

**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS January 20, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Patinkin at 7:30 p.m. in the Jewett Park Community Center. 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, Jay Zahn, Laura McCarty, Tony Korzyniewski, Jason Mannina, staff members; Mike Delaney, Adult Soccer; Dan Moon, Stuart Slutzky, AYSO; Mike Irvine, Brandon Bashcut, DYBSA.

**PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2022-01**

Notice of the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Budget appeared in the Deerfield Review on December 16, 2021 and January 6, 2022. After reading a statement, President Patinkin indicated that the floor was open for questions/comments. As there were no public comments, the Public Hearing was adjourned and the Regular Meeting continued.

Treasurer Cohen acknowledged and praised staff for all the work that went into the budget process.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Vice-President Caron, seconded by Treasurer Cohen, to approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2021, Finance meeting; the December 16, 2021, Regular meeting; and the December 16, 2021, Closed Session 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 Commissioner Serota, to approve the Voucher Listing dated January 20, 2022 in the amount of \$1,406,054.89 which includes \$7,195.24 of travel and training expenses. (Copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Patinkin welcomed visitors and guests to the meeting.

**Affiliate Advisory Presentations – Adult Soccer, AYSO and DYBSA**

**Adult Soccer**

Mike Delaney, Adult Soccer, thanked the board for allowing the group to play in Deerfield. He reported that the Adult Soccer program is part of the Tri-County Soccer League. Participants pay a \$100 fee and currently have approximately 30+ players on the team.

**AYSO**

Dan Moon and Stuart Slutzky, AYSO, reported on the current AYSO program. In general, the AYSO board has had consistent members but is currently recruiting for new members. AYSO has a no tryout/everyone plays policy. There is one fee for fall & spring which is \$140 per year and now includes professional training. AYSO takes in about \$150,000 in revenue annually. AYSO also offers winter clinics through a partnership with School District 109. There are currently 827 participants registered in AYSO this year. The 3-year-old program increased by 50%, so this is a growing program. They thanked the park district for their partnership and the use of fields.

**DYBSA**

Mike Irvine and Brandon Bashcut, reported on the current DYBSA program. The goal of the DYBSA program is to provide an experience through sports, competition and sportsmanship with the objective of teaching young people to become better community members and people. They credit DYBSA's continued success to the partnership between the community, the DYBSA board and the park district. Spring numbers are higher since players must play in the house league to participate in the travel league through 11U. Fees range from \$190 for tee ball and \$250 for Bronco, Pony and Mustang level. Fall house league fees are reduced since they don't get as many players. Travel baseball fees are \$1,600 and travel softball fees are \$1,300. Fees include informs, field usage, light usage and paid coaches. Spring participation numbers included 395 baseball players and 336 softball players. Summer numbers included 371 baseball players and 246 softball players. Fall numbers included 382 baseball players and 250 softball players. Travel baseball last year had 144 players and 13 teams and travel softball had 37 players and 3 teams.

**COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

**Deerfield Park Foundation**

A verbal report was given on the January 10, 2022 Deerfield Park Foundation meeting. Discussion topics included fundraising initiatives for 2022, approval of 2022 expenditures, Amazon Smile program participation, increase fundraising efforts for Grants-in-Aid scholarships and board committees for 2022. Three new members were welcomed to the board bringing the total number of directors to 15. The next meeting of the Deerfield Park Foundation is scheduled for April 10, 2022.

**NW Quadrant**

A verbal report was given on the January 19, 2022 Northwest Quadrant meeting. Topics of discussion included review of the entire quadrant site plan, parking, traffic safety, pedestrian safety and financial contributions. The group will continue to meet and develop a final Master Plan.

