

**PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 23, 2020**

The Regular 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 Regular Board Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Ruttenberg.

Roll Call:

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

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

DISASTER DECLARATION

President Ruttenberg reported that the Governor has issued a disaster declaration related to public health concerns because of COVID-19, and all or part of the jurisdiction the Park District of Highland Park is covered by the disaster area. As President of the Board of Park Commissioners, I have determined that an in-person meeting conducted under this Act is not practical or prudent because of said disaster. Likewise, in compliance with the capacity limitations caused by the disaster, public attendance at the meeting is not feasible. Therefore, the Board of Park Commissioners have made alternative arrangements in the manner described below to allow any interested member of the public access to contemporaneously hear all discussion, testimony, and roll call votes.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from the May 12, 2020, Workshop Meeting; Minutes from the May 26, 2020 Annual Meeting; Minutes from the May 26 Regular Board Meeting; Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Bloomingdale Park District, The Park District of Highland Park, and the Medinah Park District Providing for the Shared use of Loss Prevention and Safety Coordinator Services; Bills and Payroll in the Amount of \$1,475,257.43

Motion was made by Commissioner Grossberg to approve items on the Consent Agenda seconded by Commissioner Bernstein.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Director Peters reported that on May 28, 2020, Dan Berg from the accounting firm of Sikich LLP presented to the Finance Committee, a draft version of the Park District of Highland Park's audited financial statements for 2019. In accordance with state statute, the CAFR must be approved by the Park Board of Commissioners and filed with Lake County by June 30, 2020. The 2019 Annual Financial Report must then be filed with the State of Illinois Comptroller's office. As a result, staff are recommending the Park Board of Commissioners approve the 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Park District of Highland Park and she introduced Mr. Berg to provide a brief presentation.

Mr. Berg thanked Director Peters and the District for allowing Sikich to come in while the facility was closed to conduct and accomplish the first-year audit in a timely and efficient manner. The District was very responsive and kept safety as a top priority. Mr. Berg highlighted key items from the recent audit beginning with Sikich's opinion, which states the basic financial statements referred to in this document, present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Park District of Highland Park as of December 31, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The next item reviewed was the District's statement of net position, which represents the full accrual of the District. The District has \$37,782,923 as a net investment in capital assets. The

District has \$487,832 of restricted funds to be used towards the debt service and the special recreation fund vs. \$17,711,036 of unrestricted funds. The total net position of the District as of December 31, 2019 was \$55,981,791. He congratulated the District's total net equity.

Next item is the statement of activities, which shows that the District's net position increased by nearly \$3 million. As for the District's fund balances, which are based on a modified accrual basis. The District has \$3,304,258 in the general fund, \$4,644,727 in the recreation fund, \$7,118,928 for capital projects, and \$164,892 is set aside for the debt service fund.

The next item reviewed was the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance based on a modified accrual basis. Mr. Berg reported that the District has an excess of \$1,546,600 of revenue in the general fund and \$3,489,631 of revenue in the recreation fund over expenditures. Several of which was transferred out to fund capital expenditures. After those transfers there was \$923,975 left in the general fund and \$55,693 in the recreation fund. Additionally, the Park District received \$838,333 in grant funds which were placed into the general fund which helped support the excess of revenue over expenditures. Lastly, he reported there was a \$4,169 change in the fund balance to support the debt service and \$271,742 to support capital projects.

The next items reviewed were the Districts financial statements, which examines the budget to actual figures and how the Park District is in compliance with the budge appropriations ordinance. Mr. Berg reported that the general fund was original set to reduce the fund balance by \$404,205, but in actuality there was \$923,975 increase. As for the recreation fund the budget was set for a \$50,728 reduction in the fund balance, however in actuality there was \$55,693 increase.

Looking at the District's IMRF figures, Mr. Berg reported that the District has been over 100% funded because of a bond issuance which occurred several year ago. He reported that the net investment income fluctuates year-to-year from 105% - 117%. This is a market driven and point in time measurement.

