



Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners
WORKSHOP MINUTES
July 12, 2021
Alcott Center – Rooms 10/11
6 pm

Commissioners Present: Scott Jacobson, Adriane Johnson and Larry Reiner
Commissioners Absent: Tracy Bragg, Steve Cummins

Staff Present: Executive Director Ryan Risinger, Director of Recreation and Facilities Erika Strojinc,
Director of Parks and Planning Tim Howe and Executive Assistant Beth Wanland

Attorney David Bloomberg was in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

President Jacobson called the Workshop to order at 6 pm. The roll was called and Commissioners Jacobson, Johnson and Reiner answered present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Trevor Hilt, the Park District summer intern, was in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP AGENDA

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the July 12, 2021 Workshop Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Reiner and passed with a voice vote.

TOPICS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no Topics from the Floor discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Executive Director Risinger said that the Board packet included a nice article on the Flag Day event held at Veteran's Park on Monday, June 14. Also included was an article that appeared in the Daily Herald announcing that BG Days will be held at Mike Rylko Park over Labor Day weekend. Last, he said there was a *What's Happening?* calendar of events for the month of July included in correspondence.

PARKS

Museum Nature Classroom Development Proposal

Director of Parks and Planning Tim Howe said that there was one bid for the Museum Nature Classroom Development project, Schaeffges Brothers, Inc. He said they did the Willow Stream Pool in 2011 and we were very pleased with their work. Commissioner Reiner said he is familiar with Schaeffges Brothers and they are a knowledgeable and reliable company.

Ordinance 21-7-1 Sale of Personal Property

Director of Recreation and Facilities Erika Strojinc said we were given a lifeguard chair by Buffalo Grove High School and have no need for it. She said staff would like to sell it and purchase a taller, narrower chair for the deep end of Willow Stream Pool.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Administrative Staff Report

Executive Director Risinger said that the Administrative Staff Report is new to the Board packet and the suggestion to include it came out of feedback from his evaluation. He thought the Board might be interested in knowing more details about what is discussed in weekly Administrative Staff meetings. He said he will continue to submit his Director's Report at Regular Board Meetings. Commissioner Reiner said he appreciates the information but does not want this information to turn into micro-managing by the Board. If a Board member would like more information on a subject Commissioner Reiner suggested calling Executive Director Risinger. President Jacobson said that he appreciates the information and agreed there is a fine line between information and micro-management. He said he would like to see more statistical numbers included in reports in general. He said numbers give the Board comfort in knowing where we stand in recovering from the pandemic.

Executive Director Risinger informed the Board we are experiencing excessive vandalism at Rylko Park. There was a fire set in the bathroom on Saturday night. He said we are working with the police and they have offered to put cameras in the park. We are discussing putting one of our own cameras at the Skate Park. He reminded the Board to RSVP to the Full Time Staff Party on Thursday, July 22 at Buffalo Creek Brewing at 2 pm. He also asked Board members to contact Executive Assistant Wanland if they would like tickets to the musical cabaret at Willow Stream Park on Friday and Saturday, July 16 and 17. He concluded his report by informing the Board that we are revisiting the Rylko Park Master Plan. He said the Village is considering giving us some of the funds they are receiving from the American Rescue Plan. The Village said they would want to make certain any monies given would be spent on projects that would have a major positive impact on the community as a whole. Projects at Rylko Park being considered are the building of a band shell, expansion of the Spray 'N Play, expansion of concessions, and expansion of the parking lot. If we could get additional funding from the state we would also like to include Fitness Center parking lot repairs and revamping the Skate Park. We would also consider supplementing the projects by borrowing funds at current low interest rates. Commissioner Reiner said that it is possible to go for two OSLAD Grants, knowing that we are already planning to apply for an OSLAD Grant for Prairie Grove Park.

Director of Recreation and Facilities Erika Strojinc said that Session 1 of camps ended today and Session 2 starts next week. She said camp registration ended at 50% of what we had in 2019. The Fitness Center is open and next to open will be the Kid's Club. She said we had 800 member declines when we billed 2,400 active and suspended members off of freeze for the first time since the pandemic. She said staff is calling all members to get new credit card numbers and to find out if they will be coming back. She said pre-COVID we had 3,300 active members and currently we have 2,400 members, 1,647 of which are active members. She said there were 100 cancellations in June and 213 so far in July. The app is almost ready to go live. Preschool registration is at 171 so far; we are at 80% of our targeted revenue and we need to hire new teachers. Clubhouse is on track to meet our 2019 registration numbers and schools are very receptive to us using their facilities for Clubhouse. She said we got a liquor license from the Village for four events in our parks. We hope to get a

blanket permit from the Village next year. We are working on state licensing needed to serve alcohol for the BG days. She concluded by saying that so far we have four sponsors for BG Days.

PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

President Jacobson said that the Rick Drazner Park dedication was quite an event. He said it was really well done and thanked staff for all they did in putting the event together. Executive Director Risinger thanked Executive Assistant Beth Wanland and Recreation Supervisor Amanda Busch who led the charge in planning the event.

Commissioner Johnson thanked her fellow Board members for making the decision to name Twin Creeks Park after our former Commissioner Rick Drazner. She said the dedication was really meaningful and well attended. She thought the family was very appreciative and thanked the social committee for planning such a memorable event. She said the IAPD Conference is going to be in-person at the Hyatt in January 2022. The closing social will be onsite.

Commissioner Reiner said he has similar feelings about the dedication and said it was very meaningful for the Drazner family and the community. He said we have shown permanent respect for a man who gave so much to our community. He added that he was very proud of his fellow Commissioners and of the heartfelt speeches they delivered in memory of Rick.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Reiner moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Imminent Litigation at 6:48 pm, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Jacobson, Johnson and Reiner

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Bragg, Cummins

MOTION TO RECONVENE THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Reiner moved to reconvene the Regular Board meeting at 7 pm, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Jacobson, Johnson and Reiner

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Bragg, Cummins

ACTION TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Jacobson said that no final action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7 pm, seconded by Commissioner Reiner and passed with a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary