodge researched the funds and cannot determine where they were designated to. She asked the board to vote to release the funds. Alex Alexandrou motioned, Gloria Bunce seconded and the board unanimously approved, by voice vote, the release of restricted funds. Motioned carried.

5.2 Approve recommendation of new board members

Director Pilmer gave the board a handout listing possible park foundation board members. He said he would like to have a representative of ADS on the board; possibly Kim Keating Bonifas or Chris Beykirch. He said he would also like to establish a revenue generating committee. He has promised \$12,500 from the Golf for Kids proceeds to the youth golf program (formerly the First Tee program), with the contingency that they supply a report of where the money will be spent and who will benefit from it. He would like to ensure that underprivileged children are being served. Chairman Bunce said she will develop an orientation binder with Cathy Schwieger that will include a strategic planning committee.

Rachel Ossyra motioned, Alex Alexandrou seconded and the board unanimously approved, by voice vote, the recommendation of new board members. Motioned carried.

6.0 Adjournment

Alex Alexandrou motioned, Gloria Bunce seconded and the board unanimously approved by voice vote to adjourn at 5:47 p.m. Motioned carried.

*Respectfully submitted by:
Arlene Kallien
Fox Valley Park Foundation Board Secretary*