

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS **May 16, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Cohen at 6:42 p.m. in the Patty Turner Center. Executive Director Harvey called the roll, and the following were:

PRESENT: Brown, Caron, Cohen, Patinkin and Serota (5)

ABSENT: None (0)

Staff: Executive Director Jeff Harvey, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Recreation Laura McCarty, Finance Manager Sharon Sheehan, Superintendent of Recreation Tony Korzyniewski, Director of Golf Operations Jason Mannina, Director of Parks Jay Zahn, and Superintendent of Marketing Deanna Musurlian

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commissioners expressed concern about the minutes. Commissioner Patinkin moved to table approval of the minutes to the next meeting. Commissioner Caron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

III. APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

Commissioner Caron moved to approve the voucher listing dated May 16, 2024 in the amount of \$1,855,737.18 which includes \$1,332.50 of travel expenses. Commissioner Serota seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Brown, Caron, Cohen, Patinkin, Serota (5)

NAYS: None (0)

IV. MATTERS OF PUBLIC, VISITORS AND GUESTS

A. Comments from the Public, Visitors and Guests

None.

V. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

A. Recreation Center Advisory Committee

Commissioner Brown reported the Recreation Advisory Committee met on April 25, 2024 and had two of the three new committee members in attendance. The fee increase of 4-6 percent went into effect on April 1, 2024 with no major complaints. Capital updates include: the new floor scrubber is keeping the track in good shape; 20 indoor bikes will be replaced in time for the spin cycle session; the gym floors will be sanded, painted and resealed in August; the awning replacement is about two weeks away. Staff office renovation work is scheduled for May-June and swimming pool maintenance is scheduled for August. Commissioner Brown reported the website has been nicely updated and there are 1,255 members which is up 200 since February. This weekend is the after-prom event.

B. PTC Members' Council

Ms. McCarty reported the council met on May 9, 2024 and welcomed 2 new members. Rentals are on the rise as a result of the postcard that was sent. There were 32 attendees at the May 3, 2024 salsa line dancing instruction event. The outdoor portion of the car show was cancelled due to poor weather. The May Chicago Showcase will take place on May 22, 2024 and will feature a Stevie Ray Vaughan tribute. Other events include

Puzzling for Prizes on May 24, 2024 and a Plant and Pour event on May 30, 2024. Kathleen and David gave a great presentation on programming to Rotary.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration of Semper Fi Payment Request #3 for Jewett Park Renovation

Commissioner Caron moved to approve payment request #3 for a progress payment for the work completed on the Jewett Park Phase 2 Renovation Project in the amount of \$149,289.97 as submitted by Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Brown, Caron, Cohen, Patinkin, Serota (5)

NAYS: None (0)

B. Consideration of Camosy Construction Payment Request #5 for JPCC Lower-Level Renovation Project

Commissioner Serota moved to approve Payment Request #5 from Camosy Construction in the amount of \$244,131.94 for the work completed through the end of April on the Jewett Park Community Center lower-level renovation. Commissioner Caron seconded the motion.

Ms. McCarty noted they are waiting on furniture delivery, cabinet installation and countertops which are on backorder. They cannot get occupancy until the countertops are installed. She stressed the importance of finishing ASAP because camp training starts on June 6th. She stressed the need for everything to be completed by the start of camp on June 17, 2024. Ms. McCarty will get more information and an estimated delivery date on the counters. The commissioners discussed the possibility of holding back partial payment of the invoice even though these items were not included in payment request #5. If the countertops do not come in on time, the Park District will request Camosy provide a contingency plan. The commissioners discussed the possibility of paying a lower amount or approving the bill contingent on completion before the start of camp. Camosy's billing is a month behind and the entire payment request work has been completed. Mr. Harvey will communicate the conversation, including the displeasure with the golf course situation, and believes it will send a strong message to Camosy. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Brown, Patinkin, Serota (3)

NAYS: Caron, Cohen (2)

C. Consideration of Change Order Approvals – JPCC Lower-Level Renovation Project

Commissioner Brown moved to approve change order requests listed in the Board summary from Camosy Construction as part of the Jewett Park Community Center lower-level renovation project in the amount of \$23,313.00. The work includes room signage, a panic button, painting, can light fixtures and carpet. Commissioner Caron seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Brown, Caron, Cohen, Patinkin, Serota (5)

NAYS: None (0)

D. Consideration of Postage Meter Lease Agreement with Quadient

Commissioner Patinkin moved to approve the postage machine lease agreement with Quadient for a term of 60 months, as presented. Commissioner Serota seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Brown, Caron, Cohen, Patinkin, Serota (5)
NAYS: None (0)

