



Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
September 13, 2021
530 Bernard Drive, Buffalo Grove, IL
6 pm

Commissioners Present: Tracy Bragg, Steve Cummins and Scott Jacobson
Commissioners Absent: Adriane Johnson and Larry Reiner

Staff Present: Executive Director Ryan Risinger, Director of Recreation and Facilities Erika Strojinc, Director of Business and Human Resources John Short, Director of Parks and Planning Tim Howe, Superintendent of Communications and Marketing Mike Terson, Risk Manager Dani Hoefle and Executive Assistant Beth Wanland

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

President Jacobson called the Workshop to order at 6 pm. The roll was called and Commissioners Bragg, Cummins and Jacobson answered present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Monika Adamski, Audit Manager, from Lauterbach & Amen, LLC was in attendance. Sam and Carol Lucido were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Commissioner Bragg moved to approve the Special Board Meeting Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Cummins and passed with a voice vote.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

President Jacobson called the Public Hearing (the "*Hearing*") to order at 6:01 pm. The roll was called and Commissioners Bragg, Cummins and Jacobson answered present.

President Jacobson announced that the Public Hearing is held to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$1,320,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds (the "*Bonds*") 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 expenses incident thereto. He explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

Executive Director Risinger read the following Public Hearing Notice that was published in the Daily Herald on August 26, 2021:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF
THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF
THE BUFFALO GROVE PARK DISTRICT, LAKE AND COOK COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
TO SELL \$1,320,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX PARK BONDS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Buffalo Grove Park District, Lake and Cook Counties, Illinois (the "District"), will hold a public hearing on the 13th day of September, 2021, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. The hearing will be held at the Alcott Center, 530 Bernard Drive, Buffalo Grove, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the District in the amount of \$1,320,000 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 and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.

By order of the President of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Buffalo Grove Park District, Lake and Cook Counties, Illinois.

DATED the 23rd day of August, 2021.

Ryan Risinger, Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners
Buffalo Grove Park District
Lake and Cook Counties, Illinois

PARK COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

President Jacobson opened discussion and there were no comments or questions from the Park Commissioners.

PUBLIC WRITTEN AND VERBAL COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

President Jacobson opened discussion to the public and there were no written or verbal comments or questions from the public.

ADIJOURNMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

President Jacobson announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Bonds. Commissioner Cummins moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:03 pm, seconded by Commissioner Bragg and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Bragg, Cummins and Jacobson

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Johnson and Reiner

RECONVENE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Roll Call

President Jacobson reconvened the Special Board Meeting at 6:03 pm. The roll was called and Commissioners Bragg, Cummins and Jacobson answered present.

PRESENTATION OF STAFF RECOGNITION RESOLUTION

Commissioner Bragg read Resolution 21-9-1 Commending Carol Lucido on 10 Years of Service:

RESOLUTION 21-9-1
COMMENDING CAROL LUCIDO
ON 10 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BUFFALO GROVE PARK DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Carol Lucido has completed 10 years of service to the Buffalo Grove Park District and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Carol has been a dedicated member of the Fitness Center staff, working with her staff to provide leadership and mentoring; and

WHEREAS, Carol consistently goes above and beyond to provide Fitness Center members the best possible customer experience; and

WHEREAS, Carol is willing to help out anyone who needs it, no matter what their department or role; and

WHEREAS, Carol brings a brightness and joy to the job every single day with her smile, laugh, and kindness. These qualities allow Carol to leave a lasting impression on everyone she meets; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Park District is dependent upon employees like Carol who have taken pride in the Buffalo Grove Park District and its accomplishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the Buffalo Grove Park District, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois as follows:

1. That Carol Lucido is commended on behalf of the citizens of Buffalo Grove for her distinguished service at the Buffalo Grove Park District.
2. That this Resolution is presented to Carol with our sincere thanks, appreciation, and best wishes.

DATED AT BUFFALO GROVE, ILLINOIS THIS 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021.

Carol said that she loves her job. She said she has five kids and a grandchild and said her family knows this is what she does. She thanked the Board for the Resolution. President Jacobson wished her continued success at the Fitness Center.

FINANCE

September Warrant 2021

Director Short said that there was a short turn around between meetings and that is the reason the September Warrant is smaller than usual, but pretty routine.

August Financial Statement

Director Short said that the property tax bill due date to Cook County is October, rather than August 1.

August Year to Date Statement

There were no comments on the August Year to Date statement.

September Refunds

Director Short said there were some Fitness Center membership refunds due to COVID. Other refunds were due to preschool registrants changing their minds. He said that overall September refunds were significantly less than a year ago.

Presentation of 2020-21 Year End Audit - lauterbach & Amen LLP

Ms. Monika Adamski, Audit Manager, from Lauterbach & Amen, LLC, thanked the Board for inviting her to their meeting, her second in-person meeting this year. She thanked Director Short and his staff for another successful audit year. She highlighted areas of the annual financial report and management letter that was prepared by her firm. She explained that the Government Finance Officer Association awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Buffalo Grove Park District for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for fiscal year ending April 30, 2020. The Commissioners commended Ms. Adamski on the work of the auditors and thanked her for her presentation.

PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

President Jacobson said he thought Buffalo Grove Days was a huge success. He said he thinks going forward we will have a strong relationship with the Village. The event raised \$60,000 which we will be splitting with the Village. He congratulated staff for their participation and said the event was well done.

Commissioner Bragg said that the collaboration between the Park District and the Village for BG Days was spot on. She said she is proud of everyone and the level of professionalism brought to the event was commendable. She heard nothing but positive feedback from residents. Moving forward she said she would like to hold volunteers to the high standard displayed this year by the Village and Park District staff.

Commissioner Cummins said BG Days was done well and it was a lot of fun. He said people were pleased with the level of service they received from the Park District in the beverage tent.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

ADIJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Bragg moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting at 6:33 pm, seconded by Commissioner Cummins and passed with a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary