



**Fox Valley Park Foundation Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 19, 2016  
Cole Center Administrative Office  
101 W. Illinois Ave., Aurora  
7:30 a.m.**

**1.0 Welcome**

Executive Director Pilmer called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

**2.0 Roll Call**

Vice Chairman Alex Alexandrou directed the secretary to call roll. The following members of the Fox Valley Park Foundation Board of Directors were present: Cintia Abney, Alex Alexandrou, Kevin Fitzpatrick, LuAnne Kelsey, Joe Khouri and Rachel Ossyra. A quorum was present. Also present: Executive Director Jim Pilmer, administrative staff and Fred Lantz of Sikich.

**3.0 Approve minutes from August 8, 2016**

Alex Alexandrou motioned, LuAnne Kelsey seconded and the board unanimously approved the meeting minutes from August 8, 2016. Roll call – voting Aye: Cintia Abney, Alex Alexandrou, Kevin Fitzpatrick, LuAnne Kelsey, Joe Khouri and Rachel Ossyra; voting Nay: none. Motioned carried.

**4.0 Old Business** – None presented.

**5.0 New Business**

**5.1 Resignation of Chairman Bunce**

Vice Chairman Alexandrou told the board that Gloria Bunce resigned from the Fox Valley Park Foundation Board of Directors after serving as Chairman for more than two years.

**5.2 Welcome new board members**

Vice Chairman Alexandrou welcomed four new members to the Board of Directors: Cintia Abney, Kevin Fitzpatrick, LuAnne Kelsey and Joe Khouri.

**5.3 New board member orientation**

Executive Director Pilmer led an orientation for the new board members with a PowerPoint presentation. He gave a brief outline of the size and scope of the Fox Valley Park District and its assets. He introduced the three pillars of the NRPA, focusing on Social Equity. He spoke about the district making collaboration and inclusiveness a priority, with the guiding principles being: mutually beneficial intergovernmental cooperation; livable and accessible communities; and environmental and financial stewardship and sustainability. He also gave the board an overview of revenues and

expenses.

#### **5.4 Election of Officers**

Executive Director Pilmer addressed the board regarding the election of officers for the Fox Valley Park Foundation. Nominations were made and the board elected the following: Rachel Ossyra – Chairman; Alex Alexandrou – Vice Chairman; Arlene Kallien – Secretary; Diana Erickson – Treasurer.

Rachel Ossyra motioned, LuAnne Kelsey seconded and the board unanimously approved the following election of officers for the Fox Valley Park Foundation: Rachel Ossyra – Chairman; Alex Alexandrou – Vice Chairman; Arlene Kallien – Secretary; Diana Erickson – Treasurer. Roll call – voting Aye: Cintia Abney, Alex Alexandrou, Kevin Fitzpatrick, LuAnne Kelsey, Joe Khouri and Rachel Ossyra; voting Nay: none. Motioned carried.

#### **5.5 Auditor's Report**

Fred Lantz of Sikich presented the auditor's report of the Fox Valley Park Foundation to the board. Overall, the Foundation's net position has increased over the past two years by \$9,356; current assets total \$305,000.

Alex Alexandrou motioned, Cintia Abney seconded and the board unanimously adopted the Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for the years ended April 30, 2016 and 2015. Roll call – voting Aye: Cintia Abney, Alex Alexandrou, Kevin Fitzpatrick, LuAnne Kelsey, Joe Khouri and Rachel Ossyra; voting Nay: none. Motioned carried.

#### **5.6 Review grant proposals and request Fox Valley Park Foundation funding to provide opportunities for youth participation in recreational programs, camps and activities.**

- **Jesse "The Law" Torres Boxing Club Program Grant - \$5,000**
- **Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies Program Grant - \$7,000**
- **Red Oak's Outdoor Adventure Club - \$5,000**
- **Sports Saturday Program Grant - \$5,000**
- **Summer Playground Camp Program Grant - \$4,500**
- **Summer Playgrounds Police Picnic Grant - \$1,000**
- **Summer Stage Program Grant - \$2,500**
- **Fox Valley Junior Golf Academy - \$12,500**

Jaime Ijams presented grant proposals and requests for review to the board. Executive Director Pilmer explained the history of the Golf for Kids benefit proceeds; in the past \$25,000 was given to The First Tee program, which only benefited approximately 189 children. Jim stated that he wanted to emphasize social equity and asked Jaime to spread the money to various Recreation programs. Vice Chairman Alexandrou asked if other groups would be allowed to submit proposals. He said the board should develop a formal policy for groups to submit grant proposals.

Kevin Fitzpatrick left the board meeting at 8:30 a.m. due to other business.

LuAnne Kelsey motioned, Cintia Abney seconded and the board unanimously approved the grant proposals and requests in the following amounts: Jesse "The Law" Torres Boxing Club Program Grant - \$5,000; Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies Program Grant - \$7,000; Red Oak's Outdoor Adventure Club - \$5,000; Sports Saturday Program Grant -

\$5,000; Summer Playground Camp Program Grant - \$4,500; Summer Playgrounds Police Picnic Grant - \$1,000; Summer Stage Program Grant - \$2,500; Fox Valley Junior Golf Academy - \$12,500. Roll call – voting Aye: Cintia Abney, Alex Alexandrou, LuAnne Kelsey, Joe Khouri and Rachel Ossyra; voting Aye by proxy through Jim Pilmer – Kevin Fitzpatrick; voting Nay: none. Motioned carried.

#### **5.7 Meeting Schedule for 2017**

The board discussed a meeting schedule for 2017 that would best meet the needs of each board member. A decision was made to meet bimonthly at 4:30 p.m., on the second Monday of the month, just prior to the Fox Valley Park District Board of Trustees meeting. This schedule will begin with the next Foundation meeting on November 14, 2016, and run to May 2017 when the board will evaluate the schedule and make any changes as necessary.

#### **6.0 Adjournment**

Alex Alexandrou motioned, LuAnne Kelsey seconded and the board unanimously approved by voice vote to adjourn at 9:03 a.m. Motioned carried.

*Respectfully submitted by:*

*Arlene Kallien*

*Fox Valley Park Foundation Board Secretary*