**PTC Members' Council**

A verbal report was given on the January 13, 2022 PTC Members' Council meeting. The Center welcomed 7 new members in the month of January. The goal for 2022 is 75 new members. Upcoming

events include a sold-out trip to “Teatro Zinzanni” at the Cambria Hotel in Chicago, a brand-new evening offering entitled, “Chicago Showcase,” featuring Operatic Tenor, Christian Ketter and the much-awaited return of the Firemen’s “Five-Alarm Chili Bowl Luncheon” as hosted by the Deerfield / Bannockburn Fire Department. Staff continues to work on a marketing strategy to begin introducing evening and weekend programs for adults in the 50–65-year age group.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #2022-01**

Motion made by Vice-President Caron, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve the 2022 Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #2022-01. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS:            None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

**Approval of FY2022 Budget**

Motion made by Treasurer Cohen, seconded by Vice-President Caron, to approve the fiscal year 2022 budget, organizational chart, and salary and wage range tables as presented at the November 29, 2021 budget workshop. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS:            None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

**Appointment of Financial Advisors for Bond Issuance**

Motion made by Treasurer Cohen, seconded by Vice-President Caron, to appoint RW Baird as municipal advisor for the proposed issuance of general obligation limited tax park bonds in 2022 as proposed in the attached Baird Statement of Qualifications.

Discussion: Treasurer Cohen questioned the RW Baird language “subjective to negotiation fee” as stated in the contract and amended the motion as follows:

Motion made by Treasurer Cohen, seconded by Vice-President Caron, to appoint RW Baird as municipal advisor for the proposed issuance of general obligation limited tax park bonds in 2022 as proposed in the attached Baird Statement of Qualifications for an amount not to exceed \$11,500. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS:            None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

**Deerspring Spray Ground Renovation Project Payment Request #3 to Camosy Construction, Inc.**

Motion made by Commissioner Serota, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve Payment Request #3 from Camosy Construction for the work completed through December on the Deerspring Spray Ground Renovation Project in the amount of \$24,508.

Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS:            None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

**Other**

**IAPD/IPRA State Conference**

The IAPD/IPRA State Conference is being held on January 27-29, 2022, at the Hyatt in Chicago.

**Statement of Economic Interest**

There has been changes to the format of the Statement of Economic Interest so be aware when completing the form.

**National Gold Medal**

Staff has been attempting to get feedback on the district's scoring for the National Gold Medal, so we know what to adjust if we were to apply again.

**Shepard Park Renovation Project**

Staff received an email from a neighbor expressing concern about the drop-off for sports. Staff will work with the village and affiliates to police the situation. Staff has submitted the application and Gewalt Hamilton submitted the plans to the village for the Pre-filing meeting.

**New Recreation Supervisor**

The district's new Cultural Arts & Special Events Supervisor, Laney Hauptert started on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

**Ice Rinks**

All four ice rinks are currently open and being enjoyed by the community.

**Golf Simulators**

The golf simulators in the clubhouse are seeing use by children and adults.

**New Fitness Operations Supervisor**

The district's new Fitness Operations Supervisor, Amy Kanzler will be starting on January 31, 2022.

**FEMA Claim for COVID**

Staff has been pursuing a grant from FEMA to offset COVID expenses. The district submitted a claim for \$63,000 and received a grant for \$48,000.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**President**

Motion made by Treasurer Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Serota, to elect Jan Caron as President for FY2022.

Voice vote as follows:

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

NAYS:            None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

**Vice-President**

Motion made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Serota, to elect Joe Cohen as Vice-President for FY2022. Voice vote as follows:

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

NAYS:            None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

**APPOINTMENTS**

President Caron made the following appointments:

Jeff Nehila as Secretary/Executive Director for FY2022; Ancel, Glink as Primary Counsel; Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins as Secondary Counsel for Real Estate Tax Appeals; Commissioner Rick Patinkin as Treasurer for FY2022; Jeff Nehila and Jeff Harvey as FOIA Officers for FY2022; and Jeff Nehila and Jeff Harvey as OMA Designees for FY2022.

The following Committee Appointments were also made:

Committee appointments for FY 2022 are as follows: Liaisons for: Pool Advisory- Rick Patinkin; Golf Advisory – Joe Cohen; Affiliate Advisory – Debbie Serota; Recreation Center Advisory – Michael Brown; Deerfield Park Foundation – Jan Caron; Northwest Quadrant Task Force – Jan Caron; NSSRA – Joe Cohen.

Motion made by Treasurer Patinkin, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:56 p.m. Voice vote as follows:

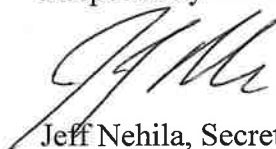
AYES:            Patinkin, Brown, Cohen, Serota, Caron (5)

NAYS:            None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jeff Nehila, Secretary