

**GENEVA PARK DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING
Tax Levy Ordinance #2010-12
December 13, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Karas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Vice-President Karas called for the roll. Commissioner Condon, Commissioner Frankenthal, Vice President Karas and Commissioner Lenski answered present. President VanderVeen was absent.

Staff members present were Director Sheavoun Lambillotte, Office Manager Linda Fox, Supt. of Recreation Jay Kelly, Supt. of Parks & Properties Larry Gabriel, Supt. of Finance & Personnel Christy Powell, Manager of Peck Farm Park Trish Burns, Marketing/PR Supervisor Traci Wicks, Facilities Supervisor Nicole Vickers and Aquatic/Recreation Coordinator Mickey Boyle and Pablo Munoz.

Press: Sandy Kaczmariski, Geneva Patch.com.

Guests: Bill Gray, Geneva Park District resident

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Supt. of Finance and Personnel Christy Powell stated that the ordinance has been on display for public view for over 60 days at the Park District. There have been no changes to the ordinance since the draft form was presented at the October and November board meetings. She stated that the park district estimates a very high Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) which translates into a much higher tax levy to ensure that any new growth is captured. She explained that the District is under the tax cap and any increases would be limited to the 2009 Consumer Price Index of 2.7% plus any new growth. The tax levy ordinance to be approved calls for an overall increase of 1.84% over last year.

Geneva Park District resident, Bill Gray, was present. He stated his concern of increasing taxes at a time when people were suffering and sacrificing. He requested that the park district cut expenses instead of increasing the tax levy.

Vice President Karas, thanked Mr. Gray for his comments and stated that his concerns as well as many other considerations are taken into account by the Board when the levy is prepared. Commissioner Condon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Commissioner Lenski seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Vice President closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Secretary

Submitted By: Sheavoun Lambillotte / Linda Fox