Director Peters presented the District's actual contribution from IMRF from 2010 – 2019, revealing that the District's contribution has decreased from 13% - 1% as of last year. In 2010, the District paid \$645,996 in IMRF contributions, which increased to a little over \$900,000 in 2014, which decreased to \$73,033 as of 2019. Mr. Berg reported that the Park District of Highland Park is one of the few clients of Sikich LLP whose pension dollars are over funded.

Commissioner Grossberg would like to know what the optimal amount is the District should have in its fund balance.

Mr. Berg reported the District has a fund balance policy that requires a floor of funding that the District has predetermined is a comfortable amount. Both the general and recreation funds are currently over their floor of 25%. Additionally, staff should always align their fund balances with their multi-year capital plan since most Park District's fund capital expenses through these funds.

The effort is to try to maintain a level property tax rate from year to year. He advised looking at the outside measurements and rating provided by Moody's since those numbers would provide a better indication of an ideal fund balance.

Director Peters reported that Moody's reviewed over 10 years' worth of financials and examined the District's recent capital expenses, and we are pleased with their findings, so they provided the District with a triple A bond rating.

Executive Director Romes reported that the District has a strict and very detailed 5-year capital plan, ensuring the District always has enough funds to repair and replace current infrastructures.

Commissioner Bernstein asked Mr. Berg to review the District's net position.

Mr. Berg reported that as of December 31, 2019 the Park District net positions was \$55,981,79, but due to the \$2,907,071 change in the net position, the District would have \$53,011,720 as of January 1, 2020.

Commissioner Bernstein would like to know if the change in \$2.9 million net position includes transfers to the capital fund.

Mr. Berg reported that the net position was calculated after transfers were made to the capital fund.

Commissioner Bernstein would like to know if deferring capital funds would increase the equity in the net position.

Mr. Berg reported that deferring capital funds will not change the equity in the net position.

Commissioner Bernstein would like to know how the change in net position is calculated.

Mr. Berg reported the net position is a calculation of the change from a modified accrual to a full accrual. The full accrual includes the impact of increasing or decreasing capital assets, depreciation, increasing debt, and debt payments. He briefly reviewed the figures which generated the full accrual highlighting on key amounts including, a \$1.8million increase in capital assets plus a \$27,744 disposal of those same assets, a \$2,743,772 depreciation, a \$96,068 change in liability of the IMRF pension fund, and \$2.5million debt payment.

Commissioner Bernstein would like to know what the net profit from operations is.

Mr. Berg reported that those numbers are represented in the fund balances since they exclude effects from capital assets and debt payments. He reported the District added around \$1.3million to the fund balance from operations. This is a short-term view vs. a long-term view and the \$1.3million includes the \$800,000 impact fee.

The final items reviewed were the auditor's communication and management letter to the Park Board. In conclusion, three minor adjustments were recommended to journal entries, two deficiencies were discussed but Sikich LLP did not feel any significant changes were needed, and no material weaknesses were reported.

Commissioner Bernstein reported that he would like the Finance Committee to review those deficiencies at an upcoming meeting to better understand how staff are addressing those issues.

Commissioner Grossberg reported that the deficiency related to the Parks Foundation is currently being addresses. Finances generated from the Park Foundation are will be kept separate from the Districts operational funds.

Mr. Berg reported that the deficiency regarding segregation of duties is not a material weakness. While Sikich LLP prefers payroll operations be the responsibility of Finance instead of Human Resources, he feels comfortable with the policies the District has in place allowing those operations to remain under Human Resources.

Motion was made by Vice President Kaplan and seconded by Commissioner Grossberg to approve the 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

ROSEWOOD BEACH BOARDWALK

Director Smith reported that at the May 12 Workshop Meeting staff reported on conditions at Rosewood Beach, including the boardwalk along the south side of the Rosewood Beach parking lot showing signs of leaning towards the ravine. Staff received a proposal SmithGroup to investigate the reason for the leaning, design a solution, and prepare construction documents for the repair.

He reported that the proposal is divided into two Phases. In Phase One SmithGroup would conduct site observations, review existing records, and work with Park District staff to identify the cause. SmithGroup would then develop potential solutions, including concept level opinions of probable construction cost. The proposed fee for Phase One is \$16,850.

