

Regular Meeting Minutes of the
Gurnee Park District Board of Commissioners
October 18, 2022

Secretary Klemz called the regular meeting to order at 7:04pm. The Secretary led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for roll call. Commissioners present: Gerry Crews, Aaron Dalzot, and Michelle Klemz. Commissioners absent: Jim Goshorn and Vicki Paddock. Also present: Susie Kuruvilla, Executive Director; Mike Szpylman, Director of Business Services; Mike Wick, Director of Recreation; Kraig Owens, Director of Parks and Planning; Steve Becker, Grounds and Operations Supervisor.

Secretary Klemz opened a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$1,050,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds to provide the revenue source to pay certain alternate bonds and for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto. A notice of the meeting was published in the *Daily Herald* on October 4, 2022. The proceeds from this bond issue will be used for various capital projects throughout the Park District. The bonds will also be used to pay off a portion of the debt on the Hunt Club Park Community Center construction. No comments were received during the hearing. Secretary Klemz adjourned the public hearing.

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

A motion to approve the total bills, payouts and payroll in the amount of \$908,587.76 presented on October 18, 2022, was made by Gerry Crews and was seconded by Aaron Dalzot. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Crews, Dalzot and Klemz. Nays: none. Absent. Paddock and Goshorn. Motion carried.

The financial report and treasurer's report were reviewed.

Boy Scout Keith Jackson was presented with a Certification of Recognition by the Park District Board for the Eagle Scout project he recently completed at the Gurnee Park District. Keith built a GaGa pit at Christine Thompson Park.

Director of Parks Kraig Owens reviewed the parks report. Kraig gave an update on the playground projects at Kings and Prairie Oaks parks as well as the color coating of the basketball and tennis courts. He also informed the Board of the hiring of fulltime facility maintenance team member Richard Plage and how well he is assimilating with the team. Secretary Klemz asked if the Aquatic Center was all closed up for the season. Kraig explained that the Parks Team just completed running anti-freeze through the water lines which completes the winterizing process for the Aquatic Center.

Director of Recreation Mike Wick reviewed the recreation report. Mike reported on the District's Trick or Treat Street event that was held on Saturday, October 15th. There were 298 pre-registrants and another 85 that registered the day of the event. Only the child participants registered, there was no charge for the parents/guardians. Estimated total attendance was between 850-1000 people. The event was updated this year to include a slime station in the Summer Kitchen and games inside of Viking Park. The changes were met with a lot of positive feedback. Secretary Klemz commented on how great all the special events are hosted by the Recreation Team and the Park District.

Director Mike Szpylman reviewed the Business Services report. A discussion was had with the Board and management regarding the option of purchasing our own annual rollover bonds or selling through tax-exempt competitive bid in the open market. Mike shared his discussions with Speer Financial who has provided interest rates received on similar annual rollover bond sales in the past few weeks. Based on the comparable sale interest rates and the interest rates available to the Park District investments in CDs and the Illinois Trust, Mike made the recommendation that the Park District should go to competitive bid in the opening market for the sale of this year's annual rollover bonds. The Board agreed with this recommendation and is in support of this method of sale for the annual rollover bonds.

Executive Director Susie Kuruvilla reviewed her report. The IAPD legal symposium this year is on November 3rd. Mike Szpylman, Susie and Jim Goshorn are planning to attend. The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train is stopping in Gurnee on December 8th. We are combining the Holiday Lights at the Welton Plaza that is cooperatively organized by the Village of Gurnee, Gurnee Chamber of Commerce and the Park District with the holiday train this year. This will make it a great event. All entities are working together to plan all the details. Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 8:30-11:30 am with two seating times; 8:30-9:30am and 10:15-11:15am. In the past the Board members have volunteered to cook for this event and are invited to do so again this year.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Gerry Crews to approve the estimated tax levy amount of \$5,583,135 in the corporate and special purpose funds and \$1,119,918 in the bond and interest fund bringing the total estimated levy to \$6,703,053 and was seconded by Aaron Dalzot. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Crews, Dalzot and Klemz. Nays: none. Absent. Paddock and Goshorn. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Aaron Dalzot to approve the Mission Square 457(b) Administrative Services Agreement as presented and was seconded by Gerry Crews. Gerry commented that he thought it was a good idea to offer another plan choice to employees and Mission Square investment fees fell somewhere in the middle of what he has seen in his professional experience. Aaron commented that his employer offers retirement investment options through Mission Square and he spoke very highly of their customer service. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Crews, Dalzot and Klemz. Nays: none. Absent. Paddock and Goshorn. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought before the Board.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gerry Crews and seconded by Aaron Dalzot. On voice vote, all voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

James G. Goshorn, President

Michelle Klemz, Secretary