

**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS December 16, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Patinkin at 7:30 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING: TAX LEVY ORDINANCE #2021-03**

President Patinkin opened the Public Hearing on Tax Levy Ordinance #2021-03 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 Vice-President Caron, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2021, Finance Meeting; the November 18, 2021, Regular Meeting; and the November 29, 2021, Budget Workshop Meeting. Voice vote as follows:

AYES: Caron, Brown, Cohen, 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 December 16, 2021 in the amount of \$1,104,981.91 which includes \$3,737.83 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.

**Tax Levy Ordinance #2021-03**

Motion made by Treasurer Cohen, seconded by Vice-President Caron, to approve the 2021 Tax Levy Ordinance #2021-03 levying taxes for the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Deerfield Park District, Lake and Cook Counties, Illinois, a copy of which is attached and to be included with the minutes of this meeting. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

**Transfer of Appropriation Ordinance**

Motion made by Treasurer Cohen, seconded by Vice-President Caron, to approve Ordinance #2021-04 transferring items of appropriation for fiscal year 2021, a copy of which is attached and to be included with the minutes for this meeting. 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**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

**COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

**PTC Members' Council**

A verbal report was given on the December 9, 2021 PTC Members' Council. Since January they have welcomed 47 new members including 3 new members in November. Upcoming in 2022, PTC will reintroduce the Tone & Firm evening fitness class, introduce a new Chicago Showcase Concert event held monthly on Wednesday evenings, bring back the annual Chili Bowl in partnership with the Deerfield Fire Department in February, new workshops in partnership with the Deerfield Library will be held quarterly and they will be starting some new two- and three-part lecture series in an effort to start providing more evening opportunities. PTC Manager David Shamrock, PTC Program Supervisor and members of the Members' Council will be presenting at the IPRA Conference in January.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Request from North Shore Rhythmic Gymnastics to hold the Midwest Regional Championship Meet for Rhythmic Gymnastics at the Sachs Recreation Center**

Motion made by Vice-President Caron, seconded by Treasurer Cohen, to approve the use of the following at the Sachs Recreation Center at no rental cost April 8-10, 2022 by North Shore Rhythmic Gymnastics for the 2022 Midwest Regional Championship Meet for Rhythmic Gymnastics: tennis courts, racquetball court, (8) 8-ft tables, 20 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 and the hospitality room. NSRG will work with SRC staff to provide food for judges and coaches. Voice vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

**Request to Host Sydstrong Fundraiser at Sachs Recreation Center**

Motion made by Treasurer Cohen, seconded by Vice-President Caron, to approve the use of the Sky Gym on Monday, January 17, 2022, from 9:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m. to Nathan Scheck at a cost of \$300 to run a fundraiser in support of Sydney Singer (Sydstrong). Voice vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

**Deerspring Spray Ground Renovation Project Payment Request #2 to Camosy Construction, Inc.**  
Motion made by Treasurer Cohen, seconded by Vice-President Caron, to approve Payment Request #2 from Camosy Construction for the work completed through November on the Deerspring Spray Ground Renovation Project in the amount of \$30,881.38. Roll call vote as follows:

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

**Shepard Park Improvement Project Meeting**

As we move through the design and then application phases of the proposed Shepard Park Improvement project, one item that is preferred by the Village's Plan Commission and Village Board is to meet with nearby residents prior to the official application process. The meeting provides residents an opportunity to review the plan and provide any comments. These comments could be incorporated into any final design processes if applicable. As we are on the schedule to start with the village application process in February, a meeting with nearby residents in January would be the opportune time. A notice of the meeting could be sent to adjacent residents on January 3 informing of the date and time. Director Nehila suggested the meeting be held on Thursday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Serota, seconded by Vice-President Caron, to establish a public meeting for the 2022 Planned Shepard Park Improvement Project on January 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Jewett Park Community Center. Voice vote as follows:

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

**Other Matters**

**Committee Meeting Schedule for 2022**

Commissioners reviewed the 2022 Committee Meeting Schedule.

**Caruso Auditorium Project**

The Caruso Auditorium Project bid results were very favorable. Bids are scheduled to be approved at a Special Meeting of the School Board on December 17, 2021.

**Deerfield Park Foundation**

Several Directors from the Deerfield Park Foundation Board volunteered to sell trees at the Optimist Tree Lot. Three new members will be joining the Foundation Board in January.

**Linda Gryziecki Scholarship**

Donations are still be accepted for the Linda Gryziecki Scholarship.

**New Landscape Operations Supervisor**

Derek Solberg was hired to replace Dan Caraher as the Landscape Operations Supervisor. Dan will be retiring on December 31, 2021.

**Golf Course**

The Deerfield Golf Club had 345 rounds this week thanks to the fantastic weather mid-week. Golf Simulator reservations are picking up. The second simulator will be up and running soon. Staff will have advertising beginning in a couple of weeks. We are getting inquiries for evening time slots so we will begin offering a couple of evenings per week.

**Pickleball at Sachs Recreation Center**

Pickleball offerings were increased from Monday and Wednesday to Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the time was adjusted to 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. We are seeing an average of 15-30 players during those times. We also have an average of 6 rentals per week outside of that timeframe. A new Sunday rental from 1:00-3:00 p.m. will be starting on December 19, 2021. We will be offering a new Pickleball 101 program beginning in mid-January. The course will be taught by Life Sport.

**New Cultural Arts & Special Events Supervisor**

Delaney Haupert was hired as the district's new Cultural Arts & Special Events Supervisor. Delaney will start on January 18, 2022.

Motion made by Treasurer Cohen, seconded by Vice-President Caron, to adjourn into Closed Session at 8:12 p.m. pursuant to Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) and Personnel Matters Involving Specific Employee(s) – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 8:58 p.m.

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

Motion made by Vice-President Caron, seconded by Treasurer Cohen, after review of Closed Session Minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21), the following will be made available for public inspection: July 15, 2021. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Motion made by Treasurer Cohen, seconded by Vice-President Caron, to adjust Executive Director salary to amount discussed in Closed Session. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Motion made by Treasurer Cohen, seconded by Vice-President Caron, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:00 p.m. Voice vote as follows:

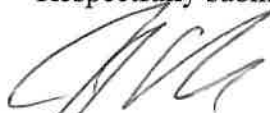
AYES: Cohen, Caron, Brown, Serota, Patinkin (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Nehila, Secretary