Director Smith reported that in Phase Two SmithGroup would create construction documents, including plans and technical specifications, for the approved solution. SmithGroup would also provide an updated opinion of probable construction cost.

Staff recommends that the Park Board of Commissioners approve authorization for Executive Director Romes to enter into an agreement with SmithGroup for Phase One of the Rosewood Beach Boardwalk Review and Repair Proposal in the amount of \$16,850.

Commissioner Bernstein would like to know if there is anything hazardous that needs immediate attention.

Director Smith reported that the boardwalk is not in immediate danger.

Commissioner Bernstein would like to know if Phase One includes a recommendation from SmithGroup.

Director Smith reported that Phase One will allow for SmithGroup to provide multiple solutions. At which point the Park District will select one of those options and move into Phase Two. He mentioned that a fee has not been provided for Phase Two since it is dependent upon the selected solution.

Commissioner Bernstein feels \$16,850 is an excessive amount for investigation work.

Director Smith reported that the proposal aligns with similar work which has been completed by SmithGroup and other consultants.

Commissioner Grossberg would like to know if any of the costs for Phase One would be applied to Phase Two for a possible reduction in the total cost.

Director Smith reported that these are two separate projects, so the costs associated with each are separate.

Vice President Kaplan would like to know if staff receives the proposals, but the Park Board of Commissioners declines the project for 2020, would those proposals become stale and the cost increase overtime.

Director Smith reported that the Park District should be able to implement those proposals at a later date depending on the cause and the solution, should the Park Board of Commissioners decide to differ the project.

President Ruttenberg would like to know if the investigative report will indicate if there is an urgency for such repairs.

Director Smith reported that the investigative report will indicate if an emergency repair is needed.

Motion was made by Vice President Kaplan and seconded by Commissioner Flores Weisskopf to approve Phase One of the Rosewood Beach Boardwalk Review and Repair Proposal from SmithGroup.

Roll Call:

Aye: Commissioner Flores Weisskopf, Vice President Kaplan, and President Ruttenberg

Nay: Commissioner Bernstein and Commissioner Grossberg

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

CONDUCT ORDINANCE REVIEW

President Ruttenberg withdrew this item from the agenda, reporting it will be discussed at a future Board Meeting.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANNING AND RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Executive Director Romes reported that the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) released Phase 4 guidelines of the Restore Illinois Plan, which has new standards in place for facilities and programs. Staff will be providing an update on the Recreation Center of Highland Park and Rosewood Beach since these areas offer new opportunities and staff have been working around the clock to prepare for the transition.

Rosewood Beach Update

Director Carr reported that the swim season began on Wednesday, June 17. The capacity was originally set to 225 visitors, based on recommendations from the DCEO guidelines. However, that capacity was being met each day, so staff re-evaluated and decided to increase the beach capacity to 275 visitors. Staff felt the increased capacity would still permit social distancing. Unfortunately, even with the increased capacity, staff were forced to turn visitors away all three days this past weekend. As a result, the District is increasing staffing levels to better assist managers and provide more access control. Moving forward three park ambassadors will be monitoring the upper parking lot to inform and enforce parking and entry fees for non-residents. Additionally, all visitors must provide proof of residency before accessing the beach. Park ambassadors will be conducting residency checks along the stairwell and the ravine trail.

Director Reported that as of July 3, non-residents will no longer be able to purchase a daily fee to access the beach. Instead, non-residents will have to purchase a seasonal beach pass. The non-resident seasonal beach pass is \$100 for an individual and \$25 per each additional family member. Children under 3 years will not be charged. Passes can be purchased at Recreation Center of

Highland Park. The non-resident seasonal beach pass does not include parking, so non-residents may still utilize the upper parking lot after 12:00 p.m. and will be required to pay the hourly fees. Lastly, Director Carr reported that residents who would like to avoid showing proof of residency each visit, can receive seasonal pass at no charge from the guard house.

Commissioner Bernstein would like to know if the District is violating any grant covenants by charging non-residents to access Rosewood Beach.

Director Carr reported that the non-resident fee structures, both daily and the seasonal pass are within the OSLAD grant guidelines.

