

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS February 16, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Caron at 7:02 p.m. in the Jewett Park Community Center. Executive Director Nehila called the roll, and the following were:

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

Staff: Executive Director Nehila, Director of Finance Jeff Harvey, Director of Recreation Laura McCarty, Deputy Director of Recreation and SRC General Manager Tony Korzyniewski, Director of Golf Operations Jason Mannina and Director of Parks Jay Zahn

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Vice President Cohen, seconded by Treasurer Patinkin, to approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2023, Special Meeting. Voice vote **carried** as follows:

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

Motion made by Treasurer Patinkin, seconded by Vice President Cohen, to approve the Minutes of the January 19, 2023, Finance Meeting, as amended. Voice vote **carried** as follows:

AYES: Brown, Caron, Cohen and Patinkin (4)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTAIN: Serota (1)

Motion made by Vice President Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve the Minutes of the January 19, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, as amended. Voice vote **carried** as follows:

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

Motion made by Treasurer Patinkin, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve the Minutes of the January 19, 2023, Closed Session Meeting. Voice vote **carried** as follows:

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

Motion made by Vice President Cohen, seconded by Treasurer Patinkin, to approve the Minutes of the February 2, 2023, Workshop Meeting, as amended. Voice vote **carried** as follows:

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

Motion made by Treasurer Patinkin, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve the Minutes of the February 2, 2023, Closed Session Meeting. Voice vote **carried** as follows:

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

IV. FINANCE REPORT

(A) Approval of Disbursements

Motion made by Treasurer Patinkin, seconded by Commissioner Serota, to approve the Voucher Listing dated February 16, 2023, in the amount of \$1,043,347.16 which includes \$6,518.75 of travel and training expenses.

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Caron acknowledged two Deerfield High School students in attendance, observing the meeting for their Civics Class.

After public comment, Director Nehila asked three Affiliates who were in attendance to present their annual operations report to the Board.

Advisory Presentations – Pegasus Soccer, Deerfield Youth Lacrosse and DYBSA

(i) Adult Soccer

Mike Delaney, Adult Soccer, advised that he helps manage the over 45+ Adult Men's League. The group is a part of the Illinois State Soccer Association (ISSA), which is the overarching soccer organization that coordinates and fosters adult men's soccer. Underneath the ISSA is the Tri-County Soccer League (TCSL), of which the Adult Soccer program also belongs to. The group greatly appreciates the ability to play in Deerfield. There are about 25 to 30 players in a typical season and of those members, there are only four Deerfield residents. Participants pay \$70 for a season which covers the cost of jerseys and field lights. TCSL generates roughly \$12,000 a year in revenue and expenses are roughly \$10,000. Challenges faced include a lack of participants and/or coaches.

(ii) AYSO

Fred Talisse and Daniel Moon, AYSO, provided a brief background on the organization. There are over 200 volunteers that help manage the program in Deerfield with over 800 participants enrolled. AYSO prides itself on being a widely inclusive program through which anyone who wants to play will be given a chance to play, regardless of skill level. There are no tryouts. Over 80% of the participants are from Deerfield. There is one fee for Fall & Spring which is \$160 annually and also includes professional skill training. There is a winter clinics program for \$125 and lasts ten weeks. Mr. Talisse expressed concerns over Pegasus Soccer's new pretravel program competing with AYSO younger children's programs. President Caron advised staff will investigate this concern. Commissioner Serota initiated a brief conversation regarding how AYSO creates balanced teams with differing skill levels. AYSO concluded their remarks by thanking the District for existing field use and continued time and effort.

(iii) Youth Warrior's Football

Terry Leske, Young Warrior's Football, reported that there are approximately 101 Deerfield residents and 23 Highland Park residents in the organization. The group belongs to the biggest youth football league in the State of Illinois – the Chicagoland Youth Football League of which there are approximately 300 youth football leagues. Young Warrior's has maintained four youth football teams

the past two years and have reached the playoffs each year. Participants are charged a program fee of \$595, and the majority of that fee is used towards a high-quality helmet, pads and a jersey. Typically, there are 25 children on one team. All of the coaches are Deerfield residents with the exception of two coaches. General expenses include liability insurance, a website domain, referees, trainers and league fees. Roughly 80-85% of children in Young Warriors end up playing football at the high school level. Mr. Leske thanked the Board for their continued support throughout the years. Treasurer Patinkin acknowledged that the Daily Herald wrote an article this past summer about Mr. Leske and commended him and John Mann on their dedication and passion for coaching. Vice President Cohen asked for clarification regarding participation numbers. Mr. Leske advised enrollment numbers are trending upwards in recent years.

