

## **MINUTES REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS January 21, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Patinkin at 7:00 p.m. in the Jewett Park Community Center. The Secretary called the roll and the following were:

PRESENT: Antokal, Caron, Lapin, Patinkin (4)  
ABSENT: Cohen (1)

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; Dan Schwab, Deerfield Youth Lacrosse.

### **PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2021-01**

Notice of the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Budget appeared in the Deerfield Review on December 10, 2020. After reading a statement, President Patinkin indicated that the floor was open for questions/comments. As there were no emails received regarding the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was adjourned and the Regular Meeting continued.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Vice-President Caron, seconded by Commissioner Lapin, to approve the Minutes of the November 30, 2020 Budget Workshop meeting; the December 10, 2020 Regular meeting; and the December 10, 2020, Closed Session meeting. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Caron, Lapin, Antokal, Patinkin (4)  
NAYS: None (0)  
ABSENT: Cohen (1)  
Motion passed in a roll call vote.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

#### **Approval of Disbursements**

Motion made by Commissioner Antokal, seconded by Vice-President Caron, to approve the Voucher Listing dated January 21, 2021 in the amount of \$1,456,062.60 which includes \$1,724.94 of travel and training expenses. (Copy attached and made a part of these minutes).

Discussion followed:

Vice-President Caron asked which playground was being replaced at South Park School. Staff responded that it is the early childhood playground on the east side of the school.

Vice-President Caron asked about the ComEd bill for the 849 Hazel property. Staff responded that it is for the temporary electric panel that would have supported the Optimist Tree lot but due to COVID they did not hold their annual sale.

Vice-President Caron asked about the NSSRA contribution. Staff responded that the contribution is for our remaining share of the building purchase and renovation as a member agency.

Vice-President Caron asked if we knew how all the fraudulent charges happened. Staff responded that we do not know how this is happening, but the good news is BMO is great about catching and reversing the charges.

Commissioner Lapin asked about the high electric bill for Brickyards Park. Staff responded that Pegasus played longer into the fall than usual, so the lights were used more. Staff will be getting a usage printout from Skylogic for that month to check all three codes that were used.

Commissioner Lapin asked about the multiple payments to PDRMA. Staff responded that we pay them separately for our different lines of coverage such as property insurance and liability insurance since these are in different funds.

Commissioner Antokal asked if we have analog phones in all locations. Staff responded that the elevators and call boxes have copper-wired analog phones that will eventually go away.

Commissioner Antokal asked about the Tippani, LLC. Staff responded that it is a software maintenance agreement related to our annual server for maintenance and protection.

Commissioner Antokal asked about the cost of the topographical survey for Keller Park compared to the other surveyed locations. Staff responded that the Keller Park survey was for the entire park and the others were for portions of the other parks.

President Patinkin asked if the surveys would be stored electronically. Staff responded that they will be.

President Patinkin asked where the Distinguished Accreditation plaques are going throughout the district. Staff responded that plaques are located at Jewett Park Community Center, Patty Turner Center, Sachs Recreation Center and Deerfield Golf Club.

Roll call vote as follows:

AYES:            Lapin, Antokal, Caron, Patinkin (4)

NAYS:            None (0)

ABSENT:        Cohen (1)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No emails marked Public Comment were received prior to the meeting.

**Affiliate Reports**

Affiliate organizations provided written reports prior to the meeting. Commissioner Lapin expressed some concern that not all of the reports provided the required information. Staff will discuss with the affiliate organizations for future reporting.

**COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

**Deerfield Park Foundation**

A verbal report was given on the January 11, 2021 Deerfield Park Foundation meeting. Discussion topics included fundraising initiatives for 2021, the National Association of Park Foundations membership and increasing the diversity of the board. The next meeting of the Deerfield Park Foundation is scheduled for April 11, 2021.

**PTC Members' Council**

A verbal report was given on the January 14, 2021 PTC Members' Council meeting. There are 502 current members compared to 866 this time last year. The center's membership goal for this year is to attract one new member each month. Onsite programming will begin February 1 with one morning and one afternoon program offered daily for up to 10 participants. In celebration of Valentine's Day, the center is hosting a drive thru flower and chocolate handout event.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Adoption of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #2021-01**

Motion made by Treasurer Lapin, seconded by Vice-President Caron, to approve the 2021 Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #2021-01. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Lapin, Caron, Antokal, Patinkin (4)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Cohen (1)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

**Approval of FY2021 Budget**

Motion made by Commissioner Lapin, seconded by Vice-President Caron, to approve the fiscal year 2021 budget, organization chart, and salary and wage range tables as presented at the November 30, 2020 budget workshop. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Lapin, Caron, Antokal, Patinkin (4)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Cohen (1)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Vice-President Caron acknowledged and praised staff for all the work that went into the budget process.

