

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS January 17, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Cohen at 8:05 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 was Jeff Nehila, Secretary/Executive Director; Jeff Harvey, Jay Zahn, Linda Anderson, Tony Korzyniewski, Jason Mannina, Mark Woolums, staff members; Keith Londo, Pegasus; Stuart Slutzky, AYSO.

PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2019-01

Notice of the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2019 Proposed Budget appeared in the Deerfield Review on December 20, 2018. After reading a statement, President Cohen indicated that the floor was open for questions/comments. As there were none, the Public Hearing was adjourned and the Regular Meeting continued.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to approve the Minutes of the December 12, 2018 Finance Meeting; the December 12, 2018 Regular Meeting; and the December 12, 2018, Closed Session. Voice vote as follows:

AYES: Caron, Antokal, Lapin, Patinkin, Cohen (5)
NAYS: None (0)
Motion passed in a voice vote.

FINANCE REPORT

Approval of Disbursements

Motion made by Treasurer Lapin, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to approve the Voucher Listing dated January 17, 2019 in the amount of \$1,210,413.31 which includes \$4,899.84 of travel and training expenses. (Copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Lapin, Antokal, Caron, Patinkin, Cohen (5)
NAYS: None (0)
Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Adoption of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #2019-01

Motion made by Vice-President Patinkin, seconded by Commissioner Caron, to approve the 2019 Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #2019-01. (Copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Patinkin, Caron, Antokal, Lapin, Cohen (5)
NAYS: None (0)
Motion passed in a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ VISITORS AND GUESTS

President Cohen welcomed visitors and guests to the meeting.

Affiliate Reports

AYSO

Stuart Slutzky, Commissioner of AYSO for his 9th year, reported that 6 new board members have been added and the board is up to 20 members. AYSO created division managers. Every division now has an assigned division manager that will recruit the volunteers and deal with all the team assignments at their assigned level. The AYSO philosophy continues to be open to all participants and everyone gets equal playing time. AYSO works hard to balance the teams. AYSO promotes positive coaching, good sportsmanship and player development. A yearly registration fee of \$125 is charged. If a player only plays in one season the cost is \$95. The fee includes a full uniform, 20 games, weekly professional training sessions, new this year is a plaque with the team photo and individual photo on it. The AYSO Extra program was introduced for players looking for a higher level of play. The Extra program is a more competitive travel program. Extra program players must participate in the core program. The cost of the Extra program is \$250 which gives players 2 more practices per week, an additional game per week, another team photo, and entry into an end of year tournament. There are currently 5 teams in the Extra program. A newer offering is 10 weeks of indoor training at Wilmot Elementary for \$100. AYSO has over 1,050 players and over 300 volunteers that support the league. AYSO stresses training for coaches which is created at the national level. Every coach has to go through age appropriate training, safety training, concussion awareness training as well as a variety of certifications. Deerfield AYSO is approaching their 25-year anniversary. Stuart thanked the Board and Park District staff for their support.

Pegasus

Keith Londo of Pegasus reported that the main objective of Pegasus is to have consistency and provide steady service to the community. All of the Pegasus board members are back for another year. Pegasus has 6-7 full-time coaches. Pegasus has about 350-400 participants. Players are required to show up 2 days a week, but additional clinics are available, players could practice 4 days a week if they want. Fees were increased for some of the higher teams and lowered for the U7. The U15-U18 boys are in a transition year because we did away with the Chicago Wind, but we let them keep part of the Wind name, they are called Pegasus Wind. Some people believe the Wind name would attract top level players but that hasn't been proven. The plan is to move the Wind partnership out completely as ages go up. Our goal is to keep as many Deerfield players as possible that want to play high level soccer. Pegasus believes they have enough levels at each age group to provide players with a good experience. Pegasus has a goal to break even and have a surplus of \$5,000-\$10,000 to spend for other needs i.e. shed. Pegasus also has a very good reserve. Pegasus also received some very good donations this year.

Treasurer Lapin thanked AYSO and Pegasus for providing wonderful programs for the children of Deerfield and presented each organization with an IPRA Community Service Award.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Golf Advisory Committee

A verbal report was given on the January 10, 2019 Golf Advisory Committee meeting. Topics of discussion included operational updates, Permanent Tee Time Lottery, Marketing Plans, capital projects and open positions on the Golf Advisory Committee.

