

Cary Park District
Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole Meeting
August 13, 2020
7:00 PM
Community Center
255 Briargate Road
Cary, IL

Minutes

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

Staff Present: Kelly and Krueger.

Guests Present: Derke Price, Ancel Glink

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

No matters from the public.

Victor said she attended the IAPD Golf Outing on July 27 at Foxford Hills Golf Club. She said it was a great outing and thanked IAPD and the Foxford Hills staff for all their hard work in coordinating the event. She stated there were around 70 golfers in attendance.

Kelly provided an update on recent agency activities. The Kaper Park splash pad experienced some electrical issues this week that required closure from Monday until today. Staff have ordered parts and they are actively working on repairs so all features work when open. With the Monday afternoon storm, staff reported the damage to buildings and properties was very minor. Kelly explained staff worked on Tuesday cleaning up park sites.

Kelly stated a work day was held at Sands Main Street Prairie with the site steward and Commissioner Stanko. The contractor, McGinty Brothers, was onsite two days to do the herbicide treatment which is a continuation of the 10 year Enhancement Plan.

Kelly explained facilities staff continue to work on moving and assembling equipment and other tasks at the new preschool facility. The last day for the parks seasonal staff will be August 21.

Kelly stated beginning on August 10, the pool weekday schedule has been reduced to two evening sessions due to staff returning to school. This weekday schedule has been expanded to include the week of August 17. Beginning August 24, the schedule will be weekends only until Labor Day. The

Kelly explained the fall 2020 brochure was created as a digital version only. It was posted to the website and included in e-blasts beginning on August 10. Due to the uncertainty of restrictions with COVID-19, the digital version will allow staff to make adjustments to programming as needed. Resident registration begins on August 17 and non-residents begin on August 24.

Kelly stated with School District 26 announcing a move to all remote learning for the first six weeks of school, ET KidZone will not be held at the schools until in-person learning resumes. Staff have created a new program that will be recreational based, held at the Community Center and with separate AM and PM four hour time blocks. This program will be offered on a week by week basis, similar to camp registration. The maximum enrollment will be limited to allow for proper social distancing while indoors. The Preschool start date has also been pushed back to October due to D26 remote learning. Staff is trying to create some enrichment programs that can be offered at the facility in September.

At 7:15 PM, a motion was made by Stanko to enter Closed Session for the purpose of Pending or Probable Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2 © (11)). Second by Murphy.

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

Frangiamore reconvened open session at 7:54 PM.

Frangiamore summarized Closed Session as follows: Pending or Probable Litigation was discussed. No action is necessary as a result of Closed Session.

The minutes from the July 9, 2020 COW meeting were presented for approval.

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

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

There were no Direction Items.

Renner left the meeting at 7:57 pm.

For Discussion was a preliminary discussion on the 2020 Levy.

Kelly reviewed the timeline outlined on page 1 of the Committee Memo and reminded the Board this is an annual item that is reviewed. Tonight will be the preliminary discussion with the next opportunity for Board review and discussion taking place in October.

Krueger said the discussion tonight will direct staff in preparation of levy related items moving forward. A levy is a request that property taxes be collected for park and recreation purposes which includes specific amounts requested by fund. Krueger explained the additional support documents that were provided for reference.

Krueger said there are 3 options outlined for discussion of the Levy. Option #1 is to structure the levy to capture the increase due to CPI plus any new growth that may have occurred within the Park District. This approach has been used since FY 15/16.

Krueger explained option #2 is to implement Option #1 but abate a portion of the Park District's Annual Rollover Bond equal to the CPI increase in taxes for capped fund. The benefit of abating the bond is that the increase is lost for only one year, it does not affect the levy long term and holds the line on taxes for one year. This approach was used in FY 14/15.

Krueger stated option #3 is for capped funds, submit a request that is equal to the taxes extended in 2020. This would not request the CPI increases in taxes on capped fund or be high enough to capture new growth. This also would not capture the increase in CPI and new growth in future years.

Krueger outlined additional factors to consider such as COVID-19 pandemic, Phase 2 of the new Outdoor Aquatic Facility at Cary-Grove Park and continued annual minimum wage increases.

There was no staff recommendation as it is for discussion purposes only.

Stanko said his questions had been answered by Krueger.

Murphy said he had no additional questions.

Victor said she had no additional questions.

Frangiamore said he felt anything but Option #1 puts the agency behind the eight-ball related to future impact, covering potential deficit due to increased expenses and possible reduced revenue, and the ability to continue Comprehensive Master Plan projects.

Murphy and Victor agreed with Frangiamore.

Stanko said the agency may need to cut back and consider Option #2 for this year. As a unit of government, the Park District is here to serve the community and many in the community are struggling with loss of jobs, reduced/furloughed jobs, increase in various expenses, etc. The Park District should be sensitive to the public needs/experiences and not operate in a vacuum. There may be a need to look for ways to not spend money where it is not productive, the example of digital fall brochure aligns with this approach.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Victor. Second by Stanko.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Daniel C. Jones, Secretary
Park District Board of Commissioners