

The Workshop Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Patinkin at 7:02 p.m. via remote access by Zoom video. 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 present were Jeff Nehila, Secretary/Executive Director; Laura McCarty, Jay Zahn, staff members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received by email prior to the meeting.

Review of Deerspring Spray Ground Equipment Proposals

On February 1, 2021, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was distributed to several qualified vendors/manufacturers to furnish spray ground equipment for the new Deerspring spray ground. The proposals were due back on February 12, 2021. A total of five proposals were received from four companies, one company submitted two proposals. Staff chose three of the five proposals to consider based on compliance with the RFP and staff's review. The three proposals chosen, Vortex, Water Odyssey and Rain Drop are all reputable companies that are considered industry leaders based on product quality and longevity of spray ground equipment.

The following is the timeline for beginning the project and it will be important to adhere to this timeline due to the amount of time staff are anticipating it will take to receive a permit for the project through IDPH. Adhering to this timetable will help to ensure the project can begin at the end of the 2021 pool season at Deerspring.

The Pool Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, March 2 to provide feedback on the equipment and prioritize their top three choices. Their choices in order of preference were Vortex, Rain Drop and Water Odyssey.

Staff proceeded to share each vendor's equipment recommendation with the board. After review of each option Commissioners unanimously selected the Vortex equipment due the variety of play features including slides and the options available to different age groups.

At the March 18 Park Board meeting, a recommendation for RFP approval and purchase will be presented. Based on the equipment selected, FGM Architects will begin the development phase for preliminary architectural designs and construction documents. After the design plans and construction documents are approved by staff and the Board in June, construction designs will be sent to IDPH and the project will be ready to be sent out for formal bidding. Staff is anticipating a 90-day review period with IDPH.

Bid proposal recommendations will be presented to the Board for approval at the July 15 Board meeting. Once approved, contracts will be executed, and staff will wait to receive permit approval from IDPH and the Village before construction can begin in September.

In addition, staff will be asking for an alternate bid for the spray ground surface. Many spray grounds industry wide are concrete or stained concrete, however based on the Board's feedback staff will ask FGM Architects to include an alternate bid for rubberized surfacing.

COVID Vaccination Center

Director Nehila reported that the district was contacted by Village of Deerfield representatives to explore the possibility of a park district facility being used as a COVID vaccination center. The village had initial dialog months ago with a medical firm looking to host a testing site in Deerfield. Since that time, the medical firm has been awarded the federal contract to do testing at O'Hare and Midway Airports. Recently they came back and talked with the village again, asking if the village had a potential site to do vaccines as they were looking to expand their services. Staff met with representatives of the village and the medical firm at Patty Turner Center to determine if that could be a potential site. The Center does provide the perfect traffic flow for not only cars but people going through the building. Three key elements to a vaccination site are parking, space to do the vaccination and space to do the 15-minute observation period after the vaccination. People would come in through the north entrance to register, proceed to the multi-purpose room for their vaccine, then proceed across the hall to the Members' Room for the post-vaccine waiting period and finally leave out the south entrance.

The firm has been coordinating with the Lake County Health Department, (LCHD), to get the distribution of the vaccines. LCHD is looking to have a lot of these models established so that they can focus on the distribution of the vaccine instead of distribution and administration. They feel their services are better to handle the distribution, so they are looking for partnerships such as this to administer the vaccine. One of the sites LCHD is currently using is the Lake County Fairgrounds but that agreement expires at the end of March. The medical firm is coordinating with LCHD to determine how many vaccines they can get and when they can start administering them.

Director Nehila met with Patty Turner Center staff to discuss the impact to the PTC membership. PTC staff would be able to continue offering virtual programming and possibly small-scale in-person programming in the library and atrium area. Looking at the number of people that could be serviced at this vaccination site versus the short-term impact on the center's membership, Director Nehila continued to pursue the opportunity. Director Nehila had Ancel Glink draft a Facility Use Agreement between the park district and the medical firm that was reviewed and agreed to by the medical firm.

If the Park Board could set a Special Meeting for next week to approve the agreement there is a chance the site could open on March 22 or 29. More detailed coordination needs to be done but nothing that can't be overcome. A soft opening would be done a week prior to help the medical firm get all the spacing and traffic flow set-up accurately. The medical firm will be responsible for operating their own portal for registration. This site will certainly accelerate the health and safety of the community and help expedite the movement to Phase 5.

The agreement is drafted to end at the end of August but there is an out for each party to end the agreement sooner.

Commissioner Lapin asked if Patty Turner Center programming could move outdoors since this will be taking place in the warmer months. Director Nehila stated that the staff could certainly get creative and offer more outdoor programming. President Patinkin mentioned that there is plenty of space at the rec center that could be used for PTC programming.

Treasurer Cohen asked if the medical firm was going to pay the park district's legal fees. Director Nehila responded that he may suggest that they make a donation to our Park Foundation. He also commented that there should be an opportunity for open dialogue and the chance to recoup any out-of-pocket expenses the district may incur.

Vice-President Caron asked if any type of permit would be required by the village. Director Nehila responded that no permit would be required.

The vaccination clinic will not be held on April 6, 2021 as the Patty Turner Center is used as a polling place.

A Special Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video.

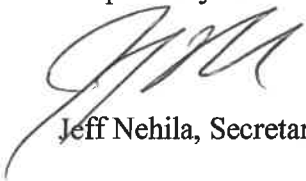
Motion made by Treasurer Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Antokal, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 7:55 p.m. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Nehila, Secretary