

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS October 17, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Cohen at 7:01 p.m. in the Jewett Park Community Center. Finance Director Harvey called the roll, and the following were:

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

ABSENT: None (0)

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

III. APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

Commissioner Caron moved to approve the voucher listing dated October 17, 2024 in the amount of \$2,135,176.64 which includes \$2,384.43 in travel and training. Commissioner Patinkin seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

IV. MATTERS OF THE PUBLIC, VISITORS AND GUESTS

A. Comments from the Public, Visitors and Guests

There were no comments from the public, visitors or guests.

B. Communications and Correspondence

The Park District did not receive any email or correspondence.

V. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

B. Deerfield Park Foundation

Commissioner Caron reported the Council met on October 21, 2024. They approved \$10,000 for the pickleball shade structure after earning \$15,885 from the pickleball event. The event was successful and they look forward to a more streamlined event next year. The Tap House will sponsor a fundraiser for the Foundation. The Foundation is hosting a Halloween Trunk or Treat event on October 27 in conjunction with St. Gregory's pumpkin patch sale. They appointed three new members, but two existing members will not renew. Membership incentives for joining at a certain level were discussed.

C. PTC Member's Council

Ms. McCarty reported that the council met on October 10, 2024. They welcomed 15 new members this month and 90 total this year, which is five more than last year at this time. On September 24, the Golf League hosted 50 members at the end of the season dinner catered by Italian Kitchen. On September 25, PTC held a Chicago Showcase with over 65 attendees. The AARP Drivers Course on October 3 & 4 was full. On October 8, 26 members attended the Autumn Solstice with Jim Kendros and enjoyed cheese and

wine. On October 17, they held Dessert and Dramatization – the REAL May West with 40 attendees. On October 23 they will hold Oktoberfest at PTC with music by the Eddie Korosa Polka Band with 57 enrolled. The PTC will host a Spooktacular Halloween Party on October 31. The PTC will be utilized as a voting center on November 5.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration of Maplewood Park Usage Request for Willow House/Lauri S Bauer Grief Services Fundraiser

Commissioner Patinkin moved to approve the use of Maplewood Park as a start and finish for the 5K walk/run event on Thursday, November 28, 2024, from 7:00am to 10:00am. Commissioner Serota seconded the motion. Commissioner Patinkin inquired that no amplification is assumed. Ms. McCarty confirmed that police have been notified and no amplification will be used. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

B. Consideration of SRC Usage Request for Chess Tournament Fundraiser

Commissioner Patinkin moved to approve the use of the Group Exercise Studio and Soft Court Area at the Sachs Recreation Center on Friday, November 1, 2024 from 4:30-7:30pm to Chess Wizards to hold a chess tournament fundraiser for I AM ALS at a cost of \$300. Commissioner Serota seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None (0)

C. Consideration of Semper Fi Payment Request #8 for Jewett Park Phase 2 Renovation Project

Commissioner Caron moved to approve Payment Request #8 for a progress payment for the work completed on the Jewett Park Phase 2 Renovation Project in the amount of \$460,097.69 as submitted by Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc. Commissioner Patinkin seconded the motion. Commissioner Brown asked if this represents October progress and Mr. Zahn explained the request is for September's work. Mr. Zahn reviewed the remaining items to be completed and the estimated timeline for each item projecting completion in November. Ms. Flaherty proposed the grand opening for November 2 in the afternoon. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

VII. OTHER MATTERS

A. Capital Projects FY 2025

Ms. Flaherty requested feedback from the board on capital items to be budgeted. While there are no large-scale capital projects proposed for next year, next year will be used for planning and preparing for future large scale capital projects. The budget will include items such as professional services, aquatic audits, concept plans and community surveys to determine the future of the community pools. Additionally, the district will utilize civil engineers to research the possibility of artificial turf and gather information on

location and pricing. The commissioners discussed the various scenarios for the future of the pools and the timing of surveys and other large-scale projects in the community.

B. IT Plan and Services Update

Ms. Flaherty explained that Mr. Terlik conducted an IT assessment and has a three-year plan for improvements and upgrades. The plan will lay out the action items, required specialized contracted services, and a timeline for the project plan. The finance department has included estimated costs for the first year of this project in the 2025 budget proposal.

C. Other Comments and Discussion

Mr. Zahn mentioned that George Mellos, the new Mechanical Trades Engineer, started and is doing a great job. Mr. Havey noted that the new HR & Risk Manager, Tracy McCoy will attend the November meeting. Ms. McCarty said that Shannon Cahill, our new Recreation Supervisor will also come to a meeting in the future. Mr. Korzyniewski mentioned that we have 141 registrants for Halloween Hoopla this year. Ms. Musurlian reported that the winter program guide is wrapping up and will be posted on Wednesday. Commissioner Cohen recommended to cancel the November 7 workshop meeting as they will have the regular board meeting and budget meeting in November. Ms. McCarty informed the board that the early bird deadline for the IPRA conference is December 13. Mr. Zahn received a quote for \$6,000 for two new basketball hoops at Walden and Ms. Flaherty will reach out to the PTO to review how to proceed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, Commissioner Caron moved, seconded by Commissioner Patinkin, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Annemarie Flaherty
Secretary