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

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Vice President Ruttenberg.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** President Kaplan arrived at 6:08.

**Staff Present:** Executive Director Romes, Director Dunn, Director Voss, Director Carr, Interim Director Becker, Director Gogola, Assistant Director Henriques, Assistant Director Maliszewski

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** - None

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA** - None

**CONSENT AGENDA**
Minutes from July 23, 2019 Regular Board Meeting; Minutes from August 6, 2019 Special Meeting; Minutes from August 13, 2019 Workshop Meeting; Approval of 2019-2020 Brochure Printing Series Bid in the amount of $60,073.00; Approval of 2019 Fink Park Roadway Asphalt Project Bid in the amount of $200,360.00; Bills and Payroll in the amount of $2,071,269.68.

Commissioner Bernstein abstained from item C, Minutes of the consent agenda, August 13, 2019 Workshop Meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grossberg to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bernstein.

**Roll Call:**

Aye: Commissioner Flores Weisskopf, Commissioner Grossberg, Commissioner Bernstein, Vice President Ruttenberg

Nay: None

Absent: President Kaplan
Abstain: None

Motion Carried

TREASURER’S REPORT
Interim Director Becker reviewed a few corrections on the District Wide Report for the month of August. Commissioner Bernstein questioned the invoice for Fergie Jenkins. Assistant Director Maliszewski shared that the invoice was for the live auction item from the 2019 banquet. Becker presented the vouchers for checks written July 19, 2019 through August 21, 2019 for an amount totaling $2,071,269.68. There were no questions from the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
A. Rosewood Beach
Margaret Boshek of the SmithGroup reviewed options for sand nourishment at Rosewood Beach as an emergency solution for the erosion at the beach. Ms. Boshek recommended that a 40-foot build out with birdseye sand be implemented at the Interpretive Center Cove. In the Swimming Cove (Cove 2) the recommendation is for a 40-foot targeted build out with birdseye sand up to the breakwaters and torpedo sand in the swimming cove. This will result in the preservation of the natural areas near the breakwaters. The Recreation Cove (Cove 3) will not require any emergency nourishment sand at this time because there is no danger to physical structures.

Commissioner Bernstein suggested Board and Staff contact the City to make them aware of the project and that numerous trucks will be requiring access to streets close to Rosewood Beach. Commissioner Bernstein stated that nearby residents and neighbors should be made aware of the project. Commissioner Bernstein asked how the project would be funded. Interim Director Becker stated that if the work was done this year through the capital fund the District will not have to amend the budget. Executive Director Romes shared that payment for this project would be funded through the District’s Capital Plan and would affect the long-range funding for other projects.

Ms. Boshek stated the pricing in her presentation was preliminary and did not include SmithGroup’s drawings. Ms. Boshek explained that SmithGroup will put together the cost to perform the engineering work and will then contact the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Army Corp of Engineers and the IEPA (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency) to get on their list for emergency approval. President Kaplan requested the staff move forward with SmithGroup’s recommendation.

Motion was made by Vice President Ruttenberg to approve planning for replenishment of sand at Rosewood Beach per the recommendations made by SmithGroup and to approve moving forward with engineering drawings, the emergency request for approval and to
seek quotes for the purchase of sand and contractors to distribute the sand. This motion was, seconded by Commissioner Grossberg.

**Roll Call:**

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

Motion Carried

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Parks Foundation Update**  
Commissioner Grossberg reported the Parks Foundation was awarded a $2,500 Grant from YEA! Highland Park. The Foundation’s FYI Program is offering swimming lessons at no charge for qualifying residents of Highwood. Executive Director Romes stated that classes for students ages six to twelve are sold out. There are a few spots left for students ages three to six in each of the two sessions. Commissioner Grossberg shared that the Foundation is looking for 7 to 10 new members as well as considering hiring a consultant to help with the development of a strategic planning.

B. **Director’s Report**  
Executive Director Romes shared that the first Goat Yoga class will be offered at Community Park, September 14. Two classes will be offered and the first is sold out from 11:00-12:30 p.m. The second class has 13 spots available and is being held from 1:00-2:30 p.m. The Annual Autumn Fest will be held at Heller Nature Center September 20 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Wristbands will be available for purchase in advance. The price for kids is $10.00 and $15.00 for adults. Admission includes unlimited hayrides and pumpkins to take home. The Honey Harvest was a success at Heller this year yielding over 1,000 pounds of Heller Honey. Touch A Truck will be held at Sunset Woods Park on September 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

C. **Board Comments**  
Commissioner Grossberg stated that he has a potential new member for the Golf Advisory Board.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS BOARD**

Maureen Hammond, 950 Warrington Road, Deerfield, reported that the first Venetian Night for the North Shore Yacht Club was held August 17. There were 200 spectators as well as 85
volunteers. The North Shore Yacht Club held three days of Mabus Dive and Reserve Training. Ms. Hammond thanked the Park District of Highland Park for the clean-up after four and a half days of rough weather. The Yacht Club invited Board and Staff to a barbeque after the regatta. Ms. Hammond also stated that she would like to see the partnership between the Yacht Club and the Park District continue to increase safety and access for all water craft.

CLOSED SESSION
Motion was made by Vice President Ruttenberg, seconded by Commissioner Grossberg to adjourn into Closed Session for discussion of Section 2(c)(1) – the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline of the District including legal counsel for the District; Section 2(c)5 – the purchase or lease of real estate including discussion on whether a certain parcel of property should be acquired; Section 2(c)6 – the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District; Section 2(c)8 – security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property; Section 2(c)11 – litigation against or on behalf of the District or where the District finds that an action is probable or imminent; Section 2(c)21 – the discussion of minutes lawfully closed under the Act, whether for the purposes of approval of said minutes or for conducting the semi-annual review of the minutes as set forth in Section 2.06 of the Act; Section 2(c)29 – for discussions between internal or external auditors and the Board.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried

Meeting was adjourned into closed session at 7:05 p.m.

Meeting was reconvened into open session at 7:35 p.m.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION IF ANY
President Kaplan reported that the Board discussed the release of closed session minutes in closed session. A motion was made by Commissioner Bernstein to have the following Closed Session minutes be made available for public inspection at this time: March 10, 2011; June 23, 2011; June 11, 2013; April 12, 2012; January 8, 2013; and January 28, 2019. The Park Board recommended that the minutes from December 8, 2010; January 2, 2019; January 8, 2019 January 21, 2019; February 12, 2019; February 15, 2019; February 16, 2019; February 18, 2019;
February 26, 2019; March 12, 2019; March 14, 2019; March 15, 2019; March 16, 2019; March 19, 2019; April 9, 2019; April 23, 2019; May 14, 2019; May 19, 2019; May 22, 2019; and June 25, 2019, not be released for public inspection at this time. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Grossberg.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Bernstein and seconded by Commissioner Grossberg and approved by unanimous vote. The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Romes, Secretary