

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS January 16, 2020

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, Laura McCarty, Tony Korzyniewski, Jason Mannina, staff members; Mike Danielewicz, Paul Chanan, DYBSA; Stuart Slutzky, AYSO; Armen Asatryan, Alan Burack, Alisa Klein, Michael Fine, Lorrie Levitz, residents.

PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2020-01

Notice of the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Budget appeared in the Deerfield Review on December 12, 2019. 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 November 25, 2019 Budget Workshop; the December 11, 2019 Finance Meeting; the December 11, 2019 Regular Meeting; and the December 11, 2019, 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 Vice-President Patinkin, to approve the Voucher Listing dated January 16, 2020 in the amount of \$1,305,259.49 which includes \$1,568.24 of travel and training expenses. (Copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Roll call vote as follows:

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

Adoption of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #2020-01

Motion made by Treasurer Lapin, seconded by Commissioner Caron, to approve the 2020 Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #2020-01. (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.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ VISITORS AND GUESTS

President Cohen welcomed visitors and guests to the meeting.

Affiliate Reports

AYSO

Stuart Slutzky, Commissioner of AYSO for his 10th year, reported that 6 new board members have been added and the board is up to 20 members. Stuart introduced Brad Sloan as the new Coach Administrator. 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 and new this year is a plaque with the team photo and individual photo on it. AYSO offers programs from age 3 through 14U. Above 14U AYSO partners with Highland Park. AYSO also partners with Highland Park for the VIP program. AYSO still offers the Extra program. This program requires participants to participate in the core program as well. AYSO partners with the park district in the winter to offer programs at the schools through the after school enrichment programs. AYSO is celebrating their 25-year anniversary. In honor of this anniversary, the AYSO board agreed to donate \$25,000 to the park district to help support the redevelopment of Jewett Park and to help improve drainage at Jaycee Park. Stuart Paul thanked the park district and board for their cooperation throughout the year as well as all of the efforts of the parks department in getting the fields ready for play. There are over 1,000 players and 300 volunteers involved in AYSO.

DYBSA

Mike Danielewicz of DYBSA introduced Paul Chanan as the new commissioner. Mike reported that DYBSA offers 3 seasons of baseball and softball. Spring season runs April through beginning of June, summer runs mid-June through the end of July and fall runs September 1 through October 31. DYBSA offers free baseball and softball clinics in the off-season. DYBSA had 1,457 boys and girls play in 2019. Wooden Bat Tournament had 68 teams and the Warrior softball tournament had 33 teams. These tournaments are a great way to showcase the parks. There are several teams in place already for the 2020 season. House league fees have remained the same with travel recognizing a slight increase. Paul thanked the park district and board for their support throughout the year. Paul also praised the parks department for all they do in keeping the fields and the parks in great condition.

Deerspring Park Neighbors

Alisa Klein, 231 Ramsay, stated that her property backs up to Margate across the street from Deerspring but more specifically across the street from the tennis courts. The idea of pickleball courts at Deerspring is troubling for many reasons. Most troubling is that the construction of the courts, the pavement plus the water retention area, would take up the entirety of the public open green space at the park. With all the amenities already at the park there isn't a lot of open green space left. The residents in that section of Deerfield use the small open green space for recreation. If the proposal is approved, there won't be any open green space in the neighborhood. In addition, the construction of over 400 feet of 10-foot-high fence, some only 10 feet from the pool fence, would have a detrimental effect on the aesthetics of the park and neighborhood. She recommended having a landscaper designer do a 3D rendering so that everyone can see what the park would look like with the addition of the courts. She stated that she understands the park district put a lot of time into selecting Deerspring but Deerspring is not the right

location. She stated that the park district's sound study didn't take into account the popping noise the ball makes when hitting the paddle. She requested that park district to additional sound testing.

