

**PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 19, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Park District of Highland Park was held in the Multipurpose Room, at West Ridge Center, 636 Ridge Road, Highland Park, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Kaplan.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Vice President Ruttenberg, Commissioner Bernstein, Commissioner Flores Weisskopf, President Kaplan

**Absent:** Commissioner Grossberg

**Staff Present:** Director Romes; IT Manager Johnson; Director Curtis; Assistant Director Smith; Director Voss; Assistant Director Carr; Senior Planner Schwartz; Manager Grill

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** - None

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Rick Heineman, 1449 Glencoe Avenue, Highland Park asked about memberships versus active members at the Recreation Center of Highland Park. Assistant Director Carr explained that a family membership equals one membership versus the number of people in the family which translates into members sold.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes from February 15 Special Meeting; Minutes from February 16, 2019 Special Meeting; Minutes from February 18, 2019 Special Meeting; Minutes from February 26, 2019 Regular Board Meeting; Approval of the 2019 Concession Services at Hidden Creek AquaPark and Rosewood Beach; Approval of the 2019 Fire Suppression/Fire Alarm Testing and Maintenance RFP; Approval of the 2019 Hidden Creek AquaPark Pump Rebuild Project Bid; Approval of the 2019 Purchase of Capital Replacement Vehicle – Flatbed Stake Body Truck; Approval of the 2019 Park Avenue Dredging Project Bid; Approval of the 2019 Hidden Creek Roof Replacement Project Bid; Approval of the 2019 Asphalt Project Bid; Approval of the 2019 Rosewood Bluff Stairway Renovation Project Bid; Approval of the 2019 Rosewood Bluff Railing Renovation Project Bid; Approval of the 2019 Danny Cunniff Tennis Renovation & Utility Improvements Bid; Approval of the 2019 Attitude and Interest Survey; Approval of the Ravine 10 GLFER Project Feasibility Study Cost Share Agreement; Approval of the Ravine 10 Improvements City of Highland Park Intergovernmental Agreement; Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$1,279,437.95.

Motion was made by Vice President Ruttenberg to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bernstein.

**Roll Call:**

**Aye:** Vice President Ruttenberg, Commissioner Flores Weisskopf, President Kaplan;  
Commissioner Bernstein  
**Nay:** None  
**Absent:** Commissioner Grossberg  
**Abstain:** None

Motion Carried

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Community Park Stormwater SMC Funding Initiative**

Manager Grill reported that the Park District of Highland Park has been approached with an opportunity to partner with the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) and the City of Highland Park to seek Federal funding for stormwater capacity creation on the site of the community park at the Recreation Center of Highland Park. Funding initially being targeted is through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and its Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM). Deadline for applications is typically at the end of the calendar year. If funds are awarded, the earliest construction start date would be Spring 2021.

Manager Grill stated that Park District staff have met with the City Manager and staff to discuss moving forward with this initiative to contribute to flood storage in the community while preserving the essence of the planned passive recreation area with its amenities, interactive elements, trails and habitat. As part of the application process, concept plans will be drafted with Park District input that take into account the current designs for the property developed by our staff and advisory committee. SMC and the City of Highland Park will provide technical support. SMC will provide financial assistance to have concept plans developed, which would be completed by Hey and Associates under an existing contract with SMC.

President Kaplan asked Manager Grill if this newest development with SMC would affect the plans currently in place for the community park. Manager Grill shared that the original plans would mostly remain in place. Commissioner Bernstein asked about the funding for the grant; Manager Grill stated that it was coming from FEMA. Commissioner Bernstein added that it would be a good idea for the District to contact Congressman Brad Schneider's office regarding this matter. Manager Grill stated that the District website has recently been updated to show the current design for the park as well as answers to frequently asked questions.

There was further discussion regarding a possible eagle sighting at the site. Commissioner Bernstein suggested we stay ahead of this matter before phone calls come in to the District with patron sightings.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Director Curtis shared that the auditors from Lauderbach-Amen were at the Park District this week reviewing the financials from 2018. Director Curtis stated that on May 16, 2019 Lauderbach and Amen will present their report to the Finance Committee, and they will present their report to the Board at the May 28, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

Director Curtis presented the vouchers for checks written February 22, 2019 through March 14, 2019 for an amount totaling \$1,279,437.95. There were no questions from the Board.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Director's Report**

Director Romes reported that the 2019 Neighborhood Meetings have been scheduled. There is a meeting at Heller Nature Center on April 30 at 6:00 p.m. On May 10 at 9:00 a.m. there is a meeting at Moraine Township and on June 12 at 6:00 p.m. a meeting is scheduled at Red Oak School.

On Saturday April 13, families can enjoy a full hot Breakfast with the Bunny at the Highland Park Country Club. On April 20 at 10:00 a.m. sharp, the annual Egg Hunt will take place at Sunset Woods Park. This is a free event. Sunset Valley Golf Club will host its first IJGA Junior Golf Tournament on April 6 from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The Friday Fish Fry continues every Friday at Sunset Valley, 13Ninety Restaurant from 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. Crate Stacking will take place at Heller Nature Center on March 26 from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. This event is for ages 10-15.

Junior Spring Break Tennis Camp dates are March 25 – March 29 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The Recreation Center of Highland Park will offer Student Break Membership for students at home over break. This is a 10-day membership and gives full access to the entire facility. The cost is \$30.00 for residents and \$45.00 for non-residents.

#### **B. Board Comments - None**

### **OPEN TO PUBLIC TO ADDRESS BOARD** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Vice President Ruttenberg and seconded by Commissioner Bernstein and approved by unanimous vote. The Board Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Donahue, Secretary