

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS September 14, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Patinkin at 7:37 p.m. The Secretary called the roll and the following were:

PRESENT: Brown, Caron, Cohen, Patinkin, Serota (5)
ABSENT: None (0)

and there was a quorum in attendance. Also present was Jeff Nehila, Secretary/Executive Director; Jeff Harvey, Laura McCarty, Jay Zahn, Tony Korzyniewski, Jason Mannina, staff members; Terry Black, Realgy, LLC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Vice-President Caron, seconded by Treasurer Cohen, to approve the Minutes of the August 19, 2021, Finance Meeting; and the August 19, 2021, Regular Meeting. Voice vote as follows:

AYES: Caron, Cohen, Serota, Patinkin (4)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTAIN: Brown (1)
Motion passed in a voice vote.

Motion made by Vice-President Caron, seconded by Treasurer Cohen, to approve the Minutes of the September 2, 2021, Workshop Meeting. Voice vote as follows:

AYES: Caron, Cohen, Brown, Serota, Patinkin (5)
NAYS: None (0)
Motion passed in a voice vote.

FINANCE REPORT

Approval of Disbursements

Motion made by Treasurer Cohen, seconded by Vice-President Caron, to approve the Voucher Listing dated, September 14, 2021 in the amount of \$1,090,530.42 which includes \$422.99 of travel and training expenses. Roll call vote as follows:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS AND GUESTS

President Patinkin welcomed visitors and guests to the meeting.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Recreation Center Advisory Committee

A verbal report was given on the August 26, 2021 Recreation Center Advisory Committee meeting. Discussion topics included new tennis program, current COVID guidelines, 2021 Capital Improvements and Purchases, Group Exercise Survey Results and annual facility maintenance projects.

Pool Advisory Committee

A verbal report was given on the September 9, 2021 Pool Advisory Committee meeting. Topics of discussion included Recap of 2021 Pool Season, Fee Recommendations for 2022 Season and an update on the Deerspring Splashpad project.

PTC Members' Council

A verbal report was given on the September 8, 2021 PTC Members' Council. There are currently over 530 active members as of September 1. The Center had 6 new members join in August, bringing the 2021 new member total to 41. A new member reception is being planned for October 6. The Members' Council continues their virtual meetings. Upcoming events include a trip to the Cubs/Brewers game in Milwaukee; the new Mumkinfest on September 25 in which mums, gourds and pumpkins will be sold; and the Healthy Lifestyle Expo on October 2.

NEW BUSINESS

Solar Power Presentation

Park District Director Nehila provided some background information. As has been previously discussed, staff has been looking at numerous options to incorporate solar power into our parks/facilities. We are continuing to explore the solar grid option of which we may have some additional information on that method. Another option we are exploring is the feasibility of partnering with a solar firm that owns panels and places them on rooftops in return for a reduced electric rate.

Terry Black of Realgy, LLC, presented information on solar power. Key notes include that Realgy pays all costs and expenses related to engineering design, permitting, construction, operation, maintenance and eventual removal of the panels. The terms Realgy are looking for is an 8-year commitment. As the length of commitment is longer than typical arrangements park districts enter into, we will need to explore the legal limitations and allowances permitted to the district. There are other park districts that have already implemented or going through the implementation of this type of agreement.

Staff will continue to research and will contact the roofing company regarding the roof warranty before requesting a proposal from Realgy.

Asphalt Paving Projects

Motion made by Treasurer Cohen, seconded by Vice-President Caron, to approve the payment request #1 for work completed on asphalt paving at Clavey, Maplewood, Jaycee, Jewett, Deerspring and Woodland Parks in the amount of \$40,950.00 as submitted by Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Cohen, Caron, Brown, Serota, Patinkin (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Bid Approval – Deerspring Sprayground Renovation Project

Motion made by Treasurer Cohen, seconded by Vice-President Caron, to approve the base bid of \$425,000 for the Trades package and add Alternate #1 for \$53,000 from Camosy Construction. Move to approve the base bid of \$188,400 from K.C. Mechanical for the Spray Ground Plumbing package and move to approve the base bid of \$99,532 from Pieper Electric for the Electrical package.

Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Cohen, Caron, Brown, Serota, Patinkin (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Strategic Plan 4-Year Update

In September 2017, the park district adopted its 5-year Strategic Plan. Within the plan there are 6 core strategies, 19 goals and 73 objectives. Director Nehila reported that 71 out of 73 objectives have been fully or partially met at the 4-year mark. In addition, many objectives have been added to since their prime target date.

The objectives have continually been integrated into departmental and individual performance plans and I believe the district has benefitted from this alignment. Congratulations to the board and staff for such a successful level of achievement.

Other Matters

NSSRA

The NSSRA Building Dedication will be held on Friday, October 22, and Saturday, October 23, 2021.

IPRA State Conference Session

Director Nehila reported that his submission for a session at conference has been accepted. The session will be about Floral Park.

IAPD Partnership Award

The district won the IAPD Best of the Best Partnership Award for the partnership with Doctors Testing Center.

Motion made by Vice-President Caron, seconded by Commissioner Serota, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:04 p.m. Voice vote as follows:

AYES: Caron, Serota, Brown, Cohen, Patinkin (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Nehila, Secretary