



Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners
WORKSHOP MINUTES
May 9, 2022
Alcott Center – Room 24

Commissioners Present: Tracy Bragg, Scott Jacobson and Larry Reiner
Commissioner Cummins arrived at 6:06 pm

Staff Present: Executive Director Ryan Risinger, Director of Business Services and Human Resources John Short, Director of Recreation and Facilities Erika Strojinc, Superintendent of Communications and Marketing Mike Terson and Executive Assistant Beth Wanland

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

President Jacobson called the Workshop to order at 6:01pm. The roll was called and Commissioners Bragg, Jacobson and Reiner answered present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Commissioner Reiner's brother, Reuben, was in attendance. Former Commissioners Jack Schmerer, Karen Meadows and Martha Weiss were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED WORKSHOP AGENDA

Vice President Bragg moved to approve the May 9, 2022 Amended Workshop Agenda to reflect a break after presentation of the Commissioner Recognition Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Reiner and the motion passed with a voice vote.

TOPICS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no Topics from the Floor discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Executive Director Risinger said that included in correspondence was an invitation to the Flag Day event at Veterans Park on June 14. Also included was a thank you note from the Longfellow PTO for our donation to their Bingo Night fundraiser.

COMMISSIONER RECOGNITION RESOLUTION

President Jacobson said it is his pleasure to recognize his colleague, Larry Reiner, on 35 years of service to the Buffalo Grove community. He said it is quite a feat and his help, guidance and kindness have not gone unnoticed.

Presentation and Approval of Resolution 22-5-1 Commending Dr. Lawrence Reiner on 35 Years of Service on the Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners

President Jacobson read the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 22-5-1
COMMENDING DR. LAWRENCE REINER ON
35 YEARS OF SERVICE AS COMMISSIONER TO THE
BUFFALO GROVE PARK DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Larry Reiner was elected to the Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners on April 7, 1987.

WHEREAS, Larry's 35 years of service, dedication and professional knowledge has led the Park District to purchasing land, building and expanding facilities, and developing and renovating parks throughout Buffalo Grove. During his tenure the District was first recognized as an Illinois Distinguished Accredited Agency in 1995, has been reaccruited every six years since, and is widely viewed as one of the top Park Districts in the state of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Larry served as Executive Director of NEDSRA (Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association) for over 30 years and champions individuals with developmental disabilities. He secured funding through Sox Charities for the development of the Rick Drazner Park (formerly Twin Creeks Park) Buddy Baseball Field in Buffalo Grove and has advocated for all parks, playgrounds, programs and facilities in the District to be handicapped accessible; and

WHEREAS, Larry has developed professional relationships and has been an advocate, educator and advisor to State of Illinois senators and representatives from both parties representing our District. He has been instrumental in promoting and receiving millions of dollars in state grants for the District for park and facility development projects; and

WHEREAS, Larry's service to the Buffalo Grove Park District extends to initiatives he has personally embraced such as establishing the Hyman and Miriam Reiner Art Gallery at the Buffalo Grove Fitness Center and the Community Arts Center, the Healthy Minds-Healthy Bodies and AllenForce Veterans Initiative at the Buffalo Grove Fitness Center, the Active Duty Military Assistance Fund, and the Rusty Reiner Memorial Fund; and

WHEREAS, Larry is a valued friend and trusted mentor to the Board of Commissioners and the success of the Park District is dependent upon Commissioners like him who take pride in the Buffalo Grove Park District and its accomplishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the President and Board of Commissioners of the Buffalo Grove Park District, Cook and Lake Counties:

- 1) That Larry Reiner is commended on behalf of the citizens of Buffalo Grove for his distinguished 35-year career as Commissioner at the Buffalo Grove Park District.
- 2) That this resolution be presented to Larry with best wishes in the future.

DATED AT BUFFALO GROVE, ILLINOIS THIS 9th DAY OF MAY 2022.

Commissioner Reiner thanked the Board and he said he has had the honor of serving on one of the best boards in the state of Illinois and possibly the nation. He said he appreciates all of the

Commissioners more than they know. He shared a story of when he was 13 years old and his brother, Reuben, arranged a carnival to raise money to help special needs kids in a parking lot. He said that event was his motivation in working with kids with disabilities over the next 50 years.

BREAK

The Board took a break to have cake to celebrate Commissioner Reiner's milestone anniversary.

PARKS

Resolution 22-5-2 Cambridge Park Construction Easement and Detention Area Transfer to the Village of Buffalo Grove

Executive Director Risinger said he worked with Attorney Bloomberg on this resolution and it will allow us to move forward with the permanent easement for the lift station and transfer of property to the Village.

POLICY AND LEGISLATION

Review of 2021/22 Quarter D Administrative Work Plan Report

Executive Director Risinger said that these are updated Goals and Objectives from fiscal year 2021-22 Quarter D. He said he didn't get to a few of his goals and objectives but they will be a priority moving forward this next quarter.

Review of 2021/22 Quarter D Departmental Goals and Objectives

Executive Director Risinger said he is very proud of the staff for everything they accomplish each year.

Strategic Plan/Agency Goals Update

Executive Director Risinger said Strategic Plan/Agency Goals are presented to the Board every six months. He said this plan is on-going and the committees have stayed in place for several years. He said the leadership team is meeting later this week to review the plan and decide how to move forward.

PARK BOARD OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND LIAISONS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/23

The following officers, committee chair appointments, and liaisons were discussed but not finalized.

