

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2014
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING**

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Plainfield Township Park District, was held on Friday, January 24, 2014 at the Heritage Professional Center, Lower Level, 24023 West Lockport Street, Plainfield.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE

President Hurtado called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following members present: Steinys, Ludemann, Newton, Silosky, Hurtado

Absent: None

Staff members present: Calabrese, Attorney Matt Campbell

President Hurtado asked Commissioner Steinys to lead the pledge to the flag. There were approximately 30 people in the audience.

APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Steinys that the board approve the agenda. Seconded by Silosky. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Rob Ayres stated that in light of everything that has gone on in the last eight months he wants to suggest/request that Mr. Hurtado, Ms. Silosky and Mr. Steinys resign from the board.
- Jayme Alwood said Garrett Peck did the right thing by resigning and this could have all been avoided. Mr. Alwood said he read in the Patch that the public is encouraged to attend meetings during the search for a new director which didn't occur when Mr. Peck was hired. Mr. Alwood said that Mr. Hurtado should take a cue from Mr. Peck and resign. Mr. Alwood told Mr. Hurtado that he voted for him and at the time told his friend Cameron Bettin that his friend just got elected to the board. Mr. Alwood told Mr. Hurtado that Mr. Bettin spoke highly of him and said that he admired his passion. Mr. Alwood this is not a game like tic tac toe and decisions being made have changed lives and not for the better. Mr. Alwood told Mr. Hurtado he, the other members of the board majority and Doug Booth should resign.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Ludemann that the board go into executive session at 6:10 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation, to reconvene. Seconded by Steinys. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

The board reconvened in open session at 7:47 p.m.

Matt Campbell, Park District Attorney said that Dave Miller is present and is the Park District's labor attorney. Mr. Campbell said Mr. Campbell was there to address some issues that have been brought up in the newspaper about a decision by the Illinois Labor Board. Mr. Campbell said that we can't get into the specifics of the case because it is still pending litigation. Mr. Miller reviewed the timeline of the case and why the response was filed late. Mr. Miller said the temporary order was filed after that.

ACTION FOR ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Silosky moved that the board appoint Gene Coldwater as Interim Executive Director. Seconded by Newton. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

Moved by Newton that the board remove Garrett Peck as Secretary to the Board of Plainfield Park District. Seconded by Ludemann. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

Moved by Ludemann to appoint Wendi Calabrese as Secretary to the Board of Plainfield Park District. Seconded by Steinys. Roll Call: Steinys-Yes, Ludemann-Yes, Newton-Yes, Silosky-Yes, Hurtado-Yes. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Newton that the board adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Ludemann. Ayes-5 Nays-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendi M. Calabrese, Secretary