

The Special 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, Mark Woolums, staff members.

**Matters from the Public**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

**Golf Club and Learning Center FY 2020**

Discussion was held on the 2020 Proposed Deerfield Golf Club Green Fees Recommendations. Each fall golf course management prepares a detailed Competitive Market Analysis (CMA) of the rates at other golf courses in the area to assist in planning for the upcoming year's budget. The 2019 CMA was presented to the Golf Advisory Committee on September 12. After discussion on where the Deerfield Golf Club rates stood in comparison to the other courses, the committee unanimously agreed with staff's proposed increases.

After a thorough review, staff feels compelled to increase most all of the greens fee options that are used heavily throughout the season. Those that are increasing will reflect a \$2 non-resident daily fee increase and a \$1 resident daily fee increase. Another area where staff felt rates could be adjusted was in seasonal passes and cart fees. Staff once again feels comfortable increasing rates on our most popular pass options. After an analysis of all pass holder rounds staff is recommending a 3% non-resident pass price increase and a 1.5% resident pass price increase. Staff also recommends a cart fee increase of \$.50 for all 9 and 18 hole rounds and a \$1 increase on all twilight golf cart fees. Staff also recommends a \$1 per range basket increase along with a \$10 increase per range value pass. Staff has concluded that with these modest increases we will forecast a result of \$41,290 in increased revenues to offset the 2020 increased operational expenditures.

Staff also is recommending a \$5 per player increase for all non-residents in permanent tee time groups.

Motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to approve the proposed 2020 green, season pass, cart and permanent tee times fee increase as noted in the highlighted section on the CMA attached. Voice vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

**Summer Camp FY 2020**

Commissioners proceeded to discuss summer camp programs for 2019 as well as those proposed for 2020. Camp enrollment numbers were slightly lower this year and staff hopes to see an increase for next year. We were over budget in revenue and under budget in expenses, so we had another successful summer. Staff has budgeted a fairly substantial wage increase for all staff in order to comply with the minimum wage increases.

The Recreation Staff was commended on another successful summer of quality camp programs.

After review of background materials, Commissioners agreed:

1. Camp deposits continue to be \$50.00 per session per camp for 3 and 4-week sessions and \$100.00 per session per camp for the 6 and 7-week sessions.
2. An increase of 5% over 2019 to be assessed to resident fees to cover increased expenses.
3. A \$5.00 surcharge/registration fee continues to be assessed for 2019.
4. The non-resident differential continues at 20% of the base resident rate and then the \$5.00 registration surcharge

Motion made by Treasurer Lapin, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to direct staff to incorporate the summer camp fees as proposed into the District budget for FY 2020. Voice vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

**Preschool FY 2020**

Discussion followed on budgetary information for the 2020-2021 school year of Preschool.

Upon completion of discussion, the following were agreed upon:

1. Deposits will remain equal to one month's tuition (non-refundable).
2. Using 2019 fees as a base, an increase of 3% will be assessed across the board.
3. Continue the non-resident fee surcharge of a \$5.00 per days of the week in attendance (\$10, \$15, \$20, \$25).

Motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to approve the Preschool Budget for 2020-2021 school year, as presented. Voice vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

### **Deerspring Splashpad Design Update**

Director Nehila reported that the Deerspring splashpad is scheduled to be updated beginning in the fall of 2020 and finishing in the spring of 2021. Using that timeline and measuring backwards it is now time to engage engineering firms. At the October 1, 2019 Pool Advisory Committee meeting, staff shared design plans from Vortex for splashpad features with the committee. Common elements included slides plus independent spray features and to add more dynamic pieces. The plan will have zones for younger and older children. Engineering firm FGM is meeting with staff at the splashpad on Friday, October 4 and WT Engineering will be coming out in a couple of weeks. These are the 2 firms staff would like to get proposals from to help design and obtain permits. One major variable that staff is trying to get a definite answer on the state's public health department's position on splashpads being guarded or unguarded and what they consider standing water or not standing water. The public health department has said they are going to be more stringent on regulatory issues regarding splashpads. Staff has put a call into the public health department to get more guidance. A benefit in talking with the engineering firms is to find out what their experiences are. One of the firms is doing research on getting variances. One important variance is the bather preparation area. Depending on how the public health department's code is interpreted it could mean that the district would need to provide a full-service bathhouse for the splashpad. Another important variance would be if a lifeguard would be needed. Staff will keep the board updated on these issues. Proposal(s) are forthcoming.

Commissioners brought up the splashpad surfacing. Commissioners prefer to have a rubber surface under the play surface and concrete on the outer ring. Due to the high cost of the soft surfacing, Commissioner Caron suggested having a concrete surface in the bid and the soft surface as an alternate.

Commissioner Caron suggested talking with lifeguards from Mitchell to find out what features are popular with the children.

The Deerspring kiddie pool will remain the same as was recommended by the Pool Advisory Committee.

### **Other**

#### **Lifeguard Wages**

Lifeguard wages will be going up for the 2020 season. Lifeguard wages will start at \$12.00 per hour. Hopefully this will help in recruiting and retaining staff as well as allowing for flexibility in scheduling to keep lifeguards fresh and alert. Staff will be looking at different ways to recruit staff this summer.

Commissioner Caron mentioned that one of the big drawbacks of being a lifeguard is that you get sent home if there is bad weather. She stated maybe there is a way to give them some hours even if they get sent home.

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Treasurer Lapin reported that IAPD suggested recruiting from Great Lakes Naval Station and Northwestern Swim Team.

Staff will be cross promoting summer positions at our other facilities.

**Tax Levy Discussion**

The Tax Levy Discussion will be held during the October 17, 2019 Finance Meeting.

**IPRA State Conference**

The IPRA State Conference will be January 23-25, 2020.

**Joint Board Reception**

The Joint Board Reception will be held at one of the D109 middle schools on November 6.

**IAPD Best of the Best Gala**

The IAPD Best of the Best Gala is Friday, November 1 at Chevy Chase.

**Pickleball Courts Update**

Director Nehila reported that he has turned in the initial pickleball court submission to the Village of Deerfield for staff for review. Village staff asked if the parking lot was large enough to accommodate pool users and pickleball court users. Staff will address this issue in the updated submission. Commissioners told staff to be prepared for the village to ask for a traffic study.

**Sharing of Information**

President Cohen asked that staff bring updates to logos, color palettes for facilities, etc. to the board for input.

Motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Vice-President Patinkin, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 9:10 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

