

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES - BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS June 6, 2024

The Closed Session Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Cohen at 8:09 p.m. at the Patty Turner Center to discuss the appointment, employment compensation, discipline or dismissal of specific employees of a public body or legal counsel of the district pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and to discuss the purchase or lease of real estate pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)5 of the Open Meetings Act. Executive Director Harvey called the roll, and the following were:

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

ABSENT: None (0)

Staff: Executive Director Jeff Harvey was in attendance through the turf field discussion.

The commissioners discussed the rhythmic gymnastics space. Although keeping the rhythmic gymnastics promotes goodwill, it does not promote the Park District or Sachs Center. President Cohen noted the biggest issue is that very few gymnasts live in Deerfield while pickleball and tennis benefits more Deerfield residents.

Rhythmic gymnastics wants to extend their lease for nine months to one year. Commissioner Caron suggested giving them a nine-month extension with a monthly escalator. Mr. Harvey noted if the area was converted to a third tennis & pickleball court, the Park District's net surplus would increase by approximately \$50,000. If rhythmic gymnastics wants to continue to use the facility, their rent should increase so they would eventually be paying for the full value of the space. The commissioners discussed having a rent escalation of \$400 per month up to one year, allowing them to vacate with 90 days' notice.

St. Gregory's Church initially approached the Park District about the possibility of purchasing their land just north of the church, but later decided not to sell it. They then asked if the Park District would be interested in a long-term lease for the land that runs along Wilmot Road north of the church. The commissioners indicated they are not interested in leasing the property, but are interested in a purchase.

The commissioners discussed the possibility of contributing to a turf field project with District 113. Mr. Harvey noted that the district is planning on sending a community survey out this Fall about Deerspring pool. If the community does not want to pay for the new pool, the Park District will be faced with the fact that the pool is getting close to end of life. He questioned whether the Park District should commit \$2 million on the turf without having direction on Deerspring. The commissioners are interested in a joint turf project with D113 but need more information before putting a dollar amount to their commitment. The park district will hire a professional to survey the community about Deerspring pool before committing to the turf project.

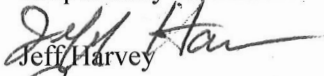
Ten applicants for the Executive Director position were received. The commissioners discussed the top four applicants. The commissioners will interview all four of the applicants.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Patinkin moved, and Commissioner Caron seconded a motion to adjourn closed session and reconvene to open session at 9:40pm. Roll call vote carried as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Respectfully submitted:


Jeff Harvey

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