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**S. Phila. board chooses its director**

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After months of infighting, the Eagles, Phillies, and South Philadelphia residents who live near the two stadiums under construction in the sports complex have chosen an executive director to oversee \$1 million in yearly spending for neighborhoods.

The board of the Stadium Complex Special Services District, the organization set up to supervise spending of the money, chose Shawn Jalosinski, a city traffic engineer who does not live in South Philadelphia, to serve as its executive director.

After voting 5-1, with one abstention, to offer Jalosinski the job, the board retired to privately discuss salary and other conditions.

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Once an executive director is hired, the board can begin spending the total \$1 million a year it will receive from the Eagles, Phillies and Comcast-Spectacor, which runs the First Union Center, over the next 30 years.

The three groups have agreed to make the contributions in exchange for permission to build two new stadiums in South Philadelphia. Possible uses for the money include increased security and trash pickup, landscaping, and traffic-control studies.

The seven-member board - which is made up of representatives from the Eagles, Phillies, Comcast and four neighborhoods - had hoped to hire an executive director two months ago. But several sources said that State Sen. Vincent Fumo (D., Phila.) held up the process in order to give the job to his preferred candidate. Fumo would not comment.

In the end, the board opted to hire Jalosinski.

Some have said that the two board members who did not vote for Jalosinski - John Sfrisi and Ted Scairato - are aligned with Fumo.

Sfrisi denied that the state senator had influenced him.

Sfrisi said he voted against Jalosinski because the candidate was not from South Philadelphia, adding that he wanted someone who was familiar with the problems of living near the stadiums.

Scairato abstained from the vote, saying he wanted the board to determine salary and benefits before the job was offered to anyone.

"I'm not anyone's pawn," Scairato said. "I'm my own man. Always have been. Always will be."

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