

**RIVER FOREST CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY**  
**Board of Managers**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 16, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the River Forest Civic Center Authority Board of Managers took place on Tuesday, May 16 at the River Forest Civic Center following the meeting of the River Forest Township Board of Trustees meeting. The meeting was called to order by Manager Helene Connolly at 8:20 pm.

**Roll called:**

Present: Managers Helene Connolly, Mark Kelty, Karen Taubman, Holly Economos and Carla Sloan.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Manager Sloan made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 18 meeting. Manager Kelty seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call.

**Public Participation**

No public was in attendance.

**Bills**

- A motion was made by Manager Connolly to approve bills as of May 31, 2017 in the Civic Center Authority account in the amount of \$1,646.35, and in the Capital Improvement Fund of \$145.00, seconded by Manager Kelty. Ayes: Managers Connolly, Kelty, Economos, Taubman, and Sloan. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

**RFCCA Facilities Administrator's Report**

**Dick Chappell**

- Celebrating Seniors as well as the preschool graduations will be taking place in the next couple of weeks. Because of these and other events, parking restrictions will be relaxed.
- Dick has not heard back from the second church that had expressed interest in renting space at the Community Center on Sundays.
- There is a new initiative this year called the Youth Engagement Scholarship. Eight community agencies are being funded through the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation to support youth who are not able to afford to attend programs through the River Forest Community Center and other organizations designated by the Foundation. Dick mentioned other local youth scholarships through our Townships and help by Oak Park and River Forest school districts #90 and #97. For example, a child who qualifies for the free and reduced lunch program would be among those chosen to receive a scholarship. Discussion followed.
- Dick continues to be involved in the District #200 strategic planning process.

- Dick continues putting together a list of projects for the capital improvement committee for this fiscal year. One item brought up before is replacing in the fall at least one or both of the HVAC units.. In addition, there are some areas that show their age since some improvements were made 24 years ago when the building first opened, such as the second stairwell. Dick spoke about electricity consumption which has gone up although the utility rates are lower. He also mentioned the drain water backup on the first floor from recent violent storms. Dick checked the wall in Cathaleen and Abby's office to be repaired.
- The Community Center and District #90's partnership have created an opportunity for the Center to expand the blended pre-school program currently at Willard (for both mainstream children and children with disabilities) to accommodate the additional children at the Center.
- Holly Economos is replacing Anna Romeo on the capital improvement committee.
- Carla brought up the defibrillator and it's security in the building as well as building signage improvements.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Announcement of the next regular meeting:**

The next meeting will take place Tuesday, June 13, 2017, immediately following the 7:00 pm monthly meeting of the River Forest Township Board of Trustees.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Manager Sloan and seconded by Manager Taubman to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby Schmelling, Secretary