



Minnesota Ballpark Authority Board Meeting Minutes – January 7, 2016

Chair Margaret Anderson Kelliher called the board meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for January 7, 2016 to order at 1:00 p.m. The roll was taken. Commissioners Barb Sykora, Joan Campbell and Paul Williams were present. Commissioner Martin Olav Sabo was absent.

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

APPROVED

Commissioner Williams moved approval of the October 8, 2015 meeting minutes seconded by Commissioner Campbell and approved unanimously – 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

APPROVED

Chair's Report – Chair Anderson Kelliher reported that recently there was a story in the media regarding discussions between officials to develop a new MLS soccer stadium in Minneapolis. Chair Anderson Kelliher said that she recently spoke with the Mayor of St Paul and assured him that this was not accurate. She noted that St. Paul continues to move forward with discussions for the potential soccer stadium in St. Paul.

Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Dan Kenney reported that he and the Twins are working with Target Center on their loading dock expansion. The shift of 7th Street towards Parking Ramp A is of concern because 7th Street is a major pedestrian corridor for fans coming to the ballpark. Conversations will continue regarding construction mitigation and future operations.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 16-MBA-118

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, Barb Sykora, 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 TwinsFest this year will be held January 29-31. Up to 70 players and coaches will be here to participate in the events. New inter-activities are being planned such as a large scale Jenga game and Human Foosball. Spring training is 5-6 weeks away and pitchers and catchers will be the first to report. The construction project over centerfield is on schedule, steel decks have been installed and cement pours should happen in the next week or two. Suite number 34 has been designated as a remodel prototype and will be ready for Opening Day this coming season. The Twins are considering expansion of the flooring that is inside of the Champions Club lobby to outside the doors. New carpeting and larger televisions are scheduled for installation in the Legends Club. New netting will be installed behind the backstop and extend over the dugouts per new recommendations from Major League Baseball.

Financial Report – Brenda Juneau, MBA Finance Coordinator. Ms. Juneau reported very little change in the financials from the last report in October as year-end financials have not yet been posted. Those numbers will be available at the MBA board meeting in April.

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 7, 2016 was adjourned at 1:44 P.M.

Next Meeting: April 7, 2016 at Target Field Tour Theatre