VI. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

(A). PTC Member's Council

A verbal report was given on the February 9, 2023, PTC Members' Council meeting by Recreation Director McCarty. They have welcomed 13 new members since January and their goal for the year is 130 new members. The first official day for the Men's Golf League is April 3rd. The golf course will be receiving new tees this year specifically for the seniors to shorten the course. The PTC held a successful Dessert and Lecture Series (formerly known as the Woman's Club) on February 8th with over 30 participants. On February 17th, the widely popular 5-Alarm Chili Luncheon will return to the PTC. There is another new event scheduled for February 21st called Sip, Chip and Putt hosted by the Deerfield Golf Club. There will be a golf professional at the event to provide putting tips in addition to hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Thursday, March 30th is Super Senior Day which is an event where older adult volunteers throughout the community and greater Chicagoland area will be recognized. The event will be held at the Northshore Senior Center and one of the PTC Council Members has been nominated for an award. The AARP Tax Assistance Program remains ongoing and has been well received thus far.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

(A). Deerfield Golf Clubhouse Exterior Renovation Payment Request #3

Treasurer Patinkin moved and Vice President Cohen seconded a motion to approve Payment Request #3 from Camosy Construction for the work completed through January 2023 on the Deerfield Golf Clubhouse exterior renovation project in the amount of \$57,685. Prior to a vote, President Caron requested an update. Golf Operations Director Mannina advised the project is moving along nicely despite recent inclement weather. Vice President Cohen asked what the deck will be made of. Executive Director Nehila advised the decking will be made of recycled material.

Roll call vote **carried** as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

(B). Bid Award(s) for Turf Care Products

Commissioner Serota moved and Vice President Cohen seconded a motion to approve the purchase of turf care products from the following suppliers for the amount listed: SiteOne \$2,453.20; Pendelton Turf Supply \$18,966.00; Clesens \$888.00; Chicagoland Turf \$1,500.00; Tyler Enterprises \$2,240.00 for a

total amount of \$26,047.20. President Caron advised that this is a routine expense that goes out to bid on an annual basis.

The motion **carried** in a roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

(C). Bid Award – Reel & Bedknife Grinders for the Deerfield Golf Club

Vice President Cohen moved and Commissioner Serota seconded a motion to approve the purchase the reel and bedknife grinders from the supplier, Reinders, for the total amount of \$84,323.81.

Prior to a vote, Commissioner Brown asked for a description of the equipment. Golf Operations Director Mannina advised that this is a precision machine that sharpens all the mowing devices.

The motion **carried** in a roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

(D). Request for Use of Maplewood Pavilion (with tables and chairs) and Walking Path for the One Small Step for Prader-Willi Event

Commissioner Serota moved and Commissioner Brown seconded a motion to approve the use of Maplewood Pavilion and the walking path surrounding the park to hold a fundraiser benefitting the One Small Step Foundation on Saturday, June 17, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The motion **carried** in a roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

(E). FY 2023 Payment for Joint Projects with Deerfield Public Schools #109

Treasurer Patinkin moved and Vice President Cohen seconded a motion to approve the fiscal year 2023 payment of \$225,000 to Deerfield Public Schools #109 for the 2023 portion of the joint projects pursuant to the intergovernmental agreement approved on October 21, 2010. Prior to a vote, President Caron explained that the District has a formal agreement with D109 to help maintain the parks adjacent to neighborhood schools. Commissioner Serota asked how long the agreement is in place for. Executive Director Nehila advised that the District evaluates and renews their IGA with D109 every five years. The formal agreement was created in 2010. There was also a brief discussion regarding the Caruso Auditorium renovation of which the Park District also contributed money towards so that the District can utilize for programming.

The motion **carried** in a roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

(F). Other Matters

IAPD Legislative Breakfast

Director Nehila reminded the Board of the upcoming IAPD Legislative Breakfast and requested they confirm their attendance by Monday, February 20th.

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

Director Nehila advised the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony will be held on April 19th from 5-7 p.m. at the Patty Turner Center. This will be the first event since the pandemic.

IAPD Legislative Solar Bill Update

Director Nehila advised that he provided IAPD with additional information for them to possibly establish an IAPD Platform Bill which would amend the Park District Code. This would enable Districts to have a longer statutory timeline to enter into lease agreements for Power Purchase Agreements (PPA's). This extension of legal limitations would enable Districts to enter into longer term agreements in which the PPA provider could recapture their investment in solar systems and provide Districts with reduced electrical costs.

IX. Adjournment to Closed Session

Vice President Cohen moved and Treasurer Patinkin seconded a motion to enter Closed Session for the discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel of the District and the purchase of or lease of real estate in accordance with Section 2(c)1 and Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act at 8:08 p.m.

Roll call vote **carried** as follows:

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

X. Reconvene to Open Session

The Board reconvened to the Open Session of the February 16, 2023, Regular Board Meeting at 10:05 p.m. The Secretary called the roll, and the following were:

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

XI. Possible Action from Closed Session

There was no action from Closed Session.

XII. Motion made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Treasurer Patinkin, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 10:05 p.m. Voice vote **carried** as follows:

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

The next Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. This will be a Special Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Nehila', written in a cursive style.

Jeff Nehila, Secretary