MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TINLEY PARK-PARK DISTRICT
TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS
HELD ON JULY 2, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Tinley Park-Park District scheduled to be held in the Rickerson Meeting Room of the Bettenhausen Recreation Building on July 2, 2014 was called to order by Commissioner Younker at 7:15 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Thomas Mahoney
                        Michael Pannitto
                        Marie Ryan
                        Brian H. Younker

Commissioners Absent: Robert Sanfilippo

Others Present: John Curran, Director of Parks and Recreation
                Sandy Chevalier, Superintendent of Recreation
                Kelly Downes, Business Manager
                Ryan Veldman, Superintendent of Parks
                Karol Komar, Facility Manager
                Matt Libs, Marketing Manager
                Sandy Ardolino, Administrative Assistant/Board Secretary
                Mike Nolan, Southtown Star
                John Sutter
                Judy Sutter
                John Sutter, Jr.
                Frank Mulcahy
                Wiley Roberts
                Mary Compton
                Lou Ondrus
                Rosemary Ondrus
                Rich Youngren
                Lisa Hummel
                Jim Hudrik
                Karen Tobola
                Kim Fazio
                Michael Fazio
                Thomas McNeff
                Colleen Simon
                Paul Simon
                Audrey Zarembski
                Michael Zarembski
                Robbin Wilke
                Sharon Gilgenberg

Additions, Clarifications, Corrections or Deletions to Agenda
Summary of Funds for Period June 5, 2014-July 2, 2014 in the amount of $591,691.27
Summary of Funds for Period May 24, 2014-June 9, 2014 in the amount of $369,801.01
Approval of Consent Agenda Items
Commissioner Ryan moved to approve the following Consent Agenda Items as presented, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Items approved:
- Minutes of the June 4, 2014 Committee Meeting
- Minutes of the June 4, 2014 Regular Meeting
- Minutes of the May 15, 2014 Joint Park District/Village Meeting
- Summary of Funds for Period June 5, 2014-July 2, 2014 in the Amount of $591,691.27
- Summary of Funds for Period May 24, 2014-June 9, 2014 in the amount of $369,801.01

Staff Reports
Staff is ready for the July 4th event.

Unfinished Business

Land
No report.

Dog Park
The original plan for paving a path around the dog park did not include the path from the northwest end of the dog park to Black Oak Drive. This was scheduled to be part of phase 2 of the project. If we wait to make this part of phase 2 when the dog park opens there will be no access from the northwest section of the community. The Board gave Mr. Curran direction to pursue quotes for the excavating and paving for this project now.

OSLAD Grant
Additional form for St. Boniface grant was sent to OSLAD. We should be hearing more within 60 to 90 days.

Healthcare Sponsorships
No report.

Long Range Plan-Needs Assessment
Board to meet with Leisure Visions Etc. for hour after the August 6th board meeting.

Landmark Siding
To be rebid in July.

McCarthy Park Landscaping Drainage Improvements-Apple Grove Systems Inc. $13,250.00
Commissioner Ryan moved to approve the McCarthy Park landscaping drainage improvement from Apple Grove Systems, Inc. for $13,250.00 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

New Business

Easter Seals School Gym Use Contract
At this point we feel the use of the Easter Seals School does not best suit our programming needs. It is our intention to send a letter to Easter Seals School that we will discontinue use of their facilities starting in September 2014. This will also mean we will stop maintaining the exterior grounds at the same time.

School District 140 Agreement
We made a few changes from past agreements such as, we will no longer mow the grass at McAuliffe school, and we will take over the dragging on the ball field at Grissom Middle School and maintain the grass at Millennium School.

Commissioner Pannitto moved to approve the School District 140 Agreement as presented, seconded by Commissioner Ryan and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**Fitness Center Window Shades**
Budget Blinds $5,298.00
Commissioner Mahoney moved to approve the purchase of blind for the Fitness Center from Budget Blinds for $5,298.00 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Ryan and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**Community Park Playground**
Should be completed within the next few weeks. Dates for a ribbon cutting to be finalized.

**Resurfacing Parking Lot-Community Park**
We budgeted this year to have the parking lot at Community Park re-surfaced. This work would include all Recreation and Fitness Center area parking, ending at approximately the cellular tower utility building at the west end. We are currently working on specifications to go out to bid in July for work to be done the end of August.

**Open Floor**
Commissioner Pannitto moved to Open the Floor to the Public, seconded by Commissioner Ryan and carried by voice vote.

