

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025
FRANKFORT, IL – FOUNDERS COMMUNITY CENTER
8:23 p.m.

- I. Call Committee to Order – President McCarey called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.
Attendance: Commissioners Ruvoli, McCarey, Gentry, and Ponton;
Executive Director, Gina Hassett; and Mary Strand, Recording Secretary.
Absent: Commissioner Barz
Guest: None
- II. Public Comment – None
- III. Facility & Property Update –
 - A. Indoor Recreation Center – Following the last Committee Meeting, the Board agreed to go with Option A. After discussing with the architect, we are suggesting promoting both Option A & B and then add Option C. If people will not support the first two, there must be Option C. The third option would give people the information of why we are asking for \$63 or \$47 million dollars. The third option of twenty-five million dollars could be used to facelift the Puent Building and the Founders Center. The cost to promote Option A, B, & C would be approximately \$150,000. It would not be an open house but rather an invitation to the focus groups, those who answered the surveys, and those who participated in the dot exercise. They would be given two choices only of A. What Option is your favorite and B. What Option will you vote to fund. The economy is a huge factor. We know what the people want, but if they won't vote to fund it, we are wasting our time asking. Discussion was held. Option C would be cosmetics only and there would not be additional space or amenities.
 - B. Fort Frankfort – Playground equipment will arrive in late April. Gina inquired about receiving a payout from the state.
 - C. Five Oaks Park – Next court date is April 30th. The judge did not show at the last one.
 - D. Former Borg Warner Property – The concern of the building project is what will the safe passage be when there is different traffic on Locust. A Village trustee has informed Gina that the Village wants to put a sidewalk on FPD park property to create a safe passage. Discussion was held.

- IV. Recreation – Stacy worked very hard on the budget. The commissioners were asked to discuss with her the need to take time off and not put in so many hours. She is very dedicated.
- V. Election –
 - A. Results - Gina said thank you to those who ran to serve on the Board. Their support is appreciated.
 - B. Board Positions - Now that the election is over, please let Gina know if each commissioner wants to stay in their current position of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Tom Barz was nominated for Historian. Gina will put it on the agenda for May. The commissioners who are up for election in 2027 should let President McCarey know if they intend on running. Discussion was held.
- VI. Operation Playground Foundation – Gina had nothing to report. No meeting is scheduled. Commissioner Gentry talked to Chris and he is doing well. Commissioner Ruvoli said he would like the organization to invest to have the Bark Park continually improved.
- VII. Miscellaneous –
 - A. Gina informed the Board that George Petecki, of George's Landscaping, has died. His company did the recent remake of FPDs Splash Pad.
 - B. Commissioner Ruvoli said he would like to see what the mood of the employees is. What is the consensus of them with respect to their position, work load and environment? Discussion was held.
- VIII. Executive Session – None
- IX. Adjournment – With nothing further to discuss, President McCarey asked for a motion to end the Committee Meeting. ***Commissioner Ponton so moved, and Commissioner Ruvoli seconded the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote at 8:55 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Strand
Board Minutes Secretary