

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Caron at 7:45pm 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, John Meredith, Sherry Prause, David Shamrock, staff members; Ken Andre, Michael Woldorf, North Shore Pickleball Academy.

BINA PUBLIC HEARING

No Park Commissioners were allowed by a majority of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

No Park Commissioner was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

No Park Commissioners were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever.

At 7:45 o'clock P.M., the President announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Park Commissioners was a public hearing (the "*Hearing*") to receive public comments on the proposal to sell not to exceed \$5,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds (the "*Bonds*") for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

The President opened the discussion and explained that the reasons for the proposed issuance of the Bonds were as follows: To finance, among other things, various park improvements including a new playground, nature area and concert area at Jewett Park; new pickleball courts and ballfields at Shepard Park; and facility renovations including interior renovations at the Sachs Recreation Center and Jewett Park Community Center; and exterior renovations at the Deerfield Golf clubhouse.

Whereupon the President asked for additional comments from the Park Commissioners. Additional comments were made by the following:

None

Written testimony concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds was read into the record by the Secretary

None

Whereupon the President asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds. Statements were made by the following:

none

The President then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Bonds.

Park Commissioner Patinkin moved and Park Commissioner Serota seconded the motion that the Hearing be finally adjourned.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed the roll be called for a vote upon the motion.

Upon the roll being called, the following Park Commissioners vote:

AYES: Patinkin, Serota, Brown, Cohen, Caron (5)
NAYS: None (0)

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the Hearing was finally adjourned.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Vice-President Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2022, Finance Meeting; and the March 17, 2022, Regular Meeting. Voice vote as follows:

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

FINANCE REPORT

Approval of Disbursements

Motion made by Treasurer Patinkin, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve the Voucher Listing dated April 21, 2022 in the amount of \$1,057,538.01 which includes \$1,876.05 of travel and training expenses. Roll call vote as follows:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Golf Advisory Committee

A verbal report was given on the April 14, 2022 Golf Advisory Committee meeting. Topics of discussion included Golf Operations, Golf Maintenance, Upcoming Projects and Important Dates and Events.

Deerfield Park Foundation

A verbal report was given on the April 11, 2022 Deerfield Park Foundation meeting. Topics of discussion included Board Member Resignation, New Board Member Appointment, Foodies for Funds Fundraisers, Linda Gryziecki Scholarship, Moonlight Golf and Newly Proposed Esports Fundraiser.

PTC Members' Council

A verbal report was given on the April 14, 2022 PTC Members' Council meeting. Members of the Council were honored to be recognized for their volunteer efforts. During the month of March, 11 new members joined the center bringing the year-to-date new member total to 32. The Men's Golf League has 57 golfers. The 3rd Chicago Showcase Concert Series was held on April 20 featuring Jazz Spectrum with 45 participants in attendance. Upcoming events include a trip to Metropolis Theater, the Classic Car Show and the Fiesta De La Casa themed dinner. President Caron suggested that Commissioners return to the Men's Club to give an update as was done prior to COVID. Staff will make arrangements for a visit to a Men's Club meeting in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS

Pickleball Proposal

Ken Andre and Michael Woldorf presented a Lease Proposal from North Shore Pickleball Academy. They are interested in running pickleball programs at Sachs Recreation Center. These programs would co-exist with the tennis program. The proposal allows for one or both tennis courts to remain with the inclusion of eight professional-grade pickleball courts. Analysis of park district tennis programs show that more participants are between the ages of 4 to 10 years old. Many experts and teaching professionals recognized the benefits of teaching younger tennis students on a smaller court because it provides a more conducive environment for learning the basic skills of tennis more effectively. The proposal includes entering into a three-year lease with the park district to implement a pickleball program at Sachs.

President Caron stated that the park district prefers to keep the programs in-house and the district isn't interested in the proposal at this time. The park district isn't interested in running a pickleball facility as we run a recreation center that includes more opportunities than pickleball. Vice-President Patinkin feels that the board should hold a workshop meeting to discuss in more detail.

Appointments to Citizens' Pool Advisory Committee

Motion made by Vice-President Cohen, seconded by Treasurer Patinkin, to appoint Michael Fleming and Gerard Bonar to the Deerfield Park District Citizens' Pool Advisory Committee for 3-year terms effective April 21, 2022. Voice vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

Transfer of Funds Resolution #2022-02

Motion made by Treasurer Patinkin, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to adopt Resolution 2022-02 authorizing the transfer of \$370,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund as of December 31, 2021.

Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Commitment of Funds Resolution #2022-03

Motion made by Treasurer Patinkin, seconded by Vice-President Cohen, to adopt Resolution 2022-03 committing fund balances in the General Fund for capital expenditures in an amount of \$2,000,000 as of December 31, 2021. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Architectural Services for Development of Master Plan for Jewett Park Community Center

Motion made by Vice-President Cohen, seconded by Treasurer Patinkin, to select Wold Architects and Engineers to develop a Master Plan for the Jewett Park Community Center at a cost not to exceed \$31,695.00. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Bid Approval – Sachs Recreation Center – Hot Water Holding Tank

Motion made by Treasurer Patinkin, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve the low bid from JOS Services, Inc., Lake Bluff, IL, for the replacement of one (1) 500-gallon hot water holding tank at the Sachs Recreation Center for a total cost of \$31,096.01. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Bid Approval – Sachs Recreation Center – 2 HVAC Roof Top Units

Motion made by Treasurer Patinkin, seconded by Vice-President Cohen, to approve the low bid from Cahill Heating and Air Conditioning, Lake Bluff, IL, for the replacement of two (2) HVAC Roof Top Units at Sachs Recreation Center for a total cost of \$32,200. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Bid Approval – Sachs Recreation Center – 2 “Mr. Steam” Steam Generators

Motion made by Vice-President Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve the low bid from Core Mechanical, Inc., Chicago, IL, for the replacement of two (2) “Mr. Steam” steam generator units at the Sachs Recreation Center for a total cost of \$33,675.

Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Purchase Approval – Chevrolet Service Body Vehicle

Motion made by Treasurer Patinkin, seconded by Vice-President Cohen, to approve the purchase of one (1) Chevrolet Express Commercial Cutaway Chassis with Aluminum Covered Service Body from Raymond Chevrolet in the amount of \$55,021.00, through the State of Illinois Government Purchase Program. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Deerspring Spray Ground Renovation Project Payment Request #5

Motion made by Vice-President Cohen, seconded by Treasurer Patinkin, to approve Payment Request #5 from Camosy Construction for the work completed through March on the Deerspring Spray Ground Renovation Project in the amount of \$76,518. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Change May 5, 2022 Workshop Meeting to a Special Meeting

Motion made by Vice-President Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Serota, to change the 7:00pm May 5, 2022 Workshop Meeting to a Special Meeting for the purpose of reviewing a potential bid award for the Shepard Park Renovation Project and the purchase of playground equipment for Keller Park. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Salary & Wage Inflationary Adjustment Discussion

Upon request from a Commissioner and support from the Board President, the concept of adjustment of staff salaries and wages was placed on the agenda for discussion and possible action. As we all know, the continued rise in inflation has decreased consumer spending limits in many areas including gasoline, shelter and food. Other contributing indexes to inflation include household furnishings, medical care and motor vehicle insurance. Citing the Bureau of Labor statistics, all items within the Consumer Price Index have risen 8.5 percent over the last 12 months.

Provided are three potential scenarios of wage and salary adjustments for district full-time staff. The scenarios are based on assuming a July 1, 2022 adjustment across the board and provide total fiscal impact numbers for 3, 4 and 5% adjustments. The scenarios include additional costs of FICA, Pension

and Sick Leave Payout impacts. All three scenarios do fall within the appropriation limits of the district's budget.

After discussion, motion made by Vice-President Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Serota, to adjust full-time staff salaries and wages 5% effective July 1, 2022 for inflationary adjustments. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Other

Shepard Park Renovation Project

There are currently ten plan holders for the Shepard Park Renovation Project. Eight are contractors and two are associations that gather plans and disperse them to their members. The bid opening is scheduled for next week.

Planning Retreat

The Planning Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2022, at 9:00am, at the Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District.

Childcare Workforce Grant

Staff was able to secure a grant from the Childcare Workforce Gateway.

FEMA COVID Funds

Staff received a check from FEMA for COVID expenses.

Federal Grant for Northwest Quadrant

Director Nehila applied for a federal grant through Congressman Schneider's office for the Northwest Quadrant project. He was able to secure letters of support from Northwest Quadrant Stakeholders as well as Senator Morrison. He will be visiting Representative Morgan on Friday to hopefully secure a letter of support.

South Entrance at Sachs Recreation Center

Vice-President Patinkin commented that the flowers outside the south entrance at Sachs Recreation Center are beautiful. Kudos to the Parks staff.

Pothole by Sachs Recreation Center

Vice-President Patinkin commented that there is a huge pothole by Sachs Recreation Center and asked if staff could contact Mosaic Properties and have them take care of it. Staff responded that they called, and someone did come out and fill the hole with gravel which didn't last long. Staff will contact them again.

Sky Gym Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon cutting was held on Friday, April 15, 2022 for the Chicago Sky Gym. A Sports Illustrated article about the Chicago Sky will be coming out soon and will show all the improvements completed to the Sky Gym.

RUSH Physical Therapy Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon cutting was held for the Rush Physical Therapy space on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

Motion made by Treasurer Patinkin, seconded by Vice-President Cohen, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:35pm. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Nehila, Secretary