**Purchase Approval – Blumberg Park Playground Equipment from BCI Burke Company**

Motion made by Commissioner Antokal, seconded by Commissioner Lapin, to approve the purchase of the above specified playground equipment for Blumberg Park from BCI Burke Company, LLC through Omnia Partners cooperative purchasing program in the total amount of \$39,506.39.

Roll call vote as follows:

AYES:            Antokal, Lapin, Caron, Patinkin (4)

NAYS:            None (0)

ABSENT:        Cohen (1)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

**Request for Deerfield Youth Lacrosse (DYLC) to become an Affiliate Organization**

Motion made by Commissioner Antokal, seconded by Vice-President Caron, to approve the request from DYLC to become an Affiliate Organization of the Deerfield Park District in accordance with Policy #5011 in the Board Policies and Administrative Regulations Manual. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES            Antokal, Caron, Caron, Patinkin (4)

NAYS:            None (0)

ABSENT:        Cohen (1)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**President**

Motion made by Commissioner Lapin, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to elect Rick Patinkin as President for FY2021. Roll vote as follows:

AYES:            Lapin, Antokal, Caron, Patinkin (4)

NAYS:            None (0)

ABSENT:        Cohen (1)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

**Vice-President**

Motion made by Commissioner Lapin, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to elect Jan Caron as Vice-President for FY2021. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES:            Antokal, Lapin, Caron, Patinkin (45)

NAYS:            None (0)

ABSENT:        Cohen (1)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

**APPOINTMENTS**

President Patinkin made the following appointments:

Jeff Nehila as Secretary/Executive Director for FY2021; Ancel, Glink as Primary Counsel; Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins as Secondary Counsel for Real Estate Tax Appeals; Commissioner Joe Cohen as Treasurer for FY2021; Gil Antokal for Vice-Treasurer; Jeff Nehila and Jeff Harvey as FOIA Officers for FY2021; and Jeff Nehila and Jeff Harvey as OMA Designees for FY2021.

The following Committee Appointments were also made:

Committee appointments for FY 2021 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.

**Other**

**Citizen Advisory Committees**

We are soliciting for applicants on the district’s website and our social media outlets for 1 Golf Advisory member, 2 Pool Advisory members and 4 Recreation Center Advisory members.

**AYSO**

AYSO contributed \$15,000 towards the Jaycee Park drainage project.

**Other**

**Facility/Program Updates**

**Jewett Park Community Center**

The winter session will be extended through the last week of March. After School Club will resume at the school sites the week of February 1. Preschool resumed on January 4. The Summer Camp Guide will be posted online soon, and registration will begin on February 8 for residents and February 15 for non-residents. Staff anticipates high registration numbers as parents anticipate a “normal” summer. We currently have 60 lifeguards committed to work next summer. PTC will resume in-person programming on February 1 with one morning and one afternoon program. Virtual programming will also continue.

**Sachs Recreation Center**

The capacity limit was raised to 50% bringing our allowable users to 42. Indoor fitness classes can resume as well. Indoor cycle will be offered 7 days a week. Aqua Aerobics will be offered twice weekly. We have added an additional Zoom account so we can increase our offerings. Coho was able to increase the number of swimmers per time block. Rhythmic Gymnastics will resume next week. Personal training can start doing small groups. Once locker rooms are reopened, staff anticipated seeing more users.

**Deerfield Golf Club**

Pass sales have exceeded the budget line item thanks to the Korean Ladies group paying for all of their Sr. Non-resident passes upfront. PTC Men’s group was pleased with the number of rounds they will be able to play with the changes to the Sr. Resident Pass. The permanent tee time lottery numbers are the same as last year and staff expects growth in those numbers. Staff is still hoping to secure the use of a golf simulator for the remainder of winter. Staff is busy working on the interior of the clubhouse cleaning carpets, etc.

**Motion made by Commissioner Antokal, seconded by Commissioner Caron, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:14 p.m.**

Roll call vote as follows:

AYES:            Antokal, Caron, Lapin, Patinkin (4)

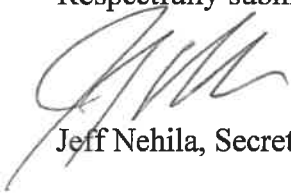
NAYS:            None (0)

ABSENT:        Cohen (1)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Nehila, Secretary