Kim Fazio addressed the board, supplied petition signatures and read the following:
I am here today to express the great interest and support from our community in memorializing a Tinley Park- Park, to pay tribute and appreciation to Michael J. Sutter for the ultimate sacrifice he gave to our country and to all of the residents in Tinley Park where he grew up. Staff Sgt., Michael J. Sutter passed away at the very young age of 28 on December 26, 2003 serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. As many of you know, Mike was raised in Tinley Park, Illinois. Mike's parents still reside in Tinley Park in the same home where they raised four wonderful children. Starting at a very young age and for many years, Mike participated in Judo classes taught by his father John at The Tinley Park- Park District. Mike was responsible for bringing home to the Park District, many trophies from his accomplishments in Judo competitions. The entire Sutter family was devoted to the sport and to the Park District. They made every team-member feel like they were a part of their family.
As one of the members of the Tinley Park -Park District Judo team I am so appreciative to the entire Sutter family in giving myself and many children who are accomplished adults today the guidance and dedication to allow all of us to achieve whatever goals we set for ourselves, The countless hours and sacrifices that the Sutter family gave to each and every child through the Tinley Park-Park District Judo program has made such a positive impact on many lives. Mr. & Mrs. Sutter and their entire family have been so committed to the Judo program and dedicated their lives to support many of the young impressionable children and young adults. The dedication that they have shown to the Park District through the Judo program is remarkable. I can remember John and Judy piling many of us from the Judo team in their van and personally driving us to competitions, making sure no one was left behind. They would travel to compete near and far, from Tinley Park all the way to New York. Bringing home many, many trophies and making Tinley proud, I don't know a more dedicated family that went above and beyond for all.
Mike graduated from Andrew High School and moved on to attend Moraine Valley College. Mike was so enthusiastic about protecting others and his community; he was taking law enforcement classes with the goal of becoming a police officer. Mike was a loyal role model to many. The military was Mike's life and passion. Mike joined the Army in 1994, less than a year after graduating from Andrew High School. After serving our Country for eight lengthy years in the Army, Mike decided to give even more and
serve in the National Guard. Mike wanted to take his bomb defusing experience and skills he learned while in the Army, to assist the National Guard.

On December 26, 2003 Michael ended up making the ultimate sacrifice for our country, defending our freedom....His Life. Leaving behind both of his parents, John and Judy, his brothers John and Steve and his sister Angie "Just another day in the office" as Mike would often say, on Dec. 26th while in Bagubah, Iraq., the day after Christmas, when many of us are at home playing with Christmas presents and enjoying family time, Mike was killed trying to disarm a homemade explosive device. Mike was using a robot to defuse one bomb, then tried to do the same with another bomb but couldn't get to it with the robot. He tried to defuse it manually and was a foot away when it detonated.

Mike's siblings have gone on to have children that he would be the proud uncle of. Unfortunately, his nieces and nephews will only know him by stories and pictures.

Tinley Park lost one of our own when Mike died. Many of us know Mike will never be forgotten. But has he been honored by the Tinley Park-Park District in a deserving manner? Many cities and towns all across America show tribute to their hometown heroes by dedicating parks in their honor. I can't think of a more suitable tribute to honor and remember Mike then by having a Tinley Park - Park dedicated a park named after our fallen soldier. Imagine how proud Mike's brothers and sister could feel bringing his nieces and nephews to the Michael J. Sutter Park.

It is well overdue that Tinley Park - Park District substantiates to Mike's parents that their Son's sacrifice, and the sacrifice their family has made, will never be forgotten by their community. All of us that knew and loved Mike would finally have a way to pay tribute to him in very personal way. Many of us believe that the Tinley Park - Park District should feel obligated to memorialize a park after Mike since he and his entire family were so dedicated and involved in the Tinley Park - Park District and the Community.

I want to be clear that we are not looking to re-name a park that already is dedicated to a special cause or person but to use one of the existing parks that does not have a significant name attached to it. If this is not possible are there any new parks that are going to be built in the near future that would be more suitable for dedicating to Michael J. Sutter?

This is not only my opinion in this matter but also over 1000 individuals that signed the petition to support the "Michael J. Sutter" Park. We also have support for this cause through FACEBOOK and have been in contact with several media outlets such as the Chicago Tribune and the Patch to name a few.

I invite you to help make the entire Sutter family feel the love, support and appreciation for Mike's ultimate sacrifice by naming a local park in honor of Michael J. Sutter for everyone to enjoy for years to come. Thank you for your time and any efforts in making this a reality.

Mr. Curran noted that the park district recognizes the great value Michael Sutter has done, not only for his community but for his country. One of the requirements of being able to name a park is that there has to be a park available that has not already been named. Mr. Curran stated the district officials would consider the request.

Commissioner Mahoney moved to Close the Floor to the Public, seconded by Commissioner Ryan, and carried by voice vote.

Closed Session
Not needed.

Adjourn
Commissioner Ryan moved to adjourn to the August 6, 2014 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, and carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.