

**PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2020**

The Special 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 60035.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: President Kaplan

Staff Present: Executive Director Romes; Director Carr; Director Smith; Director Voss; Director Gogola; Director Peters; Assistant Director Maliszewski; Assistant Director Henriques; Executive Coordinator Hejnowski

Vice President Ruttenberg, explained that President Kaplan would not be present at the meeting due to employment purposes, but he was available by phone. According to policy 2.06.4 Park Board Commissioners may participate in Board meetings by electronic means only by a vote of quorum of all sitting members of the Board who are physically present. All votes shall be taken by roll call.

Vice President Ruttenberg asked for a motion to allow President Kaplan to participate by phone at the meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bernstein seconded by Commissioner Grossberg to allow President Kaplan to participate by phone at tonight's meeting.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Let the record show that President Kaplan joined the meeting by phone at 6:06 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO SELL NOT TO EXCEED \$7,250,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PARK BONDS FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO.

Vice President Ruttenberg stated that a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell not to exceed \$7,250,000 General Obligation Park Bonds for park improvements and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto for the Park District of Highland Park is now in session.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried

Vice President Ruttenberg asked if there are any members of the Board of Commissioners who wish to comment on this issuance.

Commissioner Bernstein stated that this issuance has been discussed over the last several months and it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to move forward with the issuance.

Vice President Ruttenberg asked Executive Director Romes if he was aware of any written communications that were received related to the Park District's issuance of General Obligation Park Bonds. Executive Director Romes stated that there were none.

Vice President Ruttenberg asked if there were any residents in attendance that would like to comment.

Vice President Ruttenberg stated that there were no members of the community or the Board of Commissioners who have chosen to speak to this issue.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bernstein and seconded by Commissioner Grossberg to adjourn the public hearing.

Roll Call:

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

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. PARC Grant Resolution of Authorization

Director Smith reported that staff are preparing a Park and Recreational Facility Construction (PARC) grant application for the Centennial Ice Arena Facility Renovation Project. As part of the application, the Resolution of Authorization must be approved by the Park District Board of Commissioners. This resolution certifies and acknowledges that the Park District has the funds necessary to complete the pending PARC project within the specified timeframe. In addition, it further acknowledges, that if awarded, the Park District will comply with all terms, conditions, and regulations of the grant.

Staff recommends the Park Board of Commissioners approve the PARC Grant Resolution of Authorization allowing the Park District of Highland Park to apply for funding assistance for the Centennial Ice Arena Facility Renovation Project.

Commissioner Flores Weisskopf asked when the recipients for the grant would be announced. Director Smith stated that it could be early summer. President Kaplan wanted to know how long the District would have to wait to apply for another grant if the District does not fulfill the obligations. Director Smith stated the District would be ineligible for IDNR indoor/outdoor grants for the next two years.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bernstein and seconded by Commissioner Grossberg to approve the PARC Grant Resolution of Authorization.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

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OPEN TO PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Bernstein seconded by Commissioner Grossberg. The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Romes, Secretary