Deerfield Park Foundation

A verbal report was given on the January 14, 2019 Deerfield Park Foundation meeting. Vicki Street was appointed as chairperson to finish out John Mann's term as he stepped down as chair for health reasons but will continue to be a part of the board. The foundation also made plans to fund an expression swing for Jaycee Park as part of the renovation taking place this year.

PTC Members' Council

An agenda for the January 10, 2019 PTC Members' Council meeting was included in packets. Staff reported that the PTC welcomed 5 new members in December bringing the yearly total of new members to 90. Upcoming special events include the theme dinner "Oh What A Night!" Senior Prom and the Firemen's 5-Alarm Chili Bowl."

Northwest Quadrant

Commissioner Caron reported that the proposal presented by Planning Resources Inc. was well received by the stakeholders that were present. Stakeholders are interested in getting things moving. The big issue is cost and who pays for this. Director Nehila and Village Manager Kent Street developed a cost sharing plan for the proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

Theater Program Discussion

At the November Budget Workshop, the theater programs provided by the district, through its Sponsored Program Policy, were mentioned for possible review and discussion. For commissioner review, staff provided the Sponsored Program district policy, financial summaries for both Family Theater (since 2000 minus 2014) and Theater D (since 2006), a listing of cast, crew and resident/non-resident participation from 2014-2018 for both Family Theater and Theater D and a listing of other park district and independently operated theater programs in the area.

President Cohen suggested offering a theater for young audience program that would hold 1-hour shows to provide entertainment for younger children. This type of program might be a great addition to our current theater offerings. President Cohen stated that we might not make money off of the program but it's a great benefit to the community. Offering this type of program would provide exposure to younger families and children that they aren't currently getting from the park district. Staff commented that this is a great idea. Staff also commented that the district is providing exposure and participation in theater through the Sarah Hall Theater Programs. The issue is programming space for the productions. Currently tickets only get offered to the families of the cast because of the seating limitations. With the renovation of Caruso theater being planned for 2020, this should allow the district to increase the ticket offering to the general public.

Commissioner Caron stated that she would like to see Family Theater get back to appealing more to grade school and middle school age children. She commented that it appears the program has moved away from what Family Theater originally was. She feels that there needs to be more accountability and that the board needs to see on an annual basis what Family Theater's plans are. She would like to see more Deerfield resident participation whether that is being in the show or attending the shows.

Commissioner Antokal feels that the current Family Theater board has lost focus as to what is important to the community as a whole and seems to be focusing more on what they would like to do. Family Theater needs to get back to selecting performances that involve young people. More young people would go to the shows to see their friends if they were in the shows. He thinks that the Family Theater board needs to get back to responding to the Deerfield Community not the theater community. Commissioner Antokal believes that it hurt the attendance numbers when the cost of tickets increased to the \$20+ range. He also feels that eliminating a matinee performance would reduce the number of children that attend because a lot of younger children can't stay up until 10:00 p.m.

Commissioner Caron inquired about the show participation fees. Staff responded that the current participation fee is \$56 for residents and non-residents. She stated that if you look at district policy it states that there should be a non-resident fee. Staff responded that for the Sarah Hall Theater Programs the district made a decision not to charge a non-resident fee because Sarah Hall draws from across the suburban area. In order to continue to operate with Sarah Hall that was one of the contingencies the district made for her. Commissioner Caron stated that Sarah Hall is a program that we offer not Family Theater which is different. She commented that there are so many non-residents there isn't a need to keep the participation fee so low. She stated that the thing that bothers her is that the district provides the location, advertising and staff time and if it's not benefitting our residents in some way then Family Theater should pay for more of itself. Vice-President Patinkin commented that the board needs to remember that the stage crew is all Deerfield residents. Commissioner Caron stated that it's upsetting that Deerfield residents aren't excited about being in the shows or going to see them. Staff responded that it has been upsetting for many years but isn't sure how much more the district can publicize something, and it's still seems to be a secret.

