

The Finance Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Cohen at 7:30 p.m. in the Jewett Park Community Center. The Secretary called the roll and the following were:

PRESENT: Antokal, Caron, Cohen, Lapin, Patinkin (5)

ABSENT: None (0)

and there was a quorum in attendance. Also present were Jeff Nehila, Bob Taylor, Linda Anderson, Jay Zahn, Tony Korzyniewski, staff members.

Commissioners proceeded to review financial materials relative to the meeting.

Treasurer Lapin asked if we are planting climate change compatible trees. Staff responded that several of the species are climate change compatible but not all the ones we planted. Staff stated they looked more at native trees and certain trees to match certain areas. Treasurer Lapin commented that going forward we should plant more climate change compatible trees.

Commissioner Caron asked about the water bill at the Jewett Park shelter. Staff stated the we irrigated more during that billing cycle.

Commissioner Caron asked about the GPS lease being listed twice. Director Nehila responded that it is for 2 months.

Commissioner Caron asked about the extra payroll transfer. Staff responded that we had to make adjustments for some employees' checks.

Commissioner Caron asked about the boom lift. Staff responded that during our annual inspection of that piece of equipment it was recommended that we replace the hydraulic hoses, so we had to have the boom rebuilt.

Commissioner Caron asked about the shuttle under Special Recreation. Staff responded that it to transport a summer camp participant.

Director Nehila reported that staff recently met with SD109 representatives to discuss the development of our new joint 5-year capital plan. SD109 agrees that the language within the agreement is very workable and shouldn't be changed so we are starting to talk about future projects and making sure the playgrounds are forecasted. The one thing that came up is that they have done some designs and estimates for the theater renovation at Caruso which has been moved from 2019 to 2020. They have come up with the different options, one is \$3.4 million, second is \$4.15 million and the third is \$5.2 million. The school committee liked the second plan the best. It includes permanent seating for 237 people. The park district has already committed \$500,000 to the project. The school district felt that if the park district would double the contribution the second plan could be recognized. Director Nehila noted that staff will be bringing back more information and figures to the board. Commissioner Caron asked what we would get for our contribution. Staff commented that we would get use for summer camp, Family Theater, various Sarah Hall Theater productions, possibly Community Band as well as be able to increase our theater programming.

Director Nehila commented that we are nearing the end of our current 5-year capital plan with D109. We only have 2 playgrounds scheduled for replacement in the next 5 years. Staff will have D109 work up projection figures over the next 5 years for multiple contribution scenarios.

Motion made by Commissioner Antokal, seconded by Commissioner Caron, to adjourn the Finance Meeting at 7:55 p.m. Voice vote as follows:

AYES:            Antokal, Caron, Lapin, Patinkin, Cohen (5)

NAYS:            None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Nehila, Secretary