

## **MINUTES REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS December 11, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Cohen at 8:02 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, Laura McCarty, Tony Korzyniewski, staff members; David Unger, Rebecca Soldwirsch, residents.

### **PUBLIC HEARING: TAX LEVY ORDINANCE #2019-03**

President Cohen opened the Public Hearing on Tax Levy Ordinance #2019-03 and as there were no questions/comments regarding the Ordinance, the Public Hearing was closed and the Regular Meeting continued.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to approve the Minutes of the November 21, 2019, Finance Meeting, as amended; and the November 21, 2019, Regular Meeting.

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 December 11, 2019 in the amount of \$1,072,388.49 which includes \$1,929.96 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.

#### **Tax Levy Ordinance #2019-03**

Motion made by Treasurer Lapin, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to approve Ordinance #2019-03 levying taxes for the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Deerfield Park District, Lake and Cook Counties, Illinois, a copy of which is to be made a part of the minutes of this meeting. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

**Transfer of Appropriation Ordinance #2019-04**

Motion made by Commissioner Antokal, seconded by Vice-President Patinkin, to adopt Ordinance #2019-04 transferring items of appropriation for Fiscal Year 2019, as presented. (Copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Antokal, Patinkin, Caron, 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.

David Unger and Rebecca Soldwirsch were in attendance to learn more information regarding the proposed pickleball courts at Deerspring Park such as how was Deerspring Park chosen? Why didn't the district go back to Jewett Park after the noise study results were received? Why wasn't a larger park chosen since adding pickleball courts will eliminate all of the open green space at Deerspring Park? When does the Park Board look at the active use land versus the inactive use land?

Commissioner Caron informed David that these questions will be addressed on Thursday, December 12 at the Village Plan Commission. Commissioner Antokal explained that in October the park district went through a pre-filing and the recommendations from the Plan Commission were incorporated in the proposed plan.

President Cohen explained that a couple of Jewett Park neighbors were successful in convincing the village that the proximity to the one house in Jewett Park was enough to not allow the courts to be built there. After the village had us exclude the courts, the park district didn't want to delay the renovation of Jewett Park for a year while conducting sound studies etc. so therefore sought out another site.

Rebecca expressed concerns about flooding on her street. Commissioner Caron stated that the village is responsible for that not the park district. The park district has very strict conditions that the village engineer has put in place taking care of the water on the district's property and the plan commission will be making sure those conditions are met. Experts will be at the Public Hearing on December 12 to explain the stormwater management plan that will be put in place.

Rebecca stated that there are pickleball courts at Sachs and some of the tennis courts have been lined for pickleball. She asked how many courts does the district need? President Cohen responded that the district is short on tennis courts in Deerfield and converting tennis courts to pickleball courts doesn't accomplish what is necessary to accommodate the number of people in town that want to play pickleball and tennis.

President Cohen recommended they attend the Plan Commission meeting on Thursday, December 12 where an in-depth presentation will cover all of the major issues.

Director Nehila commented that the park district has been discussing pickleball courts at the park board level for a year. If the minutes are reviewed, the process of how the selection, first of Jewett Park then of Deerspring Park, unfolded. The entire process the district went through will be covered at the Public Hearing. Deerspring was chosen as the best site after following the criteria set by the village for sound and water management. The park district has heard the neighbors' concerns and has displayed a very high sentiment as far as being cognizant of those concerns. The park district must follow the village's rules and regulations in order to obtain a permit and in order to do that the district has to go through the Plan Commission and Village Board.

Commissioner Caron stated that the park district has been working on this project for a year. The opportunity to present it to the neighbors is at the Public Hearing at the Plan Commission meeting. President Cohen stated that we have followed all the required steps in the process from sending out the certified letters, doing the Pre-filing with the Plan Commission, appearing before the Plan Commission and the last step would be to appear before the Village Board.

Vice-President Patinkin stated that the park district would not have the Patty Turner Center, the dog park, the skatepark or any other activities or facilities in Deerfield if the neighbors that came to complain prevailed. He stated that the park board's job is to serve the community. He stated that if you went to talk to any of the neighbors that had issues at any of the parks where the facilities have been put in place, they never have any issues after they are built.

Treasurer Lapin commented that after reading all of the complaint letters many are filled with mistruths. The park district staff has dedicated their lives to parks and recreation and maintaining green space is a huge part of that. He stated that he takes offense to anyone saying the staff doesn't care about trees, green space or the environment.

David commented that they do really appreciate the park board's efforts and understand that they are volunteers.

Commissioner Caron stated the district has always had a good relationship with our neighbors and will continue to take neighbors' concerns into consideration and work hard to make them happy.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Fiscal Year 2020 Meeting Schedule**

Motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Vice-President Patinkin, to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Park Board Workshop and Regular Meeting Schedule as presented. (Copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Voice vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

**Deerfield Golf Club Irrigation Pump System Improvements**

Motion made by Treasurer Lapin, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to approve the bid of \$174,050.00 by ProPump and Control, Inc. for the complete installation of a new irrigation pump system. (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.

**Donation from Pediatric Sun Protection Foundation**

Motion made by Commissioner Antokal, second by Vice-President Patinkin, to approve to accept up to \$30,000 from the Pediatric Sun Protection Foundation for projects contributing to the general health and welfare of the Deerfield community in accordance with the Deerfield Park District's Gifts, Bequests and Donations Policy. (Copy attached and made part of these minutes.) Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Antokal, Patinkin, Caron, Lapin, Cohen

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

**Pay Request #5 Jewett Park Phase 1 Renovation Project**

Motion made by Treasurer Lapin, seconded by Commissioner Caron, to approve Payment Request #5 from Norcon, Inc. for the work completed through November on the Jewett Park Phase 1 Renovation project in the amount of \$263,436.94. (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.

**Other**

**Brickyard Park Playground**

Staff met with the Rudin's this week and made the final equipment selection for the Brickyard Park Playground Renovation.

Motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to adjourn into Closed Session at 9:02 p.m. pursuant to Review of Closed Session Minutes 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) and Personnel Matters Involving Specific Employees 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 9:43 p.m.

**ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION IF ANY**

Motion made by Treasurer Lapin, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to approve a merit salary increase effective on the Executive Director's anniversary date. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, after review of Closed Session Minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21), the following will be made available for public inspection: September 19, 2019.

Motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:45 p.m. Voice vote as follows:

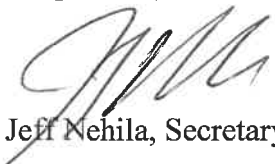
AYES: Caron, Antokal, Lapin, Patinkin, Cohen (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. at the Jewett Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Nehila, Secretary