



Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners
WORKSHOP MINUTES
July 24, 2023
Alcott Center – Room 24
7 pm

Commissioners Present: Steve Cummins, Scott Jacobson, Larry Reiner and Hetal Wallace.

Staff Present: Executive 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 Communications and Marketing Mike Terson, and Executive Assistant Beth Wanland.

Attorney Steven Bloomberg was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

President Jacobson called the Workshop to order at 7 pm. The roll was called and Commissioners Cummins, Jacobson, Reiner and Wallace answered present.

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP AGENDA

Vice President Cummins moved to approve the July 24, 2023 Workshop Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Reiner and the motion passed with voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Dylan Kosh, our summer intern, and Recreation Supervisor Mike Pfeiffer were in attendance.

FINANCE

July Warrant 2023

There were no comments on the July Warrant 2023.

June Financial Statement

There were no comments on the June Financial Statement.

June Year-to-Date Statement

There were no comments on the June Year-to-Date Statement.

July Refunds

There were no comments on the July Refunds.

Capital Project Financing 2023-2025

Director Short said next month we will be asking the Board to approve an Ordinance to approve issuing alternate bonds and rollover bonds. He said Linda Byron, from Raymond James & Associates, will attend the August Workshop to walk the Board through the process. He said Chapman Cutler will be providing us counsel along the way.

Board Travel and Conference Expense

Director Short said the Board Travel and Conference expense is registration for commissioners to attend the October NRPA Conference in Dallas.

PARKS

Resolution 23-7-3 Rylko Park East OSLAD Grant

Commissioner Reiner said the OSLAD Board wants to know that the Board of Commissioners are aware that the Park District is applying for an OSLAD grant for Rylko Park East and that we are capable of matching the grant with our funds. He said that the feedback from the community input meetings was very informational and residents were complimentary of the plan. Executive Director Strojinc said that the pump track on the plan will be proposed as an alternate because it adds \$1 million dollars to the project. President Jacobson cautioned that the Dog Park may need to be shielded from the pickleball courts. Vice President Cummins suggested flipping the Dog Park on the rendering so that the larger dogs can have more area to run to tire them out. Commissioner Reiner said that we need to find another soccer field to designate as Larry Putterman Memorial Field since that field is going away. Director Howe said that the artist rendering is a proposal and staff will make adjustments per Board input.

PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

President Jacobson said he attended *Cinderella* and the performers did an excellent job. He said the CAC is a premier place to see a show and it is a great asset of the Park District. He said he loved to see the live orchestra on the back of the stage at the summer show. He said he understands it is a budget concern but says a live orchestra makes a huge difference in a performance. Executive Director Strojinc said the summer musical is our gem and we will always try to have a live orchestra. Commissioner Reiner said it is important to focus on excellence. President Jacobson said there are six applications for the board vacancy which is more interest than we have ever had. He said he attended the Village recycling event and said the lot was full and cars were lined up on Route 83 waiting to get in.

Commissioner Wallace said she is looking forward to attending *Cinderella* on Friday and said she is curious to see the orchestra on stage because she knows that an orchestra pit is magical. She said visually seeing the instrumentalists on stage can educate and motivate kids to pursue a career in music.

Vice President Cummins said he likes that there is a high interest for the Board vacancy. He said he attended the *Leading with Influence* webinar and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Commissioner Reiner said that the Rylko Park East community input meeting had great attendance and the comments from neighbors and those in attendance were valuable. He thanked staff for organizing it.

OLD BUSINESS

Alcohol, Drugs and Narcotics Ordinance Update

Executive Director Strojinc said that staff took the Board's feedback from the last meeting and updated the Alcohol, Drugs, and Narcotics and Fire Ordinances.

Fires Ordinance Update

Vice President Cummins suggested putting a small sign on the permanent grills in the few parks they exist telling users to extinguish coals but not to dispose of them. Director Howe said he will follow through on the signs.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Cummins moved to adjourn the Workshop at 7:40 pm, seconded by Commissioner Wallace and the motion passed with a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,


Secretary