E. Consideration of PTC Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the proposal from A-Lamp Construction for rehabilitation of the Patty Turner Center parking lot in the total amount of \$289,900. Commissioner Caron seconded the motion. This represents the entire cost of the project and the Village will be paying half. There are a lot of moving processes and the project will be completed in phases. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Brown, Caron, Cohen, Patinkin, Serota (5)
NAYS: None (0)

F. Consideration of Usage Request to host Fundraiser at SRC on July 26, 2024

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the use of (7) pickleball courts and tennis lobby area on Friday July 26, 2024 from 6:00pm-8:30pm to Michele Pyster to hold a fundraiser for Jada's Journey at a cost of \$675. Commissioner Caron seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Brown, Caron, Cohen, Patinkin, Serota (5)
NAYS: None (0)

G. Consideration of Distribution and Sale of Alcohol – PTC Events

Commissioner Caron moved to approve the Patty Turner Center having a vendor on site at Parking Lot Palozza on Saturday, June 26, 2024 from 5-7pm and at Elmstock on Wednesday, August 14 from 5-7pm to sell & distribute alcoholic and non-alcohol beverages to attendees at these events. Commissioner Serota seconded the motion. The commissioners want to ensure the vendor has not only a license, but insurance. The Park District and golf course should have Dram Shop or special event insurance coverage. Commission Caron amended the motion so it is subject to ensuring proper insurance is in place. Commissioner Serota reaffirmed the second. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Brown, Caron, Cohen, Patinkin, Serota (5)
NAYS: None (0)

VII. OTHER MATTERS

A. Capital Project Update

The commissioners discussed the golf course siding issues, as the siding on the west side does not abut. The Board requested that the park district attorney get involved.

B. Other Comments and Discussion

Ms. Musurlian reported the Foundation asked her and Commissioner Caron to step back so they can reevaluate things. Although there have been some resignations at the Foundation, the dynamics do not appear to have changed. The Foundation secured a handful of sponsors for the pickleball tournament, but the Foundation members are very limited in their participation. Over the last month, this has taken away from Deanna's other responsibilities. Ms. Musurlian suggested having a conversation with the Foundation as their demands on her time are different than the responsibilities in her job description. The commissioners believe it is unacceptable for the Foundation to talk to Park District staff in a disrespectful manner. Stan Robbin has stepped up and is

putting the event together and is doing an incredible job. The purpose of the event is to raise money for shade structures at the pickleball courts, but the Foundation wants to keep half the money for discretionary spending.

The Foundation changed their mission from helping the parks to providing scholarships. Previously, all donations had to go through the foundation, but that is not necessarily the case as businesses and individuals can provide sponsorships and donate to the Park District directly.

The Foundation has traditionally sponsored the free swim event on July 4th as a way to publicize their efforts. They now believe the Park District is charging the Foundation for the free swimming, but the future of their sponsorship of the event is unresolved. If they do not continue the sponsorship, the Park District will have swimming like other days.

The Foundation currently meets quarterly and they frequently have quorum challenges. Park District staff could try to recruit new members, or they can lay back until the Foundation fails. The ultimate solution is to recruit new people to have a functioning Foundation.

At the July 4th parade, toy guns will not be allowed. The commissioners discussed alternatives like water balloons and bubbles. Distributing candy has also become a safety issue as kids run into the street.

The community is organizing around getting turf. It would be nice to have more turf in the community, but need to identify a place and how to pay for it. If the Park District wants to move forward with turf at the high school, it would be less expensive but there would be time restrictions. District 113 would pay at least half of the estimated \$6 million cost. If the Park District's hours are limited, they would not contribute 50 percent. If the Park District puts in turf at a park, they would also need to put in lighting. Putting the turf at the high school gives the Park District another field to use.

Deerspring is reaching the end of its useful life. Decisions have to be made on the direction to take with Deerspring, as the cost would be approximately \$8 to \$10 million. One option would be to go to referendum for both Deerspring and turf, but other government entities may also go to referendum. The Park District will send a survey and include specific questions about both Deerspring and turf along with a lot of background information. The commissioners believe there would be no reason to do a referendum if there is not enough support for it.

The commissioners discussed alcohol at the pickleball tournament as well as Park District outside facilities. Ms. Musurlian told Stan there is no alcohol allowed. Food trucks are also not allowed to sell alcohol. She also discussed having police officers, the fire department and paramedics at the tournament, which would unite the community.

The commissioners discussed having a pickleball court dedication. President Cohen will ask Jeff Nehila for dates. He will say a few words at the pickleball tournament.

President Cohen reported four applications have been received for the director position. Another application is in process. The deadline for applications is May 31, 2024.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, Commissioner Caron moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Harvey, Secretary

Transcribed by: Jeri Cotton