

Regular Meeting Minutes of the
Gurnee Park District Board of Commissioners
February 21, 2023

President Goshorn called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Goshorn led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for roll call. Commissioners present: Jim Goshorn, Gerry Crews, Vicki Paddock, Michelle Klemz and Aaron Dalzot. Commissioners Absent: none. Also present: Executive Director, Susie Kuruvilla, Mike Wick, Director of Recreation; Kraig Owens, Director of Parks; Mike Szyplman, Director of Business Services; and Jennifer Gilbert, Director of Marketing and Community Relations.

A motion was made by Klemz to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 21, 2022. The motion was seconded by Paddock. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Crews, Klemz, Paddock, Dalzot and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Goshorn and Dalzot. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the total bills, payouts and payroll in the amount of \$838,076.62 presented on February 21, 2023, was made by Crews and was seconded by Klemz. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Crews, Klemz, Paddock, Dalzot and Goshorn. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The financial report and treasurer's report were reviewed. Crews commented on the district's performance of revenue over expenses and recognized the success of the staff in maintaining the projected budget. Rising interest rates were also discussed. Szyplman indicated that the District is monitoring opportunities for better rates.

The 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. Owens reported that weather did not allow for creating ice at the rinks this year. Goshorn remarked on the damage at Westgate Park. Repairs were made and claims made to PDRMA (Park District Risk Management Association). The Commissioners further discussed vandalism and the possible use of cameras.

Director of Recreation Mike Wick reviewed the recreation report. Active Fitness Memberships are over 4400. Camp registration has over 1700 registrations. Over 700 pool passes have been sold. 385 registrants for spring soccer. Paddock inquired if non-resident registrations have increased and Director Wick indicated that ratios have remained steady.

Director of Business Services Mike Szyplman reviewed the business services report. Commissioner Crews inquired about DEI. Szyplman indicated that there will be a presentation to the Board about DEI at an upcoming meeting.

Director Jennifer Gilbert reviewed the Marketing and Community Relations report. Klemz inquired about sponsorship. Gilbert indicated that the team goal is to reach the budget needs of special events.

Executive Director Susie Kuruvilla reviewed her report. She indicated that Lindenhurst Park District is now an official member district of WSRA (Warren Special Recreation Association). A

reminder was made about the Legislative Breakfast being hosted at Viking Park on March 3rd. The IAPD Legislative Conference is in May. Kuruvilla asked the board who would like to attend.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Klemz to approve the Blue Devil Travel Baseball Cooperative Agreement and seconded by Paddock. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Crews, Klemz, Paddock, Dalzot and Goshorn. Nays: none. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Crews to approve the Fiber Internet Service Contract with Comcast and was seconded by Klemz. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Crews, Klemz, Paddock, Dalzot and Goshorn. Nays: none. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Klemz to enter executive session at 7:45pm to discuss:

- A. the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity. 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)
- B. Collective negotiating matters between public employers and their employees or representatives, Or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.5ILCS 120/2(c) (2)

Motion seconded by Crews. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Paddock, Crews, Dalzot, Klemz and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Paddock to return to open session at 8:05pm. Motion seconded by Crews. On voice vote, all voted aye and the Board returned to open session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Klemz and seconded by Paddock. On voice vote, all voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

James G. Goshorn, President

Michelle Klemz, Secretary