



Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners
WORKSHOP MINUTES
May 22, 2023
Alcott Center – Rooms 10/11
6 pm

Commissioners Present: Steve Cummins, Larry Reiner and Hetal Wallace
Commissioner Absent: Tracy Bragg, Scott Jacobson

Staff Present: Executive Director Ryan Risinger, Deputy Director Erika Strojinc, Director of Business Services and Human Resources John Short, Director of Recreation and Facilities Joe Zimmermann, Director of Parks and Planning Tim Howe, Superintendent of Recreation Diana Clayson, Superintendent of Communications and Marketing Mike Terson, Risk Manager Dani Hoefle, Aquatics Facility Supervisor Jenn Foreman, Recreation Supervisor Amanda Busch and Executive Assistant Beth Wanland

Attorney David Bloomberg was present

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Secretary Risinger called the Workshop to order at 6 pm. The roll was called and Commissioners Cummins, Reiner and Wallace answered present.

Secretary Risinger said that in the absence of our President and Vice President he would like to nominate Commissioner Reiner to the position of President Pro Tem through Agenda number XII - Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2023/24, at which time the newly elected Vice President will take over as Temporary Presiding Officer for the remainder of the meeting. Commissioner Reiner seconded, and the motion was approved with a roll call vote.

AYES: Cummins, Reiner, Wallace

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Bragg, Jacobson

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP AGENDA

Commissioner Cummins moved to approve the May 22, 2023 Workshop Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Wallace and the motion passed with a voice vote.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION RESOLUTION

Resolution 23-5-2 Commending Ryan Risinger on his Retirement

Commissioner Reiner read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 23-5-2 COMMENDING RYAN RISINGER ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 31 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BUFFALO GROVE PARK DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Ryan Risinger has dedicated over 30 years of his life serving the Buffalo Grove Park District; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has received numerous accolades regarding his retirement from the Illinois Senate, Illinois House of Representatives, and the Village of Buffalo Grove; and

WHEREAS, as a result, Ryan has no more picture frames for all of these resolutions; and

WHEREAS, Ryan deserves to retire and finally give his couch and fishing poles the attention they deserve after all these years; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has been a beloved figure in the community, known for his friendly demeanor and his uncanny ability to make even the grumpiest of patrons smile; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has held numerous positions at the Park District, including Intern, Recreation Supervisor, Division Manager, Superintendent of Recreation, Director of Recreation and Facilities, Deputy Director, and most recently for the past eight years as Executive Director. In this position he was responsible for making sure that everything ran smoothly across the District. He led the Park District through many challenges during this time, most notably, a global pandemic and all of the issues that came with it. But maybe even more challenging, after years of practice, he successfully learned to pronounce the many acronyms used by the Park District like NWSRA, NSSRA, NRPA, and so on; and

WHEREAS, Ryan was instrumental in the development of several community programs, such as the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, which brought joy to generations of children; and he started the Adult Co-Rec Softball League, which brought joy to generations of adults who just needed an excuse to drink beer on a weeknight; and

WHEREAS, Ryan's leadership and dedication has helped the Park District grow and thrive, and his shoes will be hard to fill (although we've heard he has some old sneakers in the back of his closet that might do the trick); and

WHEREAS, we hope that Ryan knows that this Resolution from the Park Board of Commissioners is meant to bring a smile to his face; and

WHEREAS, we also hope that Ryan knows how much we will miss him.

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

- 1) The Buffalo Grove Park District congratulates Ryan Risinger on his retirement and thanks him for his 31 years of service to the community.

- 2) That this resolution be presented to Ryan wishing him the best in his future endeavors which we hope involve more time on his couch and more time with his fishing poles.

DATED AT BUFFALO GROVE, ILLINOIS THIS 22ND DAY OF MAY 2023.

Executive Director Risinger thanked his staff and said he could not have done it without them. He thanked former Executive Director Dan Schimmel for giving him a chance. He thanked his family, the Board, and his staff.

Commissioner Reiner thanked all who came to honor Executive Director Risinger. He said there is not a more respected director in the state of Illinois. He thanked him for all he has done for all of us.

Commissioner Wallace said that the community knows Executive Director Risinger and is sad to see him go, but she is confident Erika will step up to the task ahead of her.

Commissioner Cummins said Executive Director Risinger is a well-respected person in the field of parks and recreation. He said he is people-centered and has served the Park District well with this approach.

FINANCE

President Pro Tem Reiner asked Commissioner Cummins to walk the Board through the financial agenda items:

May Warrant 2023

There were no comments on the May Warrant 2023.

April Financial Statement

Director Short said things have rebounded nicely from a year ago and thanked the staff for their work in the recovery.

April Year to Date Statement

There were no comments on the April Year to Date Statement.

May Refunds

There were no comments on May Refunds.

Resolution 23-5-3 Buffalo Grove Bank and Trust Signers

Commissioner Cummins said the next three resolutions are signing documents required by Buffalo Grove Bank and Trust due to the Executive Director transition.

Resolution 23-5-4 BMO Designation of Authorized Officers

There were no further comments on Resolution 23-5-4 Designation of Authorized Officers.

Resolution 23-5-5 Buffalo Grove Bank and Trust Designating Public Depository

There were no further comments on Resolution 23-5-5 Buffalo Grove Bank and Trust Designating Public Depository.

Board Travel and Conference Expense

There were no further comments on the Board Travel and Conference Expense.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cummins moved to adjourn the Board Workshop at 6:12 pm, seconded by Commissioner Wallace and the motion passed with a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,


Secretary