

Regular Meeting Minutes of the
Gurnee Park District Board of Commissioners
December 15, 2020

President Goshorn called the regular meeting to order at 7:02pm via Zoom video conferencing. The President led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for roll call. Commissioners present: Gerry Crews, Vicki Paddock, Michelle Klemz, and Jim Goshorn. Commissioners absent: none. Also present: Susie Kuruvilla, Executive Director; Mike Szpylman, Director of Business Services; Mike Wick, Director of Recreation; Jeff Reinhard, Director of Parks; Jennifer Gilbert, Director of Marketing and Community Relations; Kraig Owens, Director of Parks and Melissa Greenthal, Operations Analyst.

A motion was made by Vicki Paddock to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2020. The motion was seconded by Michelle Klemz. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Dalzot, Crews, Paddock, and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent. None. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the total bills, payouts and payroll in the amount of \$1,169,114.89 presented on December 15, 2020, was made by Gerry Crews and was seconded by Michelle Klemz. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Dalzot, Crews, Klemz, Paddock, and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent. None. Motion carried.

The financial report and treasurer's report were reviewed. Commissioners Klemz and Goshorn commented on the fund balance increase. Director Szpylman indicated the January Bills and Payouts will include the last payment for the Hunt Club Park Aquatic Center.

The President opened the floor to visitors; there were no visitors present.

Department Directors reviewed their written reports with the Board.

Director Reinhard thanked the board and staff for all their help through his 30 years of service to Gurnee Park District.

Director of Parks Kraig Owens reviewed the parks report. The ice rinks are prepped and ready for the cold weather. The parks team has been cleaning up brush and trees at the Viking Park Annex in preparation for the cricket field. The Bungalow at Viking Park is officially gone and the area has been filled.

Director of Recreation Mike Wick reviewed the recreation report. Tier 3 Mitigation caused some changes to programming options. E-Learning and Preschool are going well. FitNation online reservations are going well.

Director Mike Szpylman reviewed the Business Services report. Unemployment Services through PDRMA have been very helpful in navigating unemployment at this time. Gurnee Park District has the option to switch from unemployment reimbursement to unemployment tax. At this time we have decided to remain with unemployment reimbursement as it is projected to be more cost effective for the park district.

Director Jennifer Gilbert reviewed the Marketing and Community Relations report. The Marketing Department is currently working on a winter digital brochure that will be available soon.

Executive Director Susie Kuruvilla reviewed her report.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Gerry Crews to approve Ordinance #20/21-8 abating taxes for the year 2020 to pay debt service on the \$8.51 million general obligation bonds series 2013A (alternate revenue source) issued for the purchase and improvement of FitNation and was seconded by Vicki Paddock. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Dalzot, Crews, Paddock, and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent. None. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Vicki Paddock to approve Ordinance #20/21-9 abating taxes for the year 2020 to pay debt service on the \$1.99 million general obligation bonds series 2014A (alternate revenue source) issued for the rehabilitation of the FitNation facility and was seconded by Michelle Klemz. Roll call taken. Ayes: Dalzot, Crews, Paddock, Klemz, and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent. None. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Michelle Klemz to approve Ordinance #20/21-10 abating taxes for the year 2020 to pay debt service on the \$3.91 million general obligation bonds series 2015B (alternate revenue source) issued to refund 2005 debt certificates and was seconded by Gerry Crews. Roll call taken. Ayes: Klemz, Dalzot, Crews, Paddock, and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent. None. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Congratulations Jeff Reinhard on your retirement after 30 years of service to Gurnee Park District. We thank you for your service!

A motion to adjourn was made by Gerry Crews and seconded by Vicki Paddock. On voice vote, all voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

James G. Goshorn, President

Michelle Klemz, Secretary