

**BEFORE THE WILL COUNTY OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD FOR THE
HEARING AND PASSING UPON OBJECTIONS TO THE NOMINATION PAPERS
FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF PARK COMMISSIONER FOR THE
BOLINGBROOK PARK DISTRICT SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF
BOLINGBROOK, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

JERRY L. HIX,)	
Petitioner –Objector,)	
)	
v.)	No. 19-2
)	
DENEEN LENOIR,)	
Respondent- Candidate.)	

DECISION AND ORDER

The Will County Officers Electoral Board, Chairperson Lauren Staley Ferry, County Clerk of Will County, Illinois, Andrea Chasteen, Circuit Clerk of Will County, Illinois and James W. Glasgow, State’s Attorney of Will County, Illinois through his designee, Assistant State’s Attorney Mary Tatroe, reconvened on January 7, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Objector Jerry L. Hix was personally present with counsel Gina Madden. The Candidate was present late but his counsel Joseph Giamanco was present for the entire proceeding. The Board adopted hearing rules unanimously on January 2, 2019 which governed the hearing. The matter was called for hearing in open session.

THE OBJECTION

The Objection alleges invalid voter signatures and moves to strike various signatures from the petition as being improper and invalid for reasons particular to that signature. Those signatures amounted to 179 possible signatures of a total of 357 signatures filed. A candidate for the Bolingbrook Park District Commissioner only needs 250 valid signatures to run in the election.

THE HEARING

The Board conducted a binder check on the objections to the various voters’ signatures. The parties were allowed to speak on the legal adequacy of the signatures supporting the petition.

APPLICABLE STATUTORY PROVISIONS

70 ILCS 1205/2-11 requires candidates for park district commissioner to have signatures on their nominating petitions of not less than 2% of the number who voted at the last preceding

election for commissioners in such district, but in no case less than 25 of such voters. For Bolingbrook Park District in the 2019 election that number is 250 signatures.

FINDINGS

The Board finds that pursuant to the requirements of state statute, certified mail notices were sent by the Chairman of the Board to each of the Board members, the Candidate and the Objector within the time and in the manner required by statute giving notice of the time and place of the convening of the Board for January 2, 2019 at the Will County Courthouse for hearing upon the objection. Additionally, within the time required by law, notice of the call was placed for service with the Will County Sheriff for service upon each of the members of the Board, the Objector and the Candidate giving notice of the time and place of the convening of the Board for hearing upon the objection. The documents evidencing compliance with the notice requirements of the statute were filed with the Board. The Board hereby finds that it has been legally constituted according to the laws of the State of Illinois, has complied with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act and has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter. The matter was continued for hearing on all objections to January 7, 2019, wherein the hearing was held.

All objections made to the Circulator's signature not matching their voter registration were overruled. The Board further finds that objections to the 73 below listed voters were overruled:

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11	2	12	7	12	8	13	2	13	5
13	7	13	8	13	9	14	1	15	2
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17	5	18	3	18	5	18	8	18	9
19	7	19	9	19	10	20	1	20	2
20	6	20	8	20	10	21	3	21	5
21	7	22	4	23	2	25	3	25	8
26	2	27	2	27	6	27	9	27	9
28	6	28	8	31	4	31	5	31	6
32	2	32	6	32	8	33	7	34	2
35	2	35	3	35	5	35	6	35	8
35	9	36	1	36	6	36	7		

The Board sustained objections to the below listed 104 voters' signatures:

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5	2	5	9	6	4	6	7	7	6
8	6	8	10	9	2	9	4	9	8
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22	6	22	8	22	9	23	7	24	3
24	8	25	5	25	7	25	9	25	10
26	3	26	6	26	7	26	9	27	3
27	10	28	1	28	4	28	9	29	5
29	6	29	9	30	6	31	1	31	2
31	3	31	7	31	10	32	5	32	10
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35	7	35	10	36	4	36	9		

The Board finds the Candidate has 253 valid signatures in the petition.

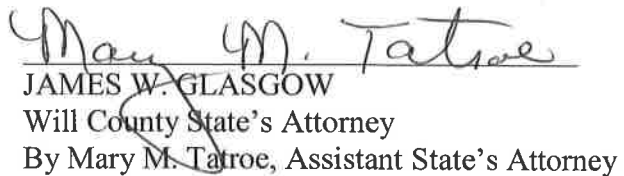
ORDER

The Board orders that the objection to the nominating papers of Deneen Lenoir is overruled. The County Clerk is ordered to print the candidate's name upon the ballot. The parties are informed that if they feel aggrieved by the decision of the Board they may seek judicial review of this decision by filing within 5 days of this decision a petition with the clerk of the circuit court along with a proof of service to all parties.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF JANUARY, 2019.


LAUREN STALEY FERRY
Will County Clerk


ANDREA LYNN CHASTEEN
Will County Circuit Clerk


JAMES W. GLASGOW
Will County State's Attorney
By Mary M. Tatroe, Assistant State's Attorney