

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICERS
OF THE PROSPECT HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT
GARY MORAVA RECREATION CENTER
110 W. CAMP MCDONALD ROAD, PROSPECT HEIGHTS, IL 60070
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024**

Call to Order

Roll Call

Commissioner Jones called the Regular Board Meeting of the Prospect Heights Park District to order at 7:02 p.m.

Commissioners physically present: Ellen Avery, Karl Jackson, Betty Cloud, Paul Fries, Tim Jones, Eric Kirste, Steve Messer

Also Present: Christina Ferraro Executive Director, Mark Grassi Superintendent of Parks & Facilities, Sean Lee Superintendent of Golf, Marc Heidkamp Director of Golf, Ray Doerner Superintendent of Recreation, Shawn Hughes Superintendent of Finance, HR & IT.

A quorum was present.

Tim Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Corrections/Additions/Approval of Agenda

A motion by Commissioner Avery and seconded by Commissioner Kirste to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion approved by a voice vote. The motion carried.

Recognition/Welcome

Resident Jill Moskal of NRC was in attendance.

Correspondence

There was none.

Public Comment

There was none.

Consent Agenda

A motion made by Commissioner Kirste and seconded by Commissioner Avery to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Avery, Cloud, Fries, Messer, Jones, Kirste

Nays: None

Abstain: Commissioner Jackson agenda item A & B Approval of March 19, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes and April 16, 2024, Special Board Meeting Minutes

The motion carried.

Announcements (Meetings)

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gary Morava Recreation Center.

Attorney's Report

There was none.

Administrative/Operational Summary

Executive Director – In addition to the submitted report, Executive Director Christina Ferraro reported Wedgewood Park will be completed next week. The ADA Transition Plan will be presented to the Board at the May meeting. The Tennis Pickleball study final report will be presented at the July meeting. She reported if the Board considers selling park land, Muir Park is most logical because it is not adjacent to neighbor's land and the District owns it. There must be a public hearing and understand the need to preserve green space versus generating one time \$2 million revenue to be reinvested in other park projects. The cost to eliminate the current pool and replace it with a splash pad is about \$3.7 million and it would be about the size of the current gymnasium. That cost includes umbrellas, tables, and chairs, 3 separate zones for toddlers, preschoolers, and preteens with access through the rec center which already has restrooms, plus a separate filter building with direct access off Elm Street. The timeline to eliminate the current pool and replace it with a splash pad is about 18-20 months to include design, public process, and construction. She did not feel it was wise to extend bond payment another 10 years to finance a few million dollars at this time. There was a suggestion to place a project-focused ballot question regarding a smaller scope and cost to finance most important needs such as replacing the roof, install new ducted HVAC system and controls throughout GMRC including AC in the gym and maybe add the gym, walking rack and splash pad/pool based on community needs. The decision was to place this topic on each regular board meeting agenda for more discussion.

Superintendent of Finance, HR, and IT – as submitted. In addition, Superintendent of Finance, HR & IT Shawn Hughes explained the audit will be completed and presented at the May meeting.

Superintendent of Recreation – as submitted. In addition to the submitted report, Superintendent of Recreation Ray Doerner reported summer camp registration continues to be very strong. He also highlighted the Dance Competition participants and their awards in addition to employee Katie Williams being awarded "Excellence in Choreography" by the judges.

Superintendent of Parks and Facilities – In addition to the submitted report, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities Mark Grassi reported the gym floor refinishing project is going well and is on schedule. Staff are preparing the pool for the season.

Director of Golf Operations – as submitted Director of Golf Marc Heidkamp reported the golf season began March 16 with a St Patrick's Day scramble and it was well received. He highlighted Superintendent of Golf Sean Lee and his skills, which are obvious in how terrific the course looks for the season. The menu for the bar & grill has been prepared and will be offered Monday – Thursday from 11am – 2pm.

Superintendent of Golf - In addition to the submitted report, Superintendent of Golf Sean Lee reported the riding greens mower is back in for repairs. All is going well thus far with the grounds.

Recreation Supervisors – as submitted.

Committees of the Board

There were no reports.

Unfinished/Ongoing Business

There were none.

New Business

A motion made by Commissioner Kirste and seconded by Commissioner Fries to approval the Agreement with Creekside Condominium Association regarding cutting their HOA putting green as submitted. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Avery, Cloud, Fries, Messer, Jones, Kirste, Jackson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The motion carried

A motion made by Commissioner Cloud and seconded by Commissioner Kirste to accept the offer to settle pending tax rate objection cases for the tax years 2010 through 2014 in the amount of \$5,578.84 as submitted. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Avery, Cloud, Fries, Messer, Jones, Kirste, Jackson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The motion carried

Committees of the Board

There were no reports.

Commissioners Comments

There were none.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by the Commissioner Fries and seconded by Commissioner Cloud to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:50 p.m. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The motion carried.

Elizabeth “Betty” Cloud, Secretary