

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS July 18, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Cohen at 7:00 p.m. in the Patty Turner Center. Executive Director Harvey called the roll, and the following were:

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

ABSENT: None (0)

Staff: Executive Director Jeff Harvey, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Recreation Laura McCarty, Finance Manager Sharon Sheehan, Superintendent of Recreation Tony Korzyniewski, Director of Golf Operations Jason Mannina, Director of Parks Jay Zahn and Superintendent of Marketing Deanna Musurlian

### **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Caron moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2024 Special Meeting, June 6, 2024 Closed Session, June 11, 2024 Special Meeting, June 11, 2024 Closed Session, June 12, 2024 Special Meeting, and the June 12, 2024 Closed Session. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Commissioner Patinkin moved to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2024 Finance Meeting. Commissioner Serota seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Brown, Cohen, Patinkin, Serota (4)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: Caron (1)

Commissioner Caron moved to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2024 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Serota seconded the motion. There were a few clarifications made by the Commissioners. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Commissioner Serota moved to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2024 Closed Session Meeting. Commissioner Caron seconded the motion. There were a few clarifications made by the Commissioners. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

### **II. APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS**

Commissioner Serota moved to approve the voucher listing dated July 18, 2024 of \$2,199,892 which includes \$1,650 in travel and training. Commissioner Caron seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

### **III. MATTERS OF THE PUBLIC, VISITORS AND GUESTS**

#### **A. Comments from the Public, Visitors and Guests**

Stan Robbin, Laurie Katz and Paul Katz were present on behalf of the pickleball community. Mr. Robbin presented a plan to address the overcrowding during open play. He presented a petition supported by 173 members of the Deerfield pickleball community, 60% of whom are Deerfield and Riverwoods residents. His three-point plan for the primary indoor pickleball season would expand open sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to run from 7 am-1 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-10 am. Members of Sachs Center would be allowed to play during all open sessions.

Mr. Robbin strongly urged the Park District put a termination date in the partnership agreement with North Shore Rhythmic Gymnastics.

Ms. Katz suggested starting events earlier and ending later. The extra time could accommodate people with earlier commitments. A later start might also help reduce the number of people leaving early. Additionally, if funding is an issue, participants are willing to raise more money to support events.

The Commissioners and staff will look into what the impact would be and come back to it at another time.

#### **B. Communications and Correspondence**

The Park District received an email from Mr. Andrew Eastmond regarding the closure of Mitchell Pool and the scheduling of Deerspring.

### **IV. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

#### **A. Deerfield Park Foundation**

Commissioner Caron attended the July 8<sup>th</sup> Foundation meeting and reported a lot of progress has been made and the Foundation had a different attitude and change of philosophy. There were discussions about moving the pickleball event date, increasing the participation fee, starting the planning in the Fall, having one point person, and whether the Foundation should be charged for staff time if the fee is increased. They also want to look into what the Foundation members can do so Deanna does not have as much work. Some of their upcoming events include the Farmer's Market on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Trunk or Treat, and partnering with St. Gregory's pumpkin patch. They are also asking for a wish list of items they could possibly support. The Foundation is short on members and asked Deanna to start advertising for the openings.

#### **B. Golf Advisory Committee**

The golf course is averaging 275 to 300 golfers per day when it is not raining. Last year, there were about 550 rounds lost because of the weather. There is a waitlist for permanent tee times for 2025. Taphouse Grill has planned a number of activities for the Fall and Winter months. The rain and hot weather brings challenges to the golf course so they are using a lot of chemicals to keep the course in great shape. The Learning Center is doing very well and has a lot of classes. The golf course is anticipating a big expense (about \$1 million) for irrigation. It is a necessary expense because the current system is about 25 years old.

### **C. PTC Members' Council**

The PTC members met July 11<sup>th</sup>. During the month of June, they welcomed eight new members. They are in process of putting together a short survey to gather feedback on the types of programming members would like. The golf league completed their yellow ball tournament on June 24<sup>th</sup> and their next tournament is scheduled for July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Kathleen is working on introducing new evening and weekend programs including a new line dancing class, dog days of Summer, an improve class, and an excursion for brunch along the lake.

### **V. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Approval of DYBA Fundraiser**

Commissioner Caron moved to approve the use of Woodland Park for the DYBSA Israel Baseball Americas fundraiser event on Sunday, August 25 from 9am-2pm. Commissioner Patinkin seconded the motion. There were some questions from the Commissioners. Commissioner Caron added police awareness to the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

#### **B. Consideration of Semper Fi Payment Request #5 for Jewett Park Renovation**

Commissioner Patinkin moved to approve Payment Request #5 for a progress payment for the work completed on the Jewett Park Phase 2 Renovation Project in the amount of \$217,433.57 as submitted by Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The Commissioners discussed the delay in the project and the requests for communication. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

#### **C. Designation of Parks and Recreation Professionals Day**

Ms. Musurlian explained July is Parks and Recreation month and tomorrow is Parks and Recreation Professionals Day. Commissioner Cohen proclaimed July 19<sup>th</sup> as Park and Recreation Professionals Day. The proclamation was passed unanimously by the Commissioners.

#### **D. Consideration of Brickyards Park LED Lighting Agreement Cancellation**

Commissioner Serota moved to approve the cancellation of the Owner – Contractor Agreement made on April 19, 2024, by and between Diamond Lighting & Maintenance LLC as “Contractor” and Deerfield Park District as “Owner” for the LED Sports Field Lighting Upgrade Project at Brickyards Park. Commissioner Caron seconded the motion. Mr. Zahn explained we do not have enough hours to qualify for the incentives. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

**E. Consideration of Camosy Construction Payment Request #6 for the Jewett Park Community Center Renovation**

Commissioner Patinkin moved to approve Payment Request #6 from Camosy Construction in the amount of \$81,350.00 for the work completed through the end of May on the Jewett Park Community Center lower-level renovation. Commissioner Serota seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

**F. Consideration of Camosy Construction Payment Request #7 for the Jewett Park Community Center Renovation**

Commissioner Serota moved to approve Payment Request #7 from Camosy Construction in the amount of \$38,527.00 for the work completed through the end of June on the Jewett Park Community Center lower-level renovation. Commissioner Caron seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

**VI. OTHER MATTERS**

**A. Capital Projects Update**

President Cohen suggested the most logical location for turf is at Brickyards Park because there are lights and parking, acknowledging there may be some trouble with on-going maintenance. Executive Director Harvey discussed the status of the community survey and plans for a board presentation in the Fall.

There are some issues with the Jewett Park Community Center roof, specifically with clips loosening when the roof was being worked on. With the wind and rain, water is coming through the metal roof seams. The roofing company is working on a temporary fix.

**B. Other Reports, Comments and Discussion**

Mr. Korzyniewski sent an email regarding Northshore Rhythmic Gymnastics and received positive and thankful responses.

Ms. McCarty reminded the Board that the next meeting will be at Jewett. The brochure will be posted online on July 24<sup>th</sup> and physical brochures will no longer be sent out.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Serota, to adjourn the meeting into Closed Session for the semi-annual review of Closed Session minutes, in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) and pending or imminent litigation in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned into Closed Session at 8:45 pm.

**VIII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The regular meeting was reconvened at 9:11 pm. The following were:

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

ABSENT: None (0)

Commissioner Patinkin moved to approve making the following previous closed session meeting minutes open: May 18, 2023, December 14, 2023, March 26, 2024, April 4, 2024 and April 18, 2024.

Commissioner Caron seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:


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

ABSENT: None (0)

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business or discussion, Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Caron, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Harvey  
Secretary

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