

**PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2022**

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Bernstein, Commissioner Ruttenberg, President Grossberg

Vice President Freeman arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Commissioner Bernstein left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Absent: Commissioner Kaplan

Staff Present: Executive Director Romes; Director Smith; Director Peters; Director Voss; Director Carr; Assistant Director Maliszewski; Assistant Director Murrin; Manager Schwartz; Manager Johnson; Coordinator Hejnowski

Guest Speakers: None

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Grossberg requested to add an item to Other Business and move Other Business before Public Comment for Items on the Agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

President Grossberg reported that the Park Board of Commissioners and Staff are here this evening to present a Declaration Honoring Executive Director Brian Romes for his contributions to the Park District of Highland Park and the extended community in response to the Fourth of July Mass Shooting.

President Grossberg read aloud the Resolution 2022-06.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ruttenberg and seconded by Vice President Freeman to approve Resolution 2022-06 A Declaration Honoring Executive Director Brian Romes for his contributions to the Park District of Highland Park and the extended community in response to the Fourth of July Mass Shooting.

Roll Call:

Aye: Commissioner Bernstein, Commissioner Ruttenberg, Vice President Freeman, President Grossberg

Nay: None

Absent: Commissioner Kaplan

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES

A. Fink Park Athletic Field Development Project

Assistant Director Maliszewski shared images of the existing baseball field compared to the rendering of the renovation project, which would convert the infield to turf, keep the natural grass outfield with updated underdrains and irrigation, a portable outfield fence, enhanced warning track, and bleachers, include an event space, spectator area, and covered dugout. The estimated cost for this renovation has increased from \$1 million to \$1.7 million due to rising prices for materials. A meeting will be held on October 25, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. with staff and the Park Board liaisons to further discuss the project.

B. Centennial Ice Arena Facility and Site Renovations project

Manager Schwartz shared images of the current progress reporting that the project is moving smoothly.

C. Centennial Ice Arena Ice Rink Floor Replacement project

Director Smith reported that Ice Builders has been moving very quickly. He shared images of the current progress. Financials for both projects at Centennial Ice Arena will be presented in November.

Commissioner Ruttenberg would like to know of the interior of the ice rink will be painted.

Executive Director Romes reported that staff will report back on the interior renovations.

D. Hidden Creek AquaPark Concrete Pool Deck and Shade Structure Replacement project

Manager Schwartz reported that the concrete deck has reached its useful life and will be replaced in 2023. Currently, the District is working with Gewalt Hamilton Associates on engineering. During construction, the shade structures will also be replaced. Staff will issue a bid in December so construction can commence in the Spring of 2023 so that both projects are completed before the AquaPark opens Memorial Day weekend.

Commissioner Bernstein would like to know if this project can be deferred until the Fall of 2023.

Executive Director Romes reported that the deck has reached its useful life, so staff are recommending that the deck and shade structures be replaced in the Spring of 2023. Conversely, the pool shell will be replaced in the Fall of 2023. It was advised that the pool shell be replaced in the Fall instead of the Spring due to dry and cooler conditions.

Commissioner Bernstein requested that staff follow up with contractors to see if the current concrete deck could survive another summer and if the concrete deck, shade structures, and pool shell should be replaced in the Spring or Fall or 2023.

Assistant Manager Murrin shared images of the current shade structures and proposed replacement structures. The District can purchase these structures through a joint purchasing agreement to reduce costs.

Staff received consensus from the Park Board of Commissioners to place this item on the consent agenda at the October 26, 2022, Regular Meeting.

E. Deer Creek Racquet Club Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates (WJE) project

Director Carr reported that Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates conducted a structural survey at Deer Creek Racquet Club to determine if the facility is experiencing foundation issues or drainage issues. It was determined that the foundation is not compromised, and the four areas in question are not related to each other. During the field investigation, no further issues were found. Staff should have repair design documents by the end of this month. If approved by the Park Board of Commissioners construction would commence in the first quarter of 2023. Staff have budgeted \$200,000 in 2023 for these repairs.

F. Districtwide Lighting Projects

Director Carr reported that the District is working with ComEd and LEAD Electric to replace current lights throughout the District with energy-efficient solutions through an efficiency program. Approved sites take 1-2 to install energy-efficient solutions. The Recreation Center of Highland Park was the first site to receive energy-efficient solutions. Future facilities and parks include athletic fields and tennis courts at Danny Cunniff, the Recreation Center parking lot, the ice arena at Centennial, Heller Nature Center, and Golf Learning Center.

Commissioner Ruttenberg would like to know if Deer Creek Racquet Club qualifies for the efficiency program.

Director Carr reported that LEAD Electric and ComEd will explore that site in 2023, they had initial concerns due to the solar panels.

G. Recreation Center of Highland Park Dehumidification System Replacement project

Manager Schwartz reported that the dehumidification system is approaching its useful life, and as a result has required additional maintenance to continue operating. The replacement will occur in 2023 during the annual closure for maintenance and deep cleaning. Staff are working with WT Group since they installed the original system. Staff expects to bid this project out before the end of the year, due to high lead times for mechanical units. WT Group are recommending an indoor modular unit.

President Grossberg would like to know the useful life of these mechanical units.

Director Carr reported useful life ranges from 15 – 20 years.

H. Moraine Beach Pathway project

Director Smith reported that the demolition of the path is complete. Currently working on stabilization for the toe of the ravine and trail grading. Boardwalk sections have been constructed off-site. The project should be complete and the pathway available for use in late November.

I. Park Avenue Breakwater and Boat Ramp Replacement project

Director Smith reported that the barge has been completely removed. The sheet pile will be delivered at the end of this week. He is pleased to report that the project is currently on track.

As for the Illinois Department of Natural Areas (IDNR) Grant, the District will find out who is awarded grant funds in November. Staff are working with the contractor to develop backup plans for the floating dock so that it's available in 2023.

REVIEW OF VOUCHERS

Director Peters reported that the District that there were three larger invoices for construction projects and to replace servers and software's throughout the District.

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None.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Ruttenberg, seconded by Vice President Freeman, 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; Section 2(c)6 – the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District.

Roll Call:

Aye: Commissioner Ruttenberg, Vice President Freeman, President Grossberg

Nay: None

Absent: Commissioner Bernstein, Commissioner Kaplan

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned into Closed Session at 7:18 p.m.

The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 7:48 p.m.

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Action From Closed Session If Any

President Grossberg reported that the Park Board of Commissioners met in Closed Session under Section 2(c)5 – the purchase or lease of real estate including discussion on whether a certain parcel of property should be acquired; Section 2(c)6 – the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Ruttenberg and seconded by Vice President Freeman and approved by a unanimous vote. The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Hejnowski

Roxanne Hejnowski, Assistant Secretary