

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE CARY PARK DISTRICT, CARY, ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE  
COMMUNITY CENTER, 255 BRIARGATE ROAD ON  
July 23, 2020

***I. CALL TO ORDER***

President Frangiamore called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

***II. ROLL CALL***

Upon roll call the following Commissioners answered present: Mr. Murphy, Mr. Stanko, Mrs. Victor, Mr. Renner, and Mr. Frangiamore.

**Staff**

Staff present: Sara Kelly, Deputy Director; Paul Rogus, Superintendent of Park and Facility Maintenance; Katie Hughes, Director of Communications and Marketing; Vicki Krueger, Director of Finance and Administration; David Raica, Director of Planning and Development; and Megan Lee, Recording Secretary.

**Guests**

Public present: Jenay DiOrio, Resident.

***III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG***

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

***IV. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC***

DiOrio asked if the new aquatic facility was still going to be built. She asked if the Park District conducted a survey to the community since COVID-19, and if so, when it was done. Frangiamore stated the Park District has gathered extensive community input for the project over the last several years starting with the 2016 Comprehensive Master Plan (CMP). In June, a virtual open house was held showing concept designs of the new facility. He then explained the Board has the ability to move forward with the project, but stop if needed. Frangiamore stated she should contact Executive Director Jones with her concerns, and he would be able to provide her the information she is asking.

DiOrio asked for clarification on who had access to the surveys. She expressed concerned about people losing jobs and not being able to pay their property taxes. She asked what the Park District would do if they received less in property taxes and still had to make debt payments. She stated this is not the right time for this project.

## **V. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Victor said she was pleased with her experiences bringing the kids to the pool earlier in the week. She stated she was impressed with all the procedures and hard work staff has done to make sure safety is priority with the pool open. She expressed concern over the diving area. She said there were six kids in the diving area and that she is worried about the one ladder being closed due to social distancing and the safety of swimmers trying to get out of the pool.

Stanko said that about six weeks ago he had requested a picnic table for Bristol Park, and he thanked staff for putting the table there as he asked. People are very happy to have the picnic table there now, and it is being used. Stanko then asked about the Senior Center and if activities would be moving back there, when it will be open, and what the hours will be. Kelly said that since July 13 it has been open with limited hours on Tuesdays and Fridays. Some activities are starting to be held there, with a maximum of 20 participants for any activity.

## **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

***Stanko moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: VI.A.1. – Approval – Minutes Regular Board Meeting dated June 25, 2020; VI.A.2. – Acceptance – July 17, Disbursements in the Amount of \$232,619.82; and VI.A.3. – Acceptance – Treasurer’s Report dated June 30, 2020. Second by Victor.***

Roll call vote: Yes – Victor, Renner, Murphy, Stanko, and Frangiamore. No – None. Motion carried.

## **VII. BUSINESS ITEMS**

### ***VII.A. Any Items Removed From Consent Agenda***

None.

### ***VII.B. Action Items***

***VII.B.1 Consider – Ordinance O-2020-21-01, an ordinance adopting the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation of Funds for the Cary Park District, McHenry County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning on the First (1st) Day of May, 2020 and Ending on the Thirtieth (30th) Day of April, 2021.***

Kelly explained that by law, the Park District is required to adopt a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance before or within the first quarter of the budget year. It is also required to have the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, prepared in tentative form, available for public inspection for at least 30 days prior to final approval. The tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance has been on display at the Community Center and on the Park District website, since June 12<sup>th</sup>, meeting the requirement of public display of 30 days prior to approval. Notice of a public hearing regarding the budget is a requirement and this notice appeared in the NW Herald on July 15<sup>th</sup>. The notice must be placed no later than seven days prior to the meeting to approve the

budget. This evening, the Public Hearing on the budget was held. All of the legal requirements to be met prior to budget approval have been accomplished.

***Renner moved to approve Ordinance O-2020-21-01, an ordinance adopting the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation of Funds for the Cary Park District, McHenry County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning on the First (1) day of May, 2020 and Ending on the Thirtieth (30) day of April, 2021. Second by Victor.***

Roll call vote: Yes – Murphy, Stanko, Victor, Renner, and Frangiamore. No – None. Motion carried.

