

Minutes of the Board of Commissioners

Tinley Park-Park District

Tinley Park, Illinois

Held on December 18, 2024

The Special 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 December 18, 2024, was called to order by Commissioner Ryan at 5:06 pm.

Commissioners Present: Don Cuba
Bernie O'Boyle
Lisa O'Donovan(remote)
Ashley Rubino (remote)
Marie Ryan

Others Present: Shawn Roby, Executive Director
Ryan Veldman, Superintendent of Parks
Sean Caddigan, Facilities Manager
Meghan Fenlon, Superintendent of Recreation
Carol Bradtke, Administrative Assistant
Thomas Leeson, Business Manager
Patricia Peccia, Business Manager
Mary Ann Troc, Human Resources Supervisor
Debra Maloney, Recreation Supervisor
Michael Hayes, Attorney
Kelly Jones, Board Secretary

Commissioner Cuba moved to allow Commissioner O'Donovan and Commissioner Rubino to attend remotely seconded by Commissioner O'Boyle and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Employee Longevity Awards

Commissioner Marie Ryan, Commissioner O'Boyle and Commissioner Cuba presented the longevity awards to employees:

Bertha Sanchez was hired as a fitness instructor at Tinley Fitness in April of 2014. Bertha has taught a beloved aqua Zumba class and will fill in for land-based Zumba as well. Tinley Fitness members have absolutely loved her fast-paced classes that keep them moving in the fitness center pool. She has continued to be one of our most sought-after Aqua Aerobics instructors for the past decade. Congratulations Bertha on 10 years with the Tinley Park-Park District!

Dawn Lacey is one of our beloved Tot Time Teachers. Dawn started as a Tot Time Sub in August 2013 and was then hired as a permanent Tot Time teacher in August of 2014. Dawn currently teaches at Vogt Woods and has for the last several years she has also taught three different Tot Time classes which is actually 60 different Tot Time students during one single school year. During the summer months, Dawn will head back to the recreation center, where she will teach classes from the brochure for preschool age students including, Kinder Konnections, On My Way, Pixie Poms, All By Myself, Run and Fun and Little Sports. If Dawn has any time to spare you may find her working a special event too. Congratulations Dawn on 10 years with the Tinley Park-Park District!

Kevin Hullinger is the manager of Tinley Fitness. Kevin was first hired at Tinley Fitness as an assistant manager in June of 2014 and then later promoted to manager in October of 2022. Covid was difficult, but Post-Covid Kevin was able to get our Fitness Center membership numbers back up to where they were before Covid. Thank you for all you do Kevin and Congratulations on 10 years with the Tinley Park-Park District!

Valerie Outman started her employment as a seasonal lifeguard at White Water Canyon Water Park back in the summer of 2004, which was just two years after we opened the pool. She began teaching swim lessons in 2005 and she became head guard in 2008. In 2008 she also started teaching Junior lifeguarding classes. In 2011 Valerie became Sub-Supervisor at White Water Canyon, which she did very well and then became the Supervisor in 2012. IN 2014 Valerie became the Assistant Manager of Whiter Water Canyon. Unfortunately, she couldn't make it tonight, but we have invited her to attend the next board meeting, so she has the opportunity to meet the board. Congratulations Valerie on 20 years with the Tinley Park-park District!

Larry Scelonge has been a security officer with the Tinley Park-Park District for a long, long, long time. Having started on the streets in 1994. Larry was named head of security by John Curran in 1997. Larry once chaperoned a trip for the Rec Department in 2006 for \$50.00! He has been a devoted, right-hand assistant to Santa Claus for many years and has played a large part in the ransom of park district trolls which Mr. Roby says was an inside joke and he wasn't here for it. It has been an absolute honor to work with Larry our head of security. Congratulations on 30 years and thank you for all your years of service!

Larry Scelonge commented that it's been an honor working with the group that he has had, the youngsters that he has known throughout this, and he really appreciates this. It's been fun.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Ryan commented, We are so proud of you all. She said she knows what it is like because she used to work for the Park District. She said she used to be the "mini-Dawn" teaching early childhood classes. Commissioner Ryan said she has known Larry since she started at the park district and all his dedication is truly appreciated. Commissioner Ryan stated we appreciate Bertha teaching fitness classes and keeping everyone healthy. Good Job!

Commissioner Cuba commented thank you to everyone. He has been coming here for years and years because Commissioner Cuba has lived here for 30 years with his family. He said he has seen all these faces and it is nice to see you all together in one room and know who is really working behind the scenes here. It feels like a family. That's good. Thank You!

Commissioner O'Boyle commented to Larry that there are not that many people that can get a 30-year pin anymore! We really appreciate how you all make our job so easy because of your dedication. We all have the same goals in mind. Thanks again for all that you guys do, everybody in this room. We appreciate it. Thank you!

Commissioner Rubino commented we appreciate each and every one of you and thank you for your service.

Commissioner O'Donovan commented thank you very much for all your years of service helping to keep our park district as fantastic as it is. Your time and dedication are what make it what it is. We appreciate everything that you do and continue to keep up the good work. Thank you so much!

Adjourn

Commissioner Cuba moved to adjourn to the December 18, 2024, Regular Meeting seconded by Commissioner O'Boyle and carried by a unanimous roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:17pm.



President



Secretary

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