

**BATAVIA PARK DISTRICT
SPECIAL JOINT BOARD MEETING WITH THE BATAVIA CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 16, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER – The Special Joint Board Meeting between the Batavia City Council and the Batavia Park District was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Schielke.

ROLL CALL – City Council members in attendance were: Russotto, Beck, Knopp, Kenton, Baerren, Wolff, O’Brien, Callahan, Uher, and McFadden. Mayor Jeffrey Schielke and City Administrator Laura Newman were also present.

CALL TO ORDER – President Callahan called the Special Board Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Park Board Commissioners in attendance were Riley, Tilmon, Gray and Callahan. Staff in attendance were Director of Capital Projects and Contractual Services Jim Eby, Executive Director Allison Niemela and Executive Assistant Shelley Kouzes.

ITEMS REMOVED/ADDED/CHANGED ON AGENDA – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Batavia Park District and City of Batavia Discussion Regarding Cooperation on Development of a Fox River Corridor Plan: Allison Niemela, Executive Director and Laura Newman, City Administrator** – City Administrator Laura Newman gave a history of the partnership between the City of Batavia and the Batavia Park District related to preservation of the Depot Pond and the removal of the dam. The partnership has evolved over time to include the development of a Fox River Corridor Plan. City Administrator Newman thanked Executive Director Niemela for working with Hitchcock Design Group to create a draft of the plan.

Executive Director Niemela thanked City Administrator Newman for her part in the intergovernmental cooperation between the City and the Park District which has benefitted the community from a visionary as well as a cost-sharing standpoint.

City Council members and Park District commissioners discussed the need to communicate the value of accessibility to the river to the community, preservation of the Depot Pond, and addressing safety issues related to the dam.

Mayor Schielke gave a brief history of the Riverwalk and Depot Pond area.

- B. Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Batavia and the Batavia Park District for Development of a Fox River Corridor Master Plan** – Before the Board for approval is an agreement between the City of Batavia and the Batavia Park District for development of a Fox River Corridor Master Plan.

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President Callahan entertained a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Batavia and the Batavia Park District for Development of a Fox River Corridor Master Plan as presented. Motion was made by Tilmon, seconded by Gray. Motion carried.

City Council approved their own Intergovernmental Agreement with the Batavia Park District for River Corridor Master Planning.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS – None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD – None.

City Council adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to come before the Board, the special meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. **A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**



Secretary, Board of Commissioners

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