Minutes of the Workshop Meeting Board of Park Commissioners August 1, 2019

The Workshop Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Cohen at 7:30 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, Laura McCarty, Jay Zahn, Tony Korzyniewski, Jason Mannina, staff members.

Matters from the Public
No visitors or guests were present at the meeting.

Proposed Updates to Board Policies and Administrative Regulations – Section 3 Administration
Commissioners proceeded to review proposed updates to Section 3, Administration, of the Board Policies and Administration Regulations Manual. Suggested additions will be incorporated into the policies and brought to the August 15, 2019 Regular Board Meeting for approval.

Other Matters
Pickleball Update
Director Nehila distributed 2 pickleball reports. One is an overall report and one specific to Deerspring Park. There is not much difference between the ambient noise levels at different parks. With the projected placement of the pickleball courts being at a minimum 250 feet to the lot lines and about 270 feet to the nearest house the decibels with dissipate before reaching the homes. There are also storm sewer issues we are trying to work through. Staff is working with the village to determine how best to move water because there is one drain pipe that runs underneath where the courts are going to be. The village requirements have been changed from 10 year events to 25 year events as far as moving and storing water. Staff is working on a solution to make sure more water is not provided in the system that’s there as the water will run into Brand. Staff would like to have the details worked out and go before the Village Plan Commission in September or October.

Jewett Park Update
Director Nehila reported that the Jewett Park Phase 1 renovation project began with the installation of fencing, demolition of the skatepark and a ballfield. As soon as our extended camp programs end on August 16 the turn-around on the west side will be fenced off and work will then progress quickly. Staff is looking into the feasibility of putting down sod as opposed to seed in the baseball/soccer playing areas of the park. Norcon is getting pricing for this option. Staff will have information on this in a couple of weeks. Staff is also working with the affiliates on their contributions to the project.

NRPA Conference
Director Nehila reminded commissioners that NRPA Conference is scheduled for September 24-26, 2019.

IAPD Gala
The IAPD Best of the Best Gala is being held on Friday, November 1, 2019.
Price Street Request
Director Nehila reported that neighbors on Price Street sent a petition to the village to develop a park at the end of the street. The petition that was forwarded to us but since it’s addressed to the village, staff is sending it back to the village.

Motion made by Vice-President Patinkin, seconded by Commissioner Caron, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 8:01 p.m. Voice vote as follows:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Nehila, Secretary