Executive Director Romes reported that staff spoke with corporate council to confirm that the fee structures are within the OSLAD grant guidelines and the District is in compliance with the grant covenants.

Commissioner Flores Weisskopf would like to know if staff could offer more restrictions and provide tax paying residents a higher priority. She feels the current limitations may still result in residents being turned away.

Director Carr reported that the beach managers are keeping count of the number of visitors, however once the 275-person threshold is reached, staff no longer allow visitors to access the beach. Due to the OSLAD grant covenants the Park District cannot deny beach access to non-residents, so staff have set the following limitations to offer an advantage and priority to residents; residents can access the beach free of charge vs. non-residents who are required to purchase a seasonal pass, both parking lots are available for resident use vs. non-residents who are restricted to the upper parking lot, lastly, residents are able to access the beach daily at 10:00 a.m. vs. non-residents who have to wait till 12:00 p.m.

Commissioner Flores Weisskopf would like to know if parking in the lower lot secures beach access.

Director Carr advised checking the rain out line, when arriving after 12:00pm, since non-residents are accessing the beach. There is no guarantee unless you arrive upon opening.

Commissioner Flores Weisskopf would like to know if the District can we limit the amount of time visitors are spending at the beach.

Executive Director Romes reported that time limitations can be implemented but it would apply to both residents and non-residents visiting the beach.

Commissioner Grossberg is pleased to hear staffing levels are being increased.

Vice President Kaplan would like the District to hire people with more authority to monitor the beaches since his concerns are more focused on safe use of the beach and ensuring all visitors are following the health guidelines. Additionally, he would like to know if the shuttle busses from Ravinia School are available this summer, which is additional parking for non-residents.

Director Carr reported that the shuttle service is not being offered, however non-residents are still utilizing the lot and walking down to the beach.

Vice President Kaplan would like to know if a park ambassador can monitor the Ravinia parking lot to collect fees. can someone be at Ravinia School and collect parking fees.

Director Carr reported that park ambassadors are not monitoring the Ravinia school parking lot.

President Ruttenberg would like to see if the non-resident seasonal beach pass reduces the amount of traffic at the beach and advised against staffing anyone at Ravinia school for the time being.

Commissioner Bernstein advised staff to make it very clear that the purchasing of a non-resident seasonal beach pass does not guarantee daily access to the beach.

Recreation Center of Highland Park

Director Carr reported that the Phase 4 guidelines of Restore Illinois allows the building to operate at 50% capacity and 50% capacity within each area of that building. For example, the fitness floor can only operate at 50%. To better utilize the facility and allow social distancing, staff are relocating the cardio equipment to the gymnasium on the lower level while keeping the weight training machines on the upper levels. This provides larger areas to better space equipment and individual stations. Both the cardio and weight training areas can accommodate 70 patrons at a time. Additionally, face masks will be required when entering or exiting the facility and when traveling through common areas. Once a patron has entered the cardio or weight training fitness areas, they are no longer required to wear a mask, but its encouraged.

Patrons will be required to register in advance to use the facility, so staff can control capacity limits. Reservations can be made daily and up to 7 days in advance. Reservations are limited to a 90-minute time block. 15-minute breaks are scheduled between reservations for cleaning and to reduce patron mingling when entering and exiting the facility. Director Carr reported that patrons will be required to wipe down their own equipment, so additional wipes will be supplied throughout the facility. Lastly, Director Carr reported an attendant must be present for every 4000sq. ft. to ensure patrons are following the cleaning guidelines and social distancing. As a result, staffing levels will be increased at the RCHP, since 2 staff will be required to monitor the cardio floor and the weight training floor.

Director Carr provided the facility hours, which will be open Monday through Thursday from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. During this time deep cleanings will occur mid-day and after the facility closes. He reported that the locker rooms will

remain closed, even though the guidelines permit those areas to open. Staff made the decision to keep the locker rooms closed since the indoor pool is closed and being repaired. Staff will re-evaluate once the pool repairs are complete, but the strict guidelines, which require the locker rooms to be sanitized every hour will require an increase in staffing levels.

