

Cary Park District
Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole Meeting
November 12, 2020
7:00 PM
Community Center
255 Briargate Road
Cary, IL

Minutes

Board Members Present: Stanko, Victor, Renner, Murphy and Frangiamore.
Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jones, Kelly, Rogus, Raica, Hughes and Krueger

Guests Present: None.

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.

There were no matters from the public.

Stanko commented on the installation of a bench at Bristol Park and thanked staff for completing this work.

Renner commented on the 25 year anniversary plaque and pin he received from IAPD.

Victor commented that she had attended the virtual NRPA conference and enjoyed it. She highlighted sessions on empowerment and engagement of teens, fitness parks and apps (phone).

Jones reminded the Board that it has scheduled a Special Meeting for December 3 to receive and update on the aquatic facility project from Williams Architects and Lamp, Inc.

The minutes from the October 8, 2020 COW meeting were presented for approval.

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

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

The first Direction item discussed was: O-2020-21-09, 2020 Annual Tax Levy.

Jones began by stating the Board had previously discussed this item at its August COW meeting. He noted that the information prepared for this evening's meeting was based on the majority consensus direction of the Board expressed during that meeting. He stated that the process is that this evening staff will review its recommendations for the levy, then the Board must announce 20 days prior to the adoption of the levy ordinance its levy estimate and that should take place at its November 19, 2020 meeting. Krueger presented the recommended levy to the Board for discussion. She noted that the information to prepare the levy is provided by the County Assessor's office and staff uses that information to make projections for specific amounts into the various tax collected areas. She closed by stating the information and recommendation was reviewed with Park District attorney Jim Rock and that it meets the direction provided by the Board at the COW meeting.

Frangiamore opened the floor to questions from the Board. Frangiamore asked about IMRF amount and it being lower than years past. Krueger explained that the lower amount was intentional as the fund balance in this area should be reduced. Stanko requested the Board have discussion on revisiting options for the annual levy that were presented during the August Committee meeting. Stanko stated that in the summer, due to COVID the Board had to make a decision on operating the pool. The result of that decision was to operate it, knowing that it would be done so at a loss, but that the Board wanted to do it to provide something for the community to do during these difficult times. He asked the Board to consider this decision when considering the levy. He stated that if the levy were held flat or reduced this would result in savings to all tax payers, whereas the pool only benefited those that used it. He asked to have Board discussion on this item. Renner expressed that he did not believe the parallel being drawn by Stanko was accurate. Renner stated he was comfortable with the approach discussed at the COW meeting by the Board. Murphy stated that he understood what Stanko was proposing but that he was comfortable with the approach discussed at the COW meeting. Victor requested clarification of the options presented at the August COW meeting. Jones recapped the option related to a flat levy. Victor stated that she was comfortable with the approach discussed at the COW meeting. Stanko commented that he appreciated the Board discussing this item further and he appreciated everyone providing their thoughts.

Frangiamore asked for a motion.

Renner moved to recommend the President of the Board of Commissioners announce at the November 19, 2020 Board meeting that the District estimates the 2020 Tax Levy will not exceed 105% of the previous year's tax extension. Second by Victor.

Frangiamore asked if there were any further discussion by the Board.

Hearing no further discussion by the Board, Frangiamore asked for a Roll Call vote.

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

The second, third and fourth Direction items discussed were: O-2020-21-06, Abatement of Tax Levy, Series 2020A; O-2020-21-07, Abatement of Tax Levy, Series 2013A; and O-2020-21-08, Abatement of Tax Levy, Series 2018A.

Jones stated that when Alternate Revenue Bonds are issued, a back up levy is a part of the authorizing ordinance. These abatement ordinances are executed annually to abate this back up levy and therefore avoid double taxation that would result without their passage and filing. He stated that the Board is familiar with ordinances of this type and that last year an ordinance related to Series 2013A and 2018A were passed. This year an ordinance for 2020A has been included. He stated that all ordinances were prepared by Chapman and Cutler, the Park Districts bond counsel.

Frangiamore asked for a motion prior to discussion.

Stanko moved to recommend Board approval of Ordinance O-2020-21-06, 07 and 08. Second by Murphy.

Frangiamore asked if there were any comments or discussion by the Board.

Hearing no discussion by the Board, Frangiamore asked for a Voice Vote.

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

The fifth Direction item discussed was: Illinois Association of Park Districts 2021 Annual Meeting Credentials Certificate.

Jones introduced this item and stated that in order for the Park District to be participant in the annual meeting for IAPD, it is necessary to approve a certificate designating delegates to participate. He stated that both Commissioner Victor and Renner are active on IAPD committees and might have interest in serving as the delegate.

Frangiamore asked if Commissioners Victor or Renner would be interested. Victor stated she would like to be the delegate for the agency. Renner stated that he would serve as 1st alternate. Frangiamore stated that the Executive Director should be the 2nd alternate and that he did not think it was necessary to name a 3rd alternate. Frangiamore asked if everyone was ok with this approach, then he asked for a motion.

Murphy moved to recommend Board approval of the 2021 IAPD Credentials Certificate and the designation of delegates as follows: Delegate – Victor; 1st Alternate – Renner; 2nd Alternate – Executive Director. Second by Renner.

Frangiamore asked if there were any further comments or discussion by the Board.

Hearing no discussion by the Board, Frangiamore asked for a Voice Vote.

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

The sixth Direction item discussed was: ITEP Trail Grant Phase III; Resolution R-2020-21-04 and Joint Participation Agreements.

Jones introduced this item and stated this is the final action step required by the Board to move this project forward into Phase III. He complimented Raica on his efforts to stay on top of this project and move it forward despite set back and delays related to COVID. He stated the project is on schedule to be bid by the State in March 2021. A response is necessary for Phase III from the Park District to the State by end of November and the passage of these agreements and resolution are to be included in that response.

Frangiamore asked the Board for questions or comments. Murphy asked for clarification on the match dollars of the Park District for this grant and where they came from. Jones reviewed the past history of this project and that the dollars being used by the Park District as match funds were acquired from LaFarge via an agreement with the Village of Cary as they closed out work on what is now Cary Lake at Rotary Park. The agreement originally stated that a trail would be built to connect the property to trail in Hoffman Park. When the agreement was renegotiated by the Village, the Park District was given the opportunity to weigh in on this item. Staff modified the Park District's part of the agreement to a dollar amount rather than a trail. The intention of this action by the Board and staff was to use these dollars as a match for a grant request to make not only the connection but also make additional connections in Hoffman Park.

Hearing no further questions or discussion by the Board, Frangiamore asked for a motion.

Renner moved to recommend Board approval of the Preliminary Phase III Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation with HR Green at a cost of \$80,000. Second by Stanko.

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

Renner moved to recommend Board approval of the Local Public Agency Agreement for Public Participation. Second by Victor.

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

Victor moved to recommend Board approval of Resolution R-2020-21-04, A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois and the Cary Park District Appropriating Funds for the Hoffman Park Bike Path Improvement Project. Second by Murphy.

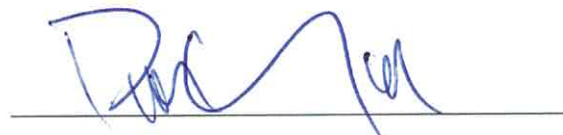
Voice vote: Yes – 5. No – None. Motion carried.

There were no items for discussion.

Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Stanko.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.



Approved

Daniel C. Jones, Secretary
Park District Board of Commissioners