

Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners WORKSHOP MINUTES Alcott Center - Room 24 August 28, 2023 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 David Bloomberg was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

President Jacobson called the Workshop to order at 7:01 pm. The roll was called and Commissioners Cummins, Jacobson, Reiner and Wallace answered present.

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP AGENDA

Commissioner Reiner moved to approve the August 28, 2023 Workshop Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Wallace and the motion passed with a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Nathan Libbey, a potential board member candidate, was in attendance.

FINANCE

August Warrant 2023

There was no discussion on the August Warrant 2023.

July 2023 Financial Statement

There were no comments on the July Financial Statement.

July 2023 Year to Date Statement

President Jacobson said the Fitness Center is trending in the right direction. Vice President Cummins asked Director Short to replicate the Recreation department year to date statement the same way he prepares the overall year to date statement. It will compare where numbers are month to month and compared to the same month a year ago.

August Refunds

There were no comments on August Refunds.

FINANCE

Ordinance 23-8-1 Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Park Bonds

Vice President Cummins asked how much we are going for in alternate revenue bonds and how much we are going for in limited tax bonds. Director Short said the limited tax bonds are \$1.7 million and the alternate bonds will be \$6+ million.

Commissioner Reiner asked the revenue source for funding the bonds and Director Short said generally it will be the Recreation fund, but it can be from the Recreation, Clubhouse, and Fitness Center funds.

Ordinance 23-8-2 Disposal of Surplus Property

There was no discussion on Ordinance 23-8-2 Disposal of Surplus Property.

Wintrust Bank Resolution 23-8-2 Legal Organization to Open Account

The Board agreed Wintrust bank is good to work with and this is a good, strong move for the Park District.

Board Travel and Conference Expense

There was no further discussion on the Board Travel and Conference expense.

PARKS

Rylko Park Amphitheater Development and Spray 'N Play Expansion Bid Recommendation Executive Director Strojinc said we are going back out to bid the project in three parts; the Amphitheater and Pavilion first, the Spray 'N Play second, and the third part will be the playground. She said the Village Engineer Kyle Johnson has been an amazing support with this project. Commissioner Wallace asked about the timeline for the project. Executive Director Strojinc said she hopes to have a complete recommendation at the September 26 Board meeting. Commissioner Reiner offered to present the playground portion of the project to Springfield legislators to look for alternate funding.

PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

President Jacobson said BG Days is starting later this week. He said that Aptakisic Road is under construction and it is not possible to park at Drazner Park for Buddie Baseball this year. Executive Director Strojinc said this is on the Village's list for planning and they are aware of the construction.

Commissioner Wallace thanked Recreation Supervisor Mike Pfeiffer and his team for their setup and breakdown of the Green Fair. She said an 11-year old member of the EAT, the youngest member and Miss Buffalo Grove, is advocating for kids to use the bike rack at Cherbourg Park. She said auditions for Mean Girls, Jr. is taking place and she hopes all attend the performances in November. She said she is looking forward to BG Days and will there every day working with Rotary.

Commissioner Cummins gave kudos to Commissioner Wallace for promoting Jr. High school kids to work service hours and contribute to the success of the Green Fair.

Commissioner Reiner said he has been involved with some fundraisers with State Senators Aquino and Simms, and State Representative Davis. He also attended a major fundraiser for Senator Johnson in Waukegan and said he has never seen a more impressive fundraising event. He said she is doing wonderful things for our community and it would be nice to recognize her for all she has done for us. Executive Director Strojinc suggested we could tie recognition for Senator Johnson to the Amphitheater project upon completion.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business discussed.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Commissioner Cummins moved to adjourn the Workshop at 7:30 pm, seconded by Commissioner Wallace and the motion passed with a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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