- A. Elected Officers
 - 1. President – Scott Jacobson
 - 2. Vice President – Tracy Bragg

- B. Annual Appointments
 - 1. Treasurer – Stephen Cummins
 - 2. Secretary – Ryan Risinger
 - 3. Legal Counsel – Steven Bloomberg and David Bloomberg

- C. Committee Chairs Appointments
 - 1. Park Development - Larry Reiner
 - 2. Policy and Legislation – Larry Reiner
 - 3. Recreation – Scott Jacobson
 - 4. Public Relations – Scott Jacobson
 - 5. Finance – Steve Cummins and the New Board Member

6. Personnel – Tracy Bragg and Steve Cummins
 7. Ethics Advisor – Larry Reiner
 8. IAPD Legislative Key Contact – Tracy Bragg and the New Board Member
- D. Park Board Liaison Appointments
1. Village Board – Scott Jacobson
 2. Village Plan Commission – Steve Cummins
 3. BG Days Liaison – Larry Reiner
 4. Friends of the Parks Foundation – Tracy Bragg and the New Board Member
 5. Environmental Action Team – Steve Cummins and the New Board Member
- E. Staff Positions
1. Executive Director – Ryan Risinger
 2. Park Board Secretary – Ryan Risinger
 3. NWSRA Board Member and Alternate – Ryan Risinger/Erika Strojinc
 4. PDRMA Representative and Alternate – Dani Hoefle/Scott Spitz
 5. ADA Compliance Officer – Mike Maloney/Jessi Hersman
 6. FOIA Officers – Ryan Risinger/John Short/Erika Strojinc/Beth Wanland
 7. OMA Officers – Ryan Risinger/John Short/Erika Strojinc/Tim Howe/Mike Terson/Dani Hoefle/Beth Wanland
 8. Assistant Treasurer – John Short
 9. Finance Compliance Officer – John Short
 10. Friends of the Parks Foundation Board Member – Ryan Risinger

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Administrative Staff Meetings Report

Executive Director Risinger said the Administrative Staff Meetings report lists highlights covered at meetings during the month of April.

PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Director Strojinc said she would like to order Uniquely Us t-shirts for the Board. She said the Nature Center Grand Opening is on Saturday, May 14 from 1 – 4 pm, Kids to Parks/Public Works Day is Saturday, May 21, and the Broadway Buddy show is at the CAC on Friday, May 13 at 7 pm. She said a comedian group called the Hodge Twins wants to book the CAC for a performance. Their show is very right-leaning. She said we contacted our legal department and it is a private rental and we cannot turn them down. She added that Marina Mayne is the new full-time staff Museum Registrar & Public Educator at the Museum.

Executive Director Risinger said he and Buffalo Grove Fitness Center General Manager, Joe Zimmermann, are dealing with a Fitness Center member who is complaining and questioning their ethics. He said we have a code of conduct but chooses not to enforce it at this time.

President Jacobson said that he heard Moana, Jr. was a huge success.

Vice President Bragg congratulated Commissioner Reiner for his service and for all that he has done for the Park District.

Commissioner Cummins said it has been an honor to know Commissioner Reiner and to serve with him as a colleague.

Commissioner Reiner said he was in Alcott and had the opportunity to stop by the Rec Staff meeting and he felt like in one way or another 80% of the people there had touched his life.

OLD BUSINESS

President Jacobson said we received four applications from individuals wanting to interview to fill the Board vacancy. He said he would like to interview all four if the other Commissioners are in agreement. The Commissioners agreed and decided to schedule the interviews for Wednesday, June 8.

NEW BUSINESS

President Jacobson said several Commissioners have discussed naming Green Lake Park after Commissioner Reiner in recognition of his 35 years of service on the Board. He said the current naming policy says a Board Commissioner has to be retired or deceased to have a park named after them. He said he would like the policy changed so that the park can be named after Commissioner Reiner before he retires. The reasoning for the change is so that Commissioner Reiner's older brother who lives near the park can see it.

ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD WORKSHOP

Vice President Bragg motioned to adjourn the Board Workshop at 7:06 seconded by Commissioner Cummins and the motion passed with a voice vote.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

(To Immediately Follow the Workshop)

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

President Jacobson called the Special Board Meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The roll was called and Commissioners Bragg, Cummins, Jacobson and Reiner answered present.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Vice President Bragg moved to approve the May 9, 2022 Amended Special Board Meeting Agenda to strike the Break for Refreshments, seconded by Commissioner Cummins and the motion passed with a voice vote.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Resolution 22-5-1 Commending Dr. Lawrence Reiner on 35 Years of Service on the Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners

Vice President Bragg moved to approve Resolution 22-5-1 Commending Dr. Lawrence Reiner on 35 Years of Service on the Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Cummins and the motion was approved with a roll call vote.

AYES: Bragg, Cummins, Jacobson and Reiner
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Approval of Resolution 22-5-2 Cambridge Park Construction Easement and Detention Area Transfer to the Village of Buffalo Grove

Commission Reiner moved to approve Resolution 22-5-2, Cambridge Park Construction Easement and Detention Area Transfer to the Village of Buffalo Grove, seconded by Vice President Bragg and the motion was approved with a roll call vote.

AYES: Bragg, Cummins, Jacobson and Reiner
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice President Bragg moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of a Land Acquisition and Personnel at 7:06 pm, seconded by Commissioner Cummins and the motion passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Bragg, Cummins, Jacobson and Reiner
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

RECONVENED SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

President Jacobson announced at 8:55 pm that the Commissioners were out of Executive Session and back in the Special Board Meeting. Roll was called and Commissioners Bragg, Cummins, Jacobson and Reiner answered present. Executive Director Ryan Risinger was in attendance.

POSSIBLE ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

President Jacobson said that the Board took no action in Executive Session.

ADIJOURNMENT

Vice President Bragg moved to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:56 pm, seconded by Commissioner Reiner and the motion passed with a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary