

Cary Park District
Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole Meeting
April 9, 2020
7:00 PM
**Community Center
255 Briargate Road
Cary, IL

**On March 16, 2020, Governor Pritzker signed Executive Order No. 2020-07 which suspends certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act. This meeting was conducted by remote video conference by Commissioners. The meeting was audio recorded and the content will be retained following the State of Illinois statutes related to the retainage of Closed Session meeting audio.

Minutes

Board Members Present: Victor, Murphy, Stanko, Renner and Frangiamore.

Staff Present: Jones, Kelly, Raica

Guests Present: Tom LaLonde, Frank Parisi (Williams Architects); Steve Konters (Hitchcock Design Group)

President Frangiamore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Frangiamore asked if there were any matters from the Public, Commissioners, and staff.

Under matters from the Public,

Due to COVID-19 the opportunity for Matters from the Public consisted of the following: Individuals may submit a comment by email to djones@carypark.com prior to the meeting; all email submitted comments will be read aloud during the meeting.

None.

Under matters from Commissioners, Victor requested that additional meeting notice be posted to the banner section of the Park District website.

There were no matters from staff.

The minutes from the March 12, 2020 COW meeting were presented for approval.

Renner moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Victor.

Voice vote: Yes – 4. No – None. Abstain – 1. Motion carried.

Frangiamore stated that the Discussion Item, Planning Workshop – Outdoor Aquatic Facility would be moved up on the agenda and the item would be addressed now.

Jones introduced LaLonde, Parisi and Konters. Jones stated that the purpose of the workshop is to update the Board on progress today, next steps and to get feedback and impressions from Commissioners on layout, potential amenities and overall feedback on the project. LaLonde and Parisi (Williams) began the presentation of information related to the outdoor aquatic facility. Williams presented information on the draft site master plan, and updated facility layout concept. They then reviewed the different areas of the facility, including the leisure pool, lap pool, slides, grass area, seating, concessions, bathhouse and maintenance components. Williams provided visual examples of each area from past projects and other facilities. At the conclusion of the presentation, the Board was asked to provide feedback and comment.

Stanko asked about the number of cabanas and their size. He asked about building materials and product materials regarding their life expectancies. He asked about how a zip line would impact the size of the lap pool. He asked about the number of staff required to operate the facility. In one visual example, he noted the presence of solar panels and his interest in exploring this feature for the facility.

Victor stated that she was excited by the presentation and visuals of the amenities that may be included in the facility. She highlighted the shades areas, lawn area, an open and closed drop slide option, zip line, current channel, the clear panel climbing wall, lily pad walk and water play features. She suggested a basketball hoop, looking at extra restrooms located outside the bathhouse and having more than one kiddie slide in the leisure pool.

Renner stated his likes and dislikes. Likes included slides, deck chairs, lily pads, party room, elevated seating areas and the use of “shared water”. His dislikes or comments included the location of the filter building to the concession seating area and the drop off area in the front of the facility seemed “tight”. He asked about the parking counts and the size of the parking lots.

Murphy stated that he would echo many of the positive comments stated by others thus far. He preferred a wider climbing wall and the incorporation of dry play areas as well as wet. He asked about the cost to include a spray ground area. He thought additional lockers placed on the deck space would be wise.

Frangiamore, like Murphy stated that he would echo many of the same positive comments by others. He asked if the Barracudas had been contacted and their needs discussed with them. He asked about the size of the lawn areas and the potential location of trees on the west side of the facility. He stated that from a maintenance perspective the use of artificial turf in certain areas may make sense as turf grass would be difficult to maintain.

Williams thanked the Board for their comments and stated they would continue to work on the project incorporating many of the comments received from Commissioners this evening.

Frangiamore inquired as to public participation and comment on the project plans. Jones stated that this should occur just as it always has with all major Park District projects. He stated that due to current events, the Board and staff may need to look at alternatives to past practices in this area due to COVID-19. He stated that there are options to do a virtual public open house and staff is evaluating these options. He stated that discussion of this further at this time would be premature as there is more work to be done by Williams and that time will provide better answers in terms of what a public open house may look like in the coming weeks.

LaLonde, Parisi, Konters, Kelly and Raica all left the meeting at this time.

The first Direction Item discussed was Temporary Emergency Compensation Program – 03262020. Jones stated that this item was discussed and the Board reached consensus on the item at its regular Board meeting dated March 26, 2020. Jones stated that the program was implemented and it now should be recommended by the Committee for final Board action in April.

Renner moved to recommend Board approval of Temporary Emergency Compensation Program – 03262020. Second by Stanko.

Roll Call: Yes – Murphy, Victor, Stanko, Renner, Frangiamore. No – None. Motion carried.

The next Direction Item discussed was Temporary Emergency Compensation Program – 4092020.

Jones stated that the current program 3262020 will expire on April 16. He stated that discussion this evening is on the next phase employee compensation and work schedules post April 16. Jones provided the following recommendations to the Board. All part time staff is to be furloughed beginning April 17. Full time staff work schedules will be reduced to 3 or 4 days each week. Employees will be given the option to be paid for the mandated days off by using their accrued leave time or take the days off as unpaid. The Executive Director will work a 5 day a week work schedule but will be required to use one day of accrued leave time each week. The previously implemented Additional Time Off program will be discontinued. The program titled 4092020 would be for the time period April 17-30.

Jones stated the Board would meet again at its regular scheduled meeting of April 23 and at that time would be able to discuss the next program past April 30. He stated that there may be better information available to the Board regarding recommendations on matters related to COVID-19.

The Board discussed the recommendations and events related to COVID-19. The consensus of the discussion was agreement with the recommendations of the Executive Director and a desire to continue to implement programs in two week increments.

Murphy moved to recommend Board approval of Temporary Emergency Compensation Program – 4092020. Second by Victor.

Roll Call: Yes – Murphy, Victor, Stanko, Frangiamore. No – None. Abstain – Renner. Motion carried.

Motion by Stanko to adjourn. Second by Renner.

Voice vote: Yes – 5. No – None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42PM.

Daniel C. Jones, Secretary
Park District Board of Commissioners