



Minnesota Ballpark Authority Board Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2017

Chair Margaret Anderson Kelliher called the board meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for January 12, 2017 to order at 1:00 p.m. The roll was taken. Commissioners Joan Campbell, Paul Williams, David Ybarra were present. Commissioner James Campbell participated by telephone.

Commissioner Williams moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Joan Campbell and approved unanimously – 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

APPROVED

Commissioner Campbell moved approval of the October 6, 2016 meeting minutes seconded by Commissioner Ybarra and approved unanimously – 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

APPROVED

Chair's Report – Chair Margaret Anderson-Kelliher reported on stadium suite use, in light of the situation at US Bank Stadium. She stated that the MBA will wait to see the Legislative Auditor's report which should be released in about a week and will call a special meeting of the Board if changes are needed to current MBA policies. Chair Anderson Kelliher also noted that the performance review for Executive Director Kenney will take place at the end of the board meeting.

Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Dan Kenney reported that that MBA sent a response to the Legislative Auditor's request for information on the MBA Suite. Executive Director Kenney also noted that the Target Center renovations continue to progress. The loading dock expansion near 2nd Avenue and 7th Street has begun and work has started on preparing the exterior for the new metal cladding. The Sid Hartman statue that stood on the corner of 1st Avenue and 6th Street has been shifted to the Target Field Plaza extension next to the arena.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 17-MBA-126

Purpose:

To elect officers to the Minnesota Ballpark Authority Board.

Background:

The MBA Chair is appointed by the Hennepin County Board pursuant to the ballpark legislation. The MBA by-laws provide that in addition to the Chair, there will be a Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer elected from the Authority's membership at the organizational meeting of the Authority and thereafter shall be elected annually at the first regular meeting of each year by a majority vote of the Authority members.

Action Requested:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following MBA Commissioners will serve in the subsequent officer positions: Paul D. Williams, Vice-Chair, David Ybarra, Secretary and Joan Campbell, Treasurer.

APPROVED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Target Field Operations Update – Matt Hoy, Minnesota Twins Senior V.P. of Operations. Mr. Hoy reported that the playing field has been covered for winter. The new LED field lights have been installed and testing of the lights may be in coordination with Twins Fest which is the 27th, 28th and 29th of January. The up-lighting on the canopy will have the ability to change color and can be used for any event, venue, holiday or celebration at Target Field. The Twins were pleased to announce this week that Billy Joel will be in concert at Target Field on July 28th and another concert event may take place later this summer. On other issues, Target Field was one of the first sports facilities to obtain a LEED Silver certification for design and construction and also first to receive Operations and Maintenance LEED certification soon after. There are now plans to enroll in a new monthly monitoring system for the ballpark’s LEED status, which would also be a first for a sports facility. A new Twins statue of a retired player will be dedicated this spring in an area across from the Harmon Killebrew statue which is located on the 6th Street Plaza.

Target Field Concessions Update on 2017 Workforce Recruiting Efforts – Pete Spike, General Manager, Delaware North. Mr. Spike stated that Delaware North is engaging numerous training organizations and charitable organizations to assist with recruiting diverse local workforce for employment opportunities at Target Field. Job Fairs will be held at Target Field starting in January and going to the middle of March. Fundraising flyers for non-profits are being sent out for volunteer opportunities at Target Field with informational meetings in January and February. Delaware North will present on new food items for the 2017 season at the next MBA Board meeting in April. Mr. Spike added that Delaware North is happy to share that the Twins have extended their contract at Target Field for another eight years.

Financial Report – Brenda Juneau, MBA Finance Coordinator. Ms. Juneau presented the Financial Report for November 2016 and said that the final 2016 year-end financial report will be available at the April board meeting. Ms. Juneau noted that the General Fund balance for November 2016 is at \$500,000, which doesn’t yet reflect the \$640,000 operating grant received from Hennepin County in December. The balance in the Capital Projects Fund is \$7.6 million and should remain stable as there are no expenditures except for OCIP. The OCIP account was reduced on the recommendation by the State Auditor’s office last year and was reduced by approximately \$30,000. The OCIP balance is now approximately \$302,000. The Ballpark Reserve Fund balance is \$15 million for year-end and with the MBA board authorizing \$1.6 million for LED field lighting, there will be approximately \$13.5 million going forward for 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m. for Closed Session – Performance Evaluation of Executive Director, Dan Kenney.

Reconvened meeting at 2:18 p.m.- - Summary of Conclusions of Evaluation and Resolution. Resolution 17-MBA-127 approved.

Resolution 17-MBA-127

Purpose:

To authorize the Chair to execute an amendment to the employment agreement with the Executive Director of the Authority.

Background:

On August 18, 2006, the Minnesota Ballpark Authority entered into an employment agreement with Dan Kenney, Executive Director of the Authority. Among other terms and conditions, the agreement states that each year of the Executive director's employment, the Authority shall review and may adjust the Executive Director's base salary in its sole discretion. This resolution authorizes the Chair to enter into an amendment to that agreement.

Action Requested:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnesota Ballpark Authority authorizes the Chair to enter into an amendment to the Employment Agreement with the Executive Director with the following terms:

1. Base Salary: Increase the annual base salary to an annual base salary of \$167,932.00, effective August 21, 2016.
2. Employment Term: Extend the term of employment through August 21, 2018.
3. All other terms and conditions of the employment agreement to remain the same.

APPROVED

There being no further business, Chair Anderson Kelliher moved to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously - 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS. The board meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for January 12, 2017 was adjourned at 2:21 P.M.

Next Meeting: April 14, 2017.