

Regular Meeting Minutes of the
Gurnee Park District Board of Commissioners
January 17, 2023

Vice President Paddock called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Vice President led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for roll call. Commissioners present: Gerry Crews, Vicki Paddock, and Michelle Klemz. Commissioners Absent: Jim Goshorn and Aaron Dalzot. Also present: Mike Wick, Director of Recreation; Kraig Owens, Director of Parks; Mike Szpylman, Director of Business Services; and Jennifer Gilbert, Director of Marketing and Community Relations. Executive Director, Susie Kuruvilla called into the meeting.

A motion was made by Klemz to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 20, 2022. The motion was seconded by Crews. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Crews, Klemz and Paddock. Nays: none. Absent: Goshorn and Dalzot. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the total bills, payouts and payroll in the amount of \$712,232.05 presented on January 17, 2023, was made by Crews and was seconded by Klemz. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Crews, Klemz and Paddock. Nays: none. Absent: Dalzot, and Goshorn. Motion carried.

The financial report and treasurer's report were reviewed.

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

Department Directors reviewed their written reports with the Board.

Director of Parks Kraig Owens reviewed the parks report. Vice President Paddock inquired about the skating rinks. Director Owens indicated that temperatures have not allowed for conditions favorable to ice creation. Commissioner Crews inquired about the plumbing repair at FitNation. Director Owens confirmed that it was repaired. Additionally, the pool heater at FitNation is being replaced. Owens indicated that a temporary dip in water temps can be expected until the repair is complete. Paddock inquired about any vandalism. Owens responded that vandalism has been minor.

Director of Recreation Mike Wick reviewed the recreation report. Director Wick reported that Frosty Fest was successful. Over 600 people attended the event which was relocated to its former location at Viking Park. He shared that reasons for the relocation included renovations to the clubhouse at Bittersweet, convenience for access to district equipment and supplies and an safer and easier route for horse sleigh-rides. He also reported that monthly new memberships have rebounded to pre-covid December/January numbers and that FitNation is on track to recover its pre-covid membership numbers. Commissioner Crews also commented on the Breakfast with Santa attendee feedback. The group discussed some possible changes to next years' event.

Director of Business Services Mike Szpylman reviewed the business services report. Director Szpylman indicated that the Park District was approached by Speer Financial for the possible negotiated or competitive sale of FitNation bonds because rates have come down.

Director Jennifer Gilbert reviewed the Marketing and Community Relations report. Paddock inquired about Hunt Club Aquatic Center sales and recognized the increase of sales in December.

Crews inquired about the website project. Director Gilbert reviewed key information about the project including deliverables.

Executive Director Susie Kuruvilla reviewed her report via phone. Paddock recognized all of the accomplishments the district has achieved in 2022. Additionally, Klemz complimented the Employee Recognition gathering held earlier in the month.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Klemz to approve the purchase of a 2023 F-250 Service Body Pick-up Truck from Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc. Greenfield, IL at a cost of \$63,240 with a net cost of \$53,740 after the trade in value of \$9,500 and seconded by Crews. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Crews, Klemz, and Paddock. Nays: none. Absent: Goshorn and Dalzot. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Crews to approve Ordinance #22/23-7 requesting transfer of property formerly known as Gurnee Grade School property from Lake County to the Gurnee Park District and was seconded by Klemz. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Crews, Klemz and Paddock. Nays: none. Absent: Goshorn and Dalzot. Motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Crews and seconded by Klemz. On voice vote, all voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

James G. Goshorn, President

Michelle Klemz, Secretary