Armen Asatryan, 448 Margate Terrace, stated that construction of the pickleball courts at Deerspring would be bad for the animal population. He stated that playing pickleball in bad weather can result in falls and broken wrists. He agreed that a 3D rendering should be completed. He commented that due to the weather conditions the courts wouldn't get a lot of use and pickleball would be better played indoors.

Alan Burack, 835 Beverly Place, began by acknowledging all the good things the park district does in the community. He commented that the placement of pickleball courts in a small park isn't appropriate. It should be a priority of the park district to preserve the balance of nature and recreation. He stated that there is a limited amount of green space in a small park that's highly imbedded in a neighborhood. He stated that it's important to preserve the natural balance of the park. He stated that the pickleball courts are probably a good idea just not at Deerspring. He asked that the board could take that into consideration.

Lorrie Levitz, 941 Beverly Place, stated that her and her husband wrote letters and have nothing additional to add.

Michael Fine, 916 Meadowbrook, commented that the common concern among the neighbors is the lack of green space in the park if the pickleball courts are built. He stated that it's unfortunate to lose the green space that gets used year-round for courts that will not be used year-round.

President Cohen thanked everyone for their comments. He stated that unfortunately no matter where the park district puts any new amenity the neighbors say the same thing. The park district has to learn to balance the needs of the neighborhood vs. the needs of the many. Many times, the park district comes up with compromises and these types of discussions help with that. The park district does accommodate and do things to minimize but the park district has to weigh the needs of everybody. The park district is still evaluating available options. The neighbors might not like some of those options. The noise can probably be addressed and resolved.

Neighbor asked if the park district could get the neighbors involved in the process. President Cohen explained that the last time the neighbors were involved in the planning process they came to a village board meeting and stated the opposite of what they had agreed to. The park district believes that neighborhood input is important but the park district doesn't negotiate. The park district comes up with concepts that are palatable to the majority of people. He stated that the park district has monthly meeting but people are showing up at village meetings so this is being discussed. The process is still in the planning phase and are not sure what the village will approve. Previously the village's main concern was the flooding issues. To be honest, this project is better for stormwater management than what is there now. The biggest concern the park district is hearing about is neighborhood flooding yet this is a village issue. The park district was asked if the retention area could be deeper so it could hold more water and stated that neighbors may be willing to put up with some noise for a couple of months a year in order to reduce the flooding risk to homes. It's not just about green space or noise, there are a lot of factors that are going into the decision being made and no final decision has been made at this time.

Commissioner Antokal commented that the park district likes neighbor input that is delivered in a calm and rational way. He also stated that all of the park district information is posted on the website well in advance of the meetings.

Executive Director Nehila provided an update on the project. The park district has been coordinating with village staff since late last summer. The plans developed for the project were at a minimum, in compliance with the net-zero impact directive the district received. The village's Public Works sent the plans and stormwater calculations to an independent party for review. The results of the analysis came back on January 6. District staff, Public Works and consultants met on January 7 to review the comments and to come up with some additional possible features that would exceed the minimum net-zero impact. The district engineer, Dan Creaney, will coordinate those efforts with the third party. The district is confident that we can exceed the minimal requirements for stormwater detention.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

PTC Members' Council

A verbal report was given on the January 9, 2020 PTC Members' Council meeting. PTC active membership is 866. The center had a goal of getting 100 new members in 2019 and they have added 131 new members. For 2020 their goal is to get 125 additional new members. Upcoming events include the "Polynesian Night" and the "Fireman's 5-Alarm Chili Bowl."

Deerfield Park Foundation

A verbal report was given on the January 13, 2020 Deerfield Park Foundation meeting. The foundation will be pursuing one or two new fundraising events/programs this year. A potential new applicant will be interviewed by Executive Director Nehila and Foundation Manager Prause in February.

NEW BUSINESS

FY2020 Budget Approval

Motion made by Commissioner Antokal, seconded by Vice-President Patinkin, to approve the fiscal year 2020 budget, organization chart, and salary and wage range tables as presented at the November 25, 2019 board workshop, a copy of which is attached and to be included with the minutes of this meeting.

Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Transfers of Funds Resolution #2020-01

Motion made by Treasurer Lapin, seconded by Commissioner Caron, to adopt Resolution #2020-01 authorizing the transfer of \$2,000,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund as of December 31, 2019. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

FY2020 Payment for Joint Projects with Deerfield Public Schools #109

Motion made by Treasurer Lapin, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to approve the fiscal year 2020 payment of \$139,952 to Deerfield Public Schools #109 for joint construction projects pursuant to the intergovernmental agreement approved on October 21, 2010. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Resolution #2020-02 Authorizing Greg Lapin to Serve as Trustee of the Illinois Fund

Motion made by Vice-President Patinkin, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to adopt Resolution #2020-02 Authorizing Greg Lapin to serve as Trustee of the Illinois Fund. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Succession Procedure Manual Approval

Motion made by Commissioner Antokal, seconded by Commissioner Caron, to approve the Deerfield Park District Succession Procedures Manual as presented. Voice vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

Resolution #2020-03: A Resolution Adopting a Policy for Handling Complaints of Sexual Harassment Made by One Elected Official Against Another Elected Official

Motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Treasurer Lapin, to adopt Resolution #2020-03: A Resolution Adopting a Policy for Handling Complaints of Sexual Harassment Made by One Elected Official Against Another Elected Official. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Purchase Approval – Brickyards Park Playground Equipment

Motion made by Treasurer Lapin, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to approve the purchase of specified playground equipment for Brickyards Park Playground from Landscape Structures, Inc. through H-GAC cooperative purchasing program in the total amount of \$38,504. This includes a structure for 2-5-year-olds, an independent play apparatus and age appropriate swings. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Purchase Approval – Brickyards Park Playground Equipment

Motion made by Treasurer Lapin, seconded by Commissioner Caron, to approve the purchase of specified playground equipment for Brickyards Park from GameTime/Cunningham Recreation through U.S Communities cooperative purchasing program in the total amount of \$97,770.70. This includes a structure for 5-12-year-olds and several independent play components. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

North Shore Rhythmic Gymnastics Facility Use Request

Motion made by Commissioner Antokal, seconded by Commissioner Caron, approve the use of the following at the Sachs Recreation Center at no rental cost May 8-10, 2020 by North Shore Rhythmic Gymnastics for the 2020 Midwest Regional Championship Meet for Rhythmic Gymnastics; tennis courts, racquetball court, 5 additional sets of bleachers, 8 conference tables, 40 chairs and room E-22. NSRG will be responsible for all direct labor costs incurred by the park district for any after hour use of the facilities. They will also be responsible for providing volunteers for set-up/take-down of mats and program equipment, the hospitality room and for locker room attendants. NSRG will work with SRC staff to provide concession food for the event. Voice vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President

Motion made by Treasurer Lapin, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to elect Rick Patinkin as President for FY2020. Roll vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Vice-President

Motion made by Commissioner Antokal, seconded by Treasurer Lapin, to elect Jan Caron as Vice-President for FY2020. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS

President Patinkin made the following appointments:

Jeff Nehila as Secretary/Executive Director for FY2020; Ancel, Glink as Primary Counsel; Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins as Secondary Counsel for Real Estate Tax Appeals; Commissioner Joe Cohen as Treasurer for FY2020; Jeff Nehila and Jeff Harvey as FOIA Officers for FY2020; and Jeff Nehila and Jeff Harvey as OMA Designees for FY2020.

And the following Committee Appointments:

Committee appointments for FY 2020 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.

Motion made by Commissioner Antokal, seconded by Commissioner Caron, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:43 p.m. Voice vote as follows:

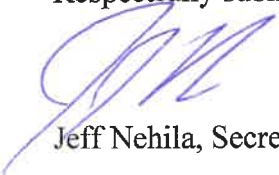
AYES: Antokal, Caron, Lapin, Patinkin, Cohen (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. at the Jewett Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Nehila, Secretary