

**BATAVIA PARK DISTRICT
SPECIAL JOINT BOARD MEETING
WITH THE BATAVIA PARKS FOUNDATION BOARD
FEBRUARY 26, 2019
THE LODGE AT LAURELWOOD
800 NORTH RIVER STREET, BATAVIA**

CALL TO ORDER – The Special Joint Board Meeting was called to order by Vice President Tilmon at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Vice President Tilmon called for the roll. Batavia Park District Commissioners in attendance were Riley, Tilmon and Dorsey. Commissioners Gray and Callahan were absent. Staff in attendance included Executive Director Allison Niemela.

Batavia Parks Foundation Board members in attendance were Cory Poris-Plasch, Sharon Mitchell, Heidi Files, Ed Molitor, and Mike Burke. Foundation Board Members Steve McKenna, Elizabeth Schuenberg and Dawn Moecher were absent.

ITEMS REMOVED/ADDED/CHANGED ON AGENDA – Item 7B – Adding a Park Board Liaison was added to the agenda.

INTRODUCTIONS – Board and staff introduced themselves.

A. Mission Statements – The Batavia Park District’s Mission Statement is: Committed to providing fun, safe and innovative open space and recreational opportunities that will enrich the quality of life for our residents.

The Batavia Parks Foundation’s Mission Statement is: To foster recreation and open space initiatives that enhance residents’ quality of life.

B. Connecting the Missions – Board and staff discussed how the two Board’s missions are interconnected.

PARK DISTRICT/PARKS FOUNDATION OBJECTIVES –

A. Identifying Capital Projects and Community Needs Assessment Projects – Executive Director Niemela summarized past Parks Foundation projects including the SpaceNet at Engstrom Park, the Disc Golf Course and the Bark Park. In the future, projects could include additional recreation and special events.

The Park District strives to create programs and services that are funded which helps decrease reliance on taxpayer dollars. Partnering with the Parks Foundation is one way to reach this goal.

The Park District would like to help the Parks Foundation achieve better visibility and give the Foundation credit for their support of the District.

Both Boards expressed the desire for better communication with each other.

LEVERAGING THE FOUNDATION

A. Funding Capital Projects – The Foundation has several new Board members and plan to take some time to explore each member’s strengths and areas of

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interest before they commit to specific projects. There is interest in doing larger projects than in the past.

The Boards brainstormed possible fundraisers, grant ideas and projects on which to partner.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Incorporating the Foundation in the Park District Planning and Development Process** – The District meeting schedule will be shared with the Foundation.
- B. Liaison** - The Foundation will be given a permanent seat at the District’s regular Board meetings and regular placement on the agenda to address the Board.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD – None.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to come before the Board, the special meeting adjourned at 8:41p.m. **A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

Secretary, Board of Commissioners
Batavia Park District

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