As for memberships, Director Carr reported that those will remain suspended. As a result, staff have implemented a reduced fee schedule. Current Members are required to pay a \$5.00 daily fee. Residents who do not have a fitness membership are required to pay a \$7.00 daily fee, and non-residents are required to pay a \$10.00 daily fee.

As for group fitness classes, Director Carr reported that the majority will continue to be held outdoors and some will resume indoors. The Fee structure mimics the daily fitness center schedule. He reported that there is no longer an all-inclusive option, patrons will have to pay to use the fitness center and/or a group fitness class. The official re-opening will be July 6; however, staff are offering limited capacity trial dates next week to get feedback from members and adjust as needed.

Commissioner Bernstein would like to a breakdown of the capacity limits.

Director Carr reported that both the cardio floor on the lower level and the weight training floor on the upper level have a limited capacity of 70 patrons. Group fitness classes have a limited capacity of 30 people, and personal training studios permits another 20 guests. If the full capacity is met 120 patrons would be in the building.

Commissioner Bernstein would like to know what the average amount of guests in those areas are pre-COVID.

Director Carr reported that during peak hours there is typically 70 people in the fitness center, however the greatest sacrifice is losing one of the gymnasiums.

Vice President Kaplan would like clarification on the mask policy.

Director Carr reported that masks need to be worn when entering or exiting the facility and when traveling through common areas. Once a patron has entered the designated fitness area, they no longer are required to wear their mask.

Vice President Kaplan would like to know if staff are monitoring the reservation system, suggesting patrons may complain if they are unable to reserve the same time slot daily.

Director Carr reported that staff will monitor reservations and evaluate as needed.

President Ruttenberg would like to know if patrons can reserve machines and equipment.

Director Carr reported that the reservation is strictly for a date and time block to utilize the center, however staff can enforce 30min time limits on machines and equipment if needed.

Commissioner Flores Weisskopf does not foresee the machines and equipment backing up since most people prefer to workout outdoors during the summer season.

President Ruttenberg would like to know if staff could institute a designated walk-in time for seniors. This timeframe would allow seniors to use the fitness center with out a reservation.

Director Carr reported that staff are considering a timeframe after the mid-day deep cleaning, which is Monday through Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Director Peters provided a brief presentation regarding the District's Financial Forecasts before reviewing the standard treasures report.

Special Disclaimer

Director Peters shared the District's special disclaimer, reporting that the research and any forecasts are based on current information as of June 4, 2020 as is considered to be reliable, but the District does not represent it is accurate or complete, and it should not be relied on as such. The information, opinions, estimates, and forecasts contained herein are also as of the date hereof and are subject to change without prior notification.

Projections & Assumptions

Directors Peters presented a list of key assumptions staff used to create the 2020 worst case-scenario financial projections. These assumptions include: delay of tax collections and a 94% collection rate, impact fees are budgeted at \$16,881, an employee hiring freeze which is saving the District roughly \$318,000, unemployment costs are estimated at \$250,000, the District reduced staff development, job advertising, and pre-employment physicals, the District reduced Parks Maintenance Contracts for a savings of \$150,000, all special events have been canceled, Hidden Creek AquaPark is closed for the season, the District is budgeting Fall programming at 50%, the Recreation Center of Highland is expecting 50% capacity, Summer Camp is being offered at a 10% capacity, and the brochures for Fall 2020, Camp 2021, and Winter 2021 will remain digital.

Commissioner Flores Weisskopf had a question related to the hiring freeze, asking if the District hired anyone this year, and if so, when did those individuals begin.

Executive Director Romes reported that the hiring freeze went into effect on March 13, however the freeze only applies to full time employees and opportunities, so those 10 budgeted positions are to remain vacant. The District has hired 8 seasonal staff; however, they are only hired as needed.

Commissioner Flores Weisskopf would like furloughed employees to be contacted before hiring new employees.

Executive Director Romes reported that furloughed staff are a priority and if any of those who are furloughed can fulfill those positions they are contacted.

