

MINUTES OF A THE FACILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK HELD ON JULY 13, 2021, 5:03 PM. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT WEST RIDGE CENTER, 636 RIDGE ROAD HIGHLAND PARK.

Present: Commissioner Bernstein, President Ruttenberg

A motion was made by President Ruttenberg and seconded by Commissioner Bernstein to allow Commissioner Kaplan to join the meeting through electronic means as his absence was due to employment purposes.

Roll Call:

Aye: Commissioner Bernstein, President Ruttenberg

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Commissioner Kaplan joined the meeting at 5:05pm

Present: Commissioner Bernstein, Commissioner Kaplan, President Ruttenberg

Also, Present: Executive Director Romes; Director Smith, Director Carr; Assistant Director Maliszewski, Assistant Director Murrin, Manager Sassorossi, Manager Johnson; Coordinator Hejnowski

Guest Speaker: None

The minutes from the June 24, 2021 Facility Committee Meeting Minutes were approved.

West Ridge Center Replacement Project Update

Executive Director Romes reported that Park District Staff have been meeting with staff from North shore School District 112 (NSSD112) to discuss the possibility of a shared-use facility at Elm Place and plan to have an update to the Park Board of Commissioners at the July 27 Regular Board Meeting.

Centennial Ice Arena Update

Assistant Director Maliszewski reported that the Highland Park High School, Giants Hockey Club, has requested a dedicated space at Centennial Ice Arena, specifically 700+ square feet of locker rooms. The estimated cost for this space is \$100,000. Staff and the Giants Hockey Club are meeting to discuss payment options.

Director Smith reported that staff have been working with Woodhouse Tinucci Architects to discuss the concepts for the lobby renovations and shared an image of the floor concept plan.

Commissioner Bernstein would like to know the square footage of the existing locker rooms.

Assistant Director Maliszewski reported the current locker rooms are 300 – 400 square feet.

Commissioner Bernstein would like to know if the existing locker rooms are sufficient.

Assistant Director Maliszewski reported that staff has met with the Falcon Hockey Organization to see if the current locker rooms are sufficient, to which the Falcons relayed no concerns. Furthermore

Commissioner Bernstein would like to know the square footage of the gymnastics studio if the current footage is sufficient for alternative programming, and where gymnastics will be relocated if that is recommended.

Survey local park districts to compare the square footage of locker rooms, lobby space, and amenities, furthermore, survey local high schools to see if they have dedicated spaces at other arenas.

Would also like an analysis of the office space, should there be dedicated space for those instructors. Additionally, an analysis of storage space, to determine whether or not the park district can store additional items from the high school.

Highland Park Golf Learning Center Update

Executive Director Romes reported that staff received a draft of the Pro-Forma, Optimization Report, and Opinion of Costs from Sports Facility Management Group this past week regarding the short-term and long-term enhancements at the site and the dome. The short-term enhancements include new range targets, new hitting stations, new technology for the hitting stations, minor improvements to the mini-golf course, and a beverage and food station. The estimated costs for the short-term enhancements are \$150,000. The long-term enhancements are related to the dome, which the estimated costs are \$2.5million.

President Ruttenberg would like to know the status of the current lease agreement for the dome.

Executive Director Romes reported that the current lease agreement for the dome expired, so staff are looking at extending the terms of that lease for another year since they have yet to determine whether or not to accept the donation of the current dome or purchase a new one.

President Ruttenberg would like to know if the optimization report includes facility design enhancements.

Executive Director Romes reported that the optimization report does not include facility and design enhancements, instead, it focuses on programming that will generate revenue.

Commissioner Bernstein requested adding floral enhancements to the site, similar to the pots and arrangements at Sunset Valley Golf Club. As for the optimization report, he would like further details regarding the food, beverage, and alcohol service. Additionally, he would like to know if the facility at Lincolnshire is commencing.

Assistant Director Maliszewski reported that they have not broke ground in Lincolnshire, however, he will further investigate. Good afternoon,

Since there's a good chance several members of the boating community may be attending tonight's Workshop Meeting, we will be conducting closed session in the board room. Members of the public can remain seated in the multi-purpose room during closed session discussions. Thank you.

Other Business

None

Closed Session

A motion was made by President Ruttenberg and seconded by Commissioner Bernstein to adjourn into Closed Session for discussion of Section 2(c)5 – the purchase or lease of real estate including discussion on whether a certain parcel of property should be acquired; - for discussions between internal or external auditors and the Board.

Roll Call:

Aye: Commissioner Bernstein, Commissioner Kaplan, President Ruttenberg

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned into Closed Session at 5:54 p.m.

The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 6:24p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.