***VII.B.2 Consider – Ordinance O-2020-21-02, an ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the Park District in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$13,000,000 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, including an outdoor aquatic center located at Cary Grove Park, and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.***

***Stanko moved to approve Ordinance O-2020-21-02, an ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the Cary Park District, McHenry County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$13,000,000 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, including, but not limited to, the design and construction of a New Outdoor Aquatics Facility at Cary-Grove Park, and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto. Second by Murphy.***

Kelly explained at the July 9 Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting, Aaron Gold from Speer Financial was present to go over the financing of the project. At the time, it was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the project and debt schedule as presented by Speer Financial. In order for the Park District to issue debt, the Board has to approve an authorizing ordinance.

Stanko stated this debt issuance has been a process many years in the making. Money and time were invested to make repairs to extend the life of the current pool. This allowed time for a decision to be made on this project. During all of the public meetings and surveys, one of the top three items was the desire of residents to have a new pool. The CMP was approved in 2016 and updated in 2018. Consultants were hired to provide direction including finances, expenditures, and what to expect moving forward. Recently consultants and planners have been assisting staff and attending Board meetings to help determine the scope of the facility. The public has been given opportunities for input through e-blasts and surveys posted on the website.

Stanko explained the COW and Board meetings have always been open to the public. He believes it is a very solid plan. The Board is sensitive to the fact that things have changed due to COVID-19. However, the project is moving forward because the Board has a responsibility to the public to maintain what they have been given the responsibility to manage as elected officials. One of the things is an aquatic facility. Stanko complimented the Board and staff on the way this project has been very transparent throughout the whole process.

Murphy agreed with Stanko's statement.

Renner stated this decision to finance this has gone back 20 years. Existing debt has been paid off and a revenue stream is now available to fund this without increasing taxes. He stated the aquatic facility itself is not \$13 million dollars. Some of the project costs are to improve the site at Cary-Grove Park. The bonds are being issued in a sequence of two so construction could stop if needed due to the current climate. He emphasized that resident taxes will not be increased due to the project.

Victor agreed with Stanko and Renner.

Roll call vote: Yes – Renner, Murphy, Stanko, Victor, and Frangiamore. No – None. Motion carried.

### ***VII.C. Discussion Items***

None.

### ***VIII. Executive Director Report***

Rogus explained the pool has been up and running as well as the splash pad since July 13. The satellite restrooms have also been open since July 13. Cleanings have been increased daily at each facility.

Hughes stated the fall brochure will be electronic only and posted on the website on August 10. Due to the weekly changes to the brochure in the summer it allows for more flexibility. Residents will be made aware of the brochure through e-blast, social media, the sign board at Jaycee Park, and the website.

Kelly explained the finance department is currently working on the audit.

Raica explained the new preschool is coming together very nicely. Several change orders have occurred such as new siding due to bids coming back under budget. The grass is growing in and the building is getting ready to be used by staff. Kelly stated next week Tiny Tots will start using the facility.

Raica explained that he is creating how the trails will look at Hoffman Park, but the state is doing the CAD work. The bid letting for the Hoffman Park trail to extend to Route 31 will be done in January. The bidding will be done by IDOT. The bids currently being received at the state for other projects are coming in lower than the estimates, so he is hopeful the bids will come in favorable in January.

Frangiamore asked if the bids come in lower, could the money be used to make additions to the trails. Raica explained that he is working on three trail extensions that will be bid with the project. If they come in favorably, then the money could be used to make these extensions.

Kelly said the fitness center is open and members need to call in to reserve a spot. Regulars and corporate members have been coming in and using the facility with no issues. Overall the pool is going well. The independent pool audit occurred yesterday, and the Park District scored very high.

Frangiamore asked about pool attendance, and Kelly said that out of a 50 person capacity, it has been averaging about 40 people a session.

Kelly said the concert series in the park is starting tonight. Information was posted on the website on how the site would be marked with circles designating one circle per family. Four more concerts in the park will occur through the end of August. Last Friday the children's entertainment series occurred with 85 people in attendance.

Victor stated she likes the idea that there are circles on the ground for people and that everyone has to wear masks out of the circle. She asked if staff were there to assist and enforce the rules, and Kelly said yes.

Kelly asked the Board to check their availability for the August 27 Board meeting and if they would be available for 6:00 or 6:15PM in order to do a ribbon cutting at the new preschool. If they are available, she asked that they please let Jones know.

Kelly stated the COW meeting in August will be the same night as the ZPA meeting at the Village of Cary. Jones and Raica will not be at the COW meeting that evening. They will be at the Village meeting along with several consultants that have assisted with the zoning process at Cary-Grove Park.

***Motion to adjourn the meeting by Stanko. Second by Murphy.***

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

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Daniel C. Jones, Secretary  
Park District Board of Commissioners