Gross Revenue and Expense Projections

Director Peters shared a graph of the District's gross revenue and expenses for 2020. She reported that the data in this graph includes year to date budgeted revenue and expenses vs. the actual year to date revenue and expenses as well as the projected revenue and expenses. Staff budgeted for a little over \$21 million in revenue as of December and \$19 million in expenses. As staff continue to review the budget each month and cut expenses, the projected expenses have been reduced to \$13.6 million as of December and as of late May the District has spent almost \$5million. As for revenue, the District was aligning with our projections till March when COVID-19 hit. As a result, the District has seen a decrease in revenue from the actual vs. the projected. As of May 31, the district generated \$2.7million vs. the projected \$4.3million so the projected revenue for the end of the year has been reduced to \$15.5 million. Director Peters reported that the budgeted net difference was a little over \$3million, whereas the projected net difference is \$1.9 million. In total the net difference between budgeted vs. projected is -\$1,234,842 assuming the worst-case scenario figures are accurate.

Commissioner Bernstein reported that this graph will be updated monthly and discussed during the Finance Committee Meetings and Board Meetings.

Cash Flow Projections

Director Peters shared a report of the District's cash flow projections, indicating the actual cash on hand available at the beginning of each month vs. the projected amount. Additionally, the chart examines the actual cash on hand and applies a monthly 25% reduction, since the general and recreation funds have a 25% reserve policy. Director Peters reported it is crucial that the District pay attention to actual amount once the 25% reduction is applied. Lastly, Director Peters reported that the District's Auditors, Sikich LLP, feels that the District has an adequate cash flow and will not fall below the reserve policy for the remainder of 2020.

Standard Treasurers Report

Director Peters reviewed key highlights from the monthly treasures reported. She reported that that special recreation and the debt service funds are trending negative. These funds are based largely on property tax revenue, so the grace period and payment extension from Lake County has caused the negative trend. As for capital projects she reported there is a large variance due to the delay and elimination of several 2020 projects. Lastly the general corporate and recreation funds are trending favorably, due to the payroll reductions and cuts to operating expenses.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Parks Foundation Update

Commissioner Grossberg reported that the major discussions amongst the Parks Foundation are regarding the Black Lives Matter movement and trying to determine what are the most proactive things being offered to support this movement. The foundation is examining ways to allocate funds from the SMILE and FYI programs to better support people of color, the foundation youth initiative, and families in need.

Another topic of discussion is the upcoming event, the Firecracker 5K. Director Gogola reported that the Firecracker 5K is a virtual event, running July 1 through 5, which participants can walk, run, and/or bike in from any location. The foundation has secured 5 sponsors and is pleased to announce that all participants will be entered into a drawing for restaurant gift certificates. She reported that the fee is \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 per family. All proceeds go to the SMILE grant-in-aid fund.

B. Director's Report

Executive Director Romes reported that he is pleased to see the participation numbers have significantly increased due to the introduction of in-person programs for the month of June. The programs which participation is excelling include tennis and golf. Director Romes is pleased to announce that Sunset Valley Golf Club has already met its projected budgeted for the month of June. Additionally, nature and athletic programming are receiving a strong response, which staff has decided against canceling travel baseball. Additionally, trainings are being conducted for Camp Hometown and several mini camps. Lastly, Executive Director Romes reported that Park Avenue Facility is open. He and staff are pleased to see the District is exceeding those worst-case scenario projections.

C. Board Comments

Commissioner Bernstein would like a registration update for Camp Hometown.

Executive Director Romes reported that Camp Hometown is intended to serve essential workers offering spots for 150 participants, however only 40 families took advantage of the program, in which 10 families requested assistance from the grant-in-aid. He reported

that the big hit this summer is the mini camps, specifically tennis and the PGA golf camps. Anytime capacities are met, staff are offering alternative options.

Commissioner Grossberg would like to know how the District is being proactive with inclusion and racial impacts.

Executive Director Romes reported that he has been in discussions with Park District Associations, the City of Highland Park, and organizes from the Black Lives Matters movement, to better understand what the District can do to provide more inclusion and better meet the needs of affected families.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Bernstein and seconded by Vice President Kaplan and approved by a unanimous vote. The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Romes, Secretary