

**PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 26, 2020**

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Park District of Highland Park was conducted remotely due to the Governor's Declaration of Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Members of the public were able to view a live stream of the Annual Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner Bernstein, Commissioner Grossberg, Vice President Ruttenberg, President Kaplan

Absent: None

Staff Present: Executive Director Romes; Director Smith; Director Voss; Director Peters; Director Gogola; Director Dunn; Director Carr; General Manager/Superintendent of Golf Operations Ochs, Assistant Director Maliszewski; Manager Johnson; Executive Coordinator Hejnowski

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

Executive Director Romes reported let the record show, Commissioner Flores Weisskopf arrived at 6:10 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. President

Executive Director Romes as Secretary opened the floor for nominations for the office of President of the Board of Park Commissioners.

President Kaplan nominated Vice President Ruttenberg for the office of President of the Board of Park Commissioners. There were no other nominations for the office of President of Park Commissioners.

There was no discussion regarding nominations for President.

Motion to elect Vice President Ruttenberg to the office of President of the Board of Park Commissioners was made by Commissioner Grossberg, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan, and approved by unanimous vote.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

B. Vice President

President Ruttenberg opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Commissioner Grossberg nominated Commissioner Kaplan for the office of Vice President of Park Commissioners. There were no other nominations for the office of Vice President of Park Commissioners.

Motion to elect Commissioner Kaplan to the office of Vice President was made by Commissioner Grossberg, seconded by Commissioner Bernstein and approved by unanimous vote.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

A. Secretary/Executive Director – Brian Romes

Motion was made by Vice President Kaplan to appoint Brian Romes to the office of Secretary/Interim Executive Director, seconded by Commissioner Grossberg.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

B. Treasurer – Mari-Lynn Peters

Motion was made by Commissioner Grossberg, seconded by Vice President Kaplan to appoint Mari-Lynn Peters as Treasurer.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

C. IMRF Authorized Agent – Donna Dunn

Motion was made by Vice President Kaplan, seconded by Commissioner Grossberg to appoint Director of Human Resources/IT Donna Dunn, as the IMRF Authorized Agent.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

D. Auditor – Sikich LLP

Motion was made by Vice President Kaplan, seconded by Commissioner Grossberg, to appoint Sikich LLP as the auditor for the Park District of Highland Park.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

E. Attorney – Ancel Glink

Motion was made by Commissioner Grossberg, seconded by Vice President Kaplan, to appoint Ancel Glink as the attorney for the Park District of Highland Park.

President Ruttenberg as if there was any discussion on the appointment and Commissioner Flores Weisskopf reported that she feels it's time to review Ancel Glink's agreement and consider new attorney's and legal consultation for the Park District of Highland Park.

President Ruttenberg advised the Park Board to formally appoint Ancel Glink, under the condition that their contract will be subject to review. If the Park Board fails to appoint Ancel Glink, then the Park District of Highland park will be without legal counsel.

President Ruttenberg's recommendation was approved by unanimous vote.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Vice President Kaplan, seconded by Commissioner Grossberg and approved by unanimous vote. The Annual Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Romes, Secretary