Staff stated that the Family Theater board is looking at shows for fall 2019 that would have more family involvement.

Commissioner Caron stated that she would like to know what Family Theater's purpose is. Staff stated that their purpose is to provide a high-quality theater experience for Deerfield and surrounding communities, to produce theatrical productions that are appropriate for family entertainment including productions that have children as an integral part of the cast, and through our professional staff and seasoned adult performers to mentor young and/or experienced actors by giving them the unique opportunity to perform quality theater productions.

Commissioner Caron stated that they just need to refocus on their purpose. President Cohen would like to invite the Family Theater board to attend a Regular Park Board meeting to report of the status of theater program.

Request for Prader-Willi Walk

Motion made by Vice-President Patinkin, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to approve the use of Maplewood Park and the pavilion for a charity fundraising walk for the 7th Annual One Small Step for Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS) on Saturday, June 15, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The organizing committee will be responsible for producing and distributing a flyer to the neighbors on the perimeter of Maplewood Park informing them of this event by June 8, 2019. They may not play any amplified music and must contact the Deerfield Police Department with the details of the event. A certificate of insurance naming Deerfield Park District as an additional insured must be provided by May 15, 2019. (Copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Voice vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

Update of Succession Procedure Manual

Motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to approve the updated Deerfield Park District Succession Procedure Manual, as presented. (Copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Voice vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

Sachs Recreation Center Women’s Locker Room Renovation Project Bid

Motion made by Commissioner Antokal, seconded by Treasurer Lapin, to approve the construction bid proposal from Camosy Construction for the SRC Women’s Locker Room Renovation Project. (Copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

FY 2019 Payment for Joint Projects with Deerfield Public Schools #109

Motion made by Treasurer Lapin, seconded by Commissioner Caron, to approve the fiscal year 2019 payment of \$139,952 to Deerfield Public Schools #109 for joint construction projects as pursuant to the intergovernmental agreement approved on October 21, 2010. (Copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President

Motion made by Vice-President Patinkin, seconded by Commissioner Caron, to elect Joe Cohen as President for FY2019. Roll vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a Roll call vote.

Vice-President

Motion made by Commissioner Antokal, seconded by Commissioner Caron, to elect Rick Patinkin as Vice-President for FY2019. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS

President Cohen made the following appointments:

Jeff Nehila as Secretary/Executive Director for FY2019; Ancel Glink as Primary Counsel; Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins as Secondary Counsel for Real Estate Tax Appeals; Commissioner Lapin as Treasurer for FY2019; Jeff Nehila and Trisha Breitlow as FOIA Officers for FY2019; and Jeff Nehila and Jeff Harvey as OMA Designees for FY2019.

And the following Committee Appointments:

Committee appointments for FY 2019 are as follows: Liaisons for: Pool Advisory- Rick Patinkin; Golf Advisory – Joe Cohen; Affiliate Advisory – Greg Lapin; Recreation Center Advisory – Gil Antokal; Deerfield Park Foundation – Greg Lapin; Northwest Quadrant Task Force – Jan Caron; NSSRA – Jan Caron.

ADOPTION FY2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion made by Commissioner Antokal, seconded by Vice-President Patinkin, to adopt the meeting schedule for FY2019, as presented. Voice vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

Other

Legislative Breakfast

The Legislative Breakfast is being held Friday, February 8, 2019.

Sachs Recreation Center 10-Year Anniversary Celebration

The Sachs Recreation Center 10-Year Anniversary Celebration will be held Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 1-4 p.m.

Skate Park User Group Meeting

A Skate Park User Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

School District #109 Theater Contribution

Director Nehila received a call from the School District #109 requesting the board consider increasing the park district's contribution towards the Caruso Theater Renovation Project. Staff will discuss park district usage of the theater with the school district.

Motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Vice-President Patinkin, to adjourn into Closed Session at 9:40 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) Setting Price for Sale/Lease of Real Estate. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Caron, Patinkin, Antokal, Lapin, Cohen (0)

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 10:06 p.m.

Motion made by Treasurer Lapin, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:07 p.m. Voice vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2019, at 8:00 p.m. at the Jewett Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Nehila, Secretary