

The Workshop Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Cohen at 7:32 p.m. in the Administrative Offices of the Deerfield Park District located in the Jewett Park Community Center. Attendance was taken and the following were:

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

Absent: None (0)

And there was a quorum in attendance. Also in attendance were Jeff Nehila, Secretary/Executive Director; Jeff Harvey, Linda Anderson, Jay Zahn, Tony Korzyniewski, Jason Mannina, staff members.

Matters from the Public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Jaycee Park Playground Update

Staff budgeted funds for the Jaycee Park Playground renovation, along with the renovation of the dog park at Jaycee. The district received a \$50,000 grant towards the purchase of the playground equipment. These two projects will be combined into one project and bid out as one. The design phase has begun. The dog park will remain in the same place with possible expansion by moving the fence possibly allowing for a 15'-20' increase in space. Signage has been posted seeking suggestions from dog park users. The entrance will be relocated to the northeast corner and the shelter moved to the south. A few agility pieces will be included but users commented that the dogs don't really use them so there doesn't need to be a lot. Users requested an area just for small dogs but with the limited amount of space that isn't feasible. A new water fountain for people and dogs will also be added. Drainage will also be addressed to help alleviate standing water.

The playground renovation will include several independent play pieces as well as play structures for 2 to 5-year olds and 5 to 12-year olds. The playground will be completely ADA accessible. A raised sidewalk ramp will be brought into a 4' deck instead of having the ramp start at ground level and move up. An in-ground slide is also being considered. A zipline will probably be the main feature of the park as in independent piece. A track zipline or an actual zipline are being considered. Several swings are part of the plan including an expression swing that is being donated by the park foundation.

The project will be bid out in March and staff would like to present bids at the March Board Meeting for approval. Staff is looking to start the project in late April/early May with completion in July.

Jewett Park Phase 1 Update and Discussion

Staff updated commissioners on the Jewett Park Phase 1 renovation project. The village board tabled any decisions on approving the proposed Phase 1 renovation project for Jewett Park at their January 22, 2019 meeting. The opposition by nearby residents on the placement and effects of pickleball was the only concern in regard to the entire plan. Therefore, to keep the balance of

the project moving forward, staff submitted a letter to the Village Manager stating that the district will remove the pickleball court and gaga pit area from the proposed plan at this time. The village board reviewed the amended request on February 4 at 7:30 p.m. The amended plan was approved by the village board.

The Appearance Review Commission approved the plan on January 28.

Since the pickleball issue will more than likely be a focus on any proposed addition of courts to any park, a possible discussion item could be how to best approach this topic.

In any case, we will more than likely need to address real and/or perceived acoustical effects. Performing another site inventory of possible locations, along with examining the possibility of renovating existing tennis courts into pickleball courts, are other considerations for discussion. Incorporating pickleball player feedback is certainly another consideration. The establishment of an ad-hoc committee for pickleball may be an option to consider.

Commissioners felt that a sound study would need to be done before pickleball could be added to any park.

Commissioner Caron stated she found information that quieter paddles are available and maybe requiring users to use them would be something we consider. She also stated that there is a sound mitigation company that makes acoustic fence. Staff looked at the fence but wasn't sure it would be rigid enough to withstand weather.

Commissioner Antokal thought we should determine which park locations the district would consider putting pickleball in before creating a committee. Commissioners Caron thought the district should stay away from school sites. Commissioner Caron stated that Jewett Park is still her first choice and agreed that the sound study should be done. Staff will look at other areas to determine if there is any other viable location.

Long Range Capital and Financial Planning Presentation

Commissioners were provided with material relating to the park district's Capital Improvement Plans, fund commitments, School District 109 coordination for cost sharing of school site related capital projects, a payment schedule on the 2012 A General Obligation, (GEO), bonds and the current "board" CIP and commitment schedules. The first set of documents include 7-year Capital Improvement Plans for the district's parks and fleet management, for the district's golf operations and for the recreation center. The majority of the material is identical to what was presented at the 2018 Budget Workshop. The plans do however reflect a longer period of time, 7 vs. 5 years, and have been expanded to include items not yet forecasted such as facility roofing and field lighting replacements. The D109 worksheets reflect a couple of scenarios based on contributions of \$750,000 and \$1 million contributions towards Caruso Middle School

Auditorium enhancement project scheduled for the summer of 2020. The district currently has \$500,000 committed to the project.

The bond payment schedule reflects the amount of principle due through 2023 with notable decreases in 2022 and 2023. Interest averages \$10,000 per year on top of principle due.

The Long Term Board Capital Projects and Long Term Committed Capital Projects schedules reflect the most current schedules provided at the 2018 Budget Workshop.

Also provided was a synopsis of many of these items along with considerations on how to possibly budget for and allocate funds. The 7-year CIP's reflect an average of \$1.945 or \$1.987 million expenditures including either a \$750,000 or a \$1,000,000 contribution to the D109 theater program. This matches the general amount of expenditures that were previously executed with combined staff and board grids.

The synopsis then presents a possible method to actually combine those processes by recognizing the staff driven plans, having the board commit funds from fund balances and how to fund future projects currently listed on the "board" long term capital projects grid.

One significant factor to consider, despite a perceived high level of fund balances in some funds, is the actual deficit over the life of the golf course operations. Another factor is the accumulation and preservation of targeted fund balances in all district funds. Essentially, by maintaining the target fund balances in all funds and subtracting the long term deficit created by the golf course, the less discretionary, or committable funds we actually have. Part of the synopsis will cover how the district can still commit to and fund significant capital projects with available reserves and possibly additional bonds.

Discussion was held regarding the golf course debt. After discussion, commissioners directed staff to write-off the debt, so the monies shown are the actual funds available for use.

Commissioners will then need to determine their fund commitments so that a resolution can be brought to a board meeting for adoption.

Commissioners thanked staff for a great job of putting all of the Capital Improvement Plans and other information together.

State Conference Recap

Commissioners gave reviews of sessions attended at the NRPA Conference.

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Motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Vice-President Patinkin, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 9:37 p.m. Voice vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Nehila, Secretary