SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025
FRANKFORT, IL – FOUNDERS COMMUNITY CENTER
6:30 p.m.

I. Call Committee to Order – President McCarey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Attendance: Commissioners McCarey, Barz, Ponton, Ruvoli, Gentry; Executive Director, Gina Hassett; Stacy Proper, Supt. Recreation; Edward Newton, Supt. Building and Grounds; Regina Ross-Ellison, Superintendent of Finance; and Mary Strand, Recording Secretary.
Absent: None

Guest: None

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Comment –None

IV. Tax Levy Review – Gina went over the tax levy. She indicated that it will be over 5% to capture any new construction. A Truth in Taxation Hearing will be held at the Board Meeting later tonight. She explained the levy and the allocation of funds. Discussion was held.

V. Investments
A. Review of CD's – Regina presented a memo that was included in the Board's packets. The Town Center Bank has agreed to honor the 9-month rate APY of 4.10% for a 13-month CD. The recommendation from staff was to approve the reinvestment at the Board Meeting later this evening.

VI. Facility & Property Update –
A. Crystal Brook Park – There is not update. Gina reached out to the Village for information on the property that was supposed to be deeded to FPD. A walking path cannot be put in until ComEd is done with their installation. Gina will check to see if a performance bond is currently up to date.
B. Fort Frankfort Update – The Poured and Play surface is put in and looks great. Work on the small structure is still needed as well as some additional parts. Discussion was held.
C. Five Oaks Parcel – Gina and Mike attended the HOA meeting. The next meeting is December 29th, but Gina said they should have a 30 day notice. Gina will attend on the 29th. Residents are concerned about

what the settlement includes. The settlement needs a 2/3rd approval. Any nonvote is considered a no.

D. DCEO Funding – The money has been released. Gina and Regina attended a Grant Training program today.

E. Land Exchange – A developer that owns land at the back end of Olde Stone subdivision asked if the Park District would consider a swap of his parcels for the Laraway Road parcel. The acreage is comparable, but much of the land has water on it and there is limited street access. Discussion was held. An offer of cash should be included with the land.

F. Indoor Recreation Center – An existing athletic property is being considered for purchase. While this is in the discussion stage the owner is requesting that an NDA be signed by the Board members. If the Board is interested, it still does not solve all of the problems though. The goal is to get out of the ageing problems of the Founders Center.
   a. An addition to the athletic facility could be built.
   b. Build on the Park owned Laraway property.
   c. Tear down the Puent Building and rebuild.
   d. Renovate the Founders Center.
   e. Purchase an existing building and renovate it.

   Gina listed some of the pros and cons for each option. Discussion was held. President McCarey noted that the Board could consider doing two of the options together.

VII. Recreation –

VIII. Miscellaneous –

IX. Executive Session – None

X. Adjournment – With nothing further to discuss, President McCarey closed the Committee Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Strand
Board Minutes Secretary