

THE FACILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2021, 4:00 PM. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT WEST RIDGE CENTER, 636 RIDGE ROAD HIGHLAND PARK.

Present: Commissioner Bernstein, Commissioner Freeman, Commissioner Kaplan, President Ruttenberg

A motion was made by Commissioner Bernstein and seconded by Commissioner Freeman 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

Approval of the Facility Committee Meeting Minutes from June 24, 2021

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

Centennial Ice Arena Update

Manager Sassorossi shared images of ice arena locker rooms and lobbies owned by neighboring park districts, including Wilmette, Winnetka, Northbrook, and Glenview. Of the four (4) arenas, Northbrook Park District was the only one that had a dedicated locker room for the local high school. Regardless, Manager Sassorossi strongly advocates for the Highland Park Giants to have a dedicated locker room at Centennial Ice Arena since the Giants are willing to fund construction. The estimated cost for a dedicated space is \$100,000, of which the Highland Park Giants are proposing that the Park District subsidizes 50% of the costs with a 10-year ice usage agreement. Assistant Director Maliszewski recommends that the Park District bill the Giants monthly and craft a memorandum of understanding (MOU) as recommended by the District's legal counsel, to cover the subsidy.

President Ruttenberg would like to know if the dedicated locker room would support and accommodate both genders.

Manager Sassorossi reported that the current locker rooms are gender-neutral, so the dedicated space would follow suit.

Commissioner Bernstein would like to know if the Park District has an alternative plan for the dedicated locker room space in case the Giants lose funding and would have to default on the MOU.

Assistant Director Maliszewski reported that the alternative plan would be to transition the dedicated locker rooms into an activity space if the Giants default.

Commissioner Bernstein fully supports the proposal, so long as the Highland Park Giants cover 50% of the costs. Furthermore, he would like to know if the Giants made an offer.

Assistant Director Maliszewski reported that he received an offer built around their proposal that the Park District subsidizes 50% of the project.

The Committee liaisons approved staff's recommendation and asked that the District's legal counsel craft an MOU.

Assistant Director Maliszewski reported that he and Manager Sassorossi are meeting with a resident next week who is interested in providing a donation that would support the 50% required of the Highland Park Giants.

The Committee liaisons requested that a plaque be placed in the facility recognizing donors and the high school.

Commissioner Bernstein would like to know the project timetable.

Executive Director Romes reported that planning will occur this fall so that construction can begin in the summer of 2022 after the ice show.

Sunset Valley Golf Club Bridge Replacement Update

Manager Ochs reported that the 2020 bridge inspection report identified the following bridges, bridges 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 9, will need to be replaced, whereas bridges 6 and 8 will need to be removed. Staff anticipates spending \$95,000 on engineer and design documents this year; so that repairs and removals can commence in the years to follow. As for a project timeline, Manager Ochs reported that staff plans to replace bridges 1 and 9 in the spring of 2022 for an estimated cost of \$583,210. In the spring of 2023, staff plans to replace bridges 5 and 7 for an estimated cost of \$613,480. In the spring of 2024, staff plans to replace bridges 2 and 3 for an estimated cost of \$646,750. After 2024, the total estimated cost for the bridge replacement and removal project is \$1.9 million.

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 Freeman, Commissioner Kaplan, President Ruttenberg

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned into Closed Session at 4:37 p.m.

The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.