



**Buffalo Grove Park District
Workshop Minutes
April 25, 2016**

Commissioners Present: Richard Drazner, Scott Jacobson, Adriane Johnson, Larry Reiner and Jack Schmerer

Staff Present: Executive Director Ryan Risinger, Director of Recreation and Facilities Bill Heider, Director of Business and Human Resources John Short, Director of Parks and Risk Management Tim Howe, Public Relations and Marketing Manager Mike Terson and Executive Assistant Martha Weiss

Attorney Steve Bloomberg was present.

Guests: Recreation Supervisor Lindsay Grandt, Recreation Supervisor Aly Stanczak and Recreation Supervisor Jessi Hersman

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

President Johnson called the Workshop to order at 6:31 pm. The roll was called and Commissioners Drazner, Jacobson, Johnson, Reiner and Schmerer answered present.

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP AGENDA

Commissioner Reiner moved to approve the Workshop Agenda, seconded by Vice President Drazner and passed with a voice vote.

FINANCE

April Warrant 2016

There were no comments or questions and the April Warrant 2016 was referred to Committee Action Items for approval.

March Financial Statement

There were no comments or questions and the March Financial Statement was referred to Committee Action Items for approval.

March Year to Date Statement

Director of Business and Human Resources Short said that the district has received close to 100%

of the taxes from both Lake and Cook Counties. The March Year to Date Statement was referred to Committee Action Items for approval.

April Refunds

Director Short said that swim team parents submit a deposit at the beginning of the season, and then are refunded the deposit at the end of the season. Staff is looking at a solution with the recreation software to streamline this process.

Resolution 16-4-3 for Temporary Construction Easements in Lake County

Attorney Steve Bloomberg said that IDOT has requested that the minutes of the meeting on September 28, 2015, where the Board approved the temporary easement in Lake County near the Community Arts Center, be amended to reflect specific language to that effect and also that the Board sign the resolution this evening.

RECREATION

CAC Staff Presentation

The staff at the Community Arts Center thanked the Board for inviting them to speak about their programs and thanked the Board for their support of the performing arts. Supervisor Hersman, Supervisor Stanczak and Supervisor Grandt described the wide range of theater classes, private acting classes, dance classes and private instruction for piano, guitar and voice. The district offers extremely popular camps, including Broadway Bound, Starmakers and Dance Camps and staff has had to add more camps to meet the demand. There are many opportunities for the community to perform – children’s theater, Big Deal academy shows, performing troupes, Encore travelling chorus, Hot Shots, adult productions, BG Singers, dance performances and teen productions. Staff said that it is important to them that the participants are giving back and inspiring others in the community who may not have exposure to the arts. Every year the dance team goes to nursing homes and assisted living homes, and this year the dancers raised money for, and served at, the Feed My Starving Children charity. They also raised money for Dancing for Dancers, an agency that gives to those who cannot afford dance classes. BG Singers decided to fund raise for tiered seating in the theater. Big Deal Tribe is a successful troupe of teens that do therapeutic theater and they are one of only three certified teen playback troupes in the country. Broadway Buddies, a new program, will be performing Willy Wonka in on May 25. Special recreation communities send classes to the CAC for field trips for creative drama, dance flow or rhythmic movement that have been successful. This summer staff is offering Actors Adventures, a camp that aims to build self confidence and social skills for differently abled participants.

Rentals have been very successful at the CAC as supplemental revenue and staff is seeing that participants want to have their family celebrations there because of their connection with the building. Staff has also made strategic relationships with community agencies, including the public library and the police and fire departments that allows for promotion of the CAC with new audiences. Staff presented the Board with the exciting upcoming production schedule of 10 main stage performances. They also reported the past year’s numbers of performance tickets that were sold (10,152), the number of participants registered for programs (1,658) and the amount of rental income (over \$25,000).

Commissioner Reiner said he was glad that staff are proud of their accomplishments and so is the Board. Supervisor Hersman said that staff really appreciate the strong support that the Board gives performing arts. Executive Director Risinger mentioned that the Broadway Buddy performance on May 25 will be the district's NRPA Park Champion event and the national legislators and local legislators will be invited. President Johnson said that staff have far exceeded the expectations of the Board and she is very impressed with so many innovative programs. She thanked the staff for their great presentation.

PARKS

BG Days Agreement

Executive Director Risinger said that the concerns of the Board for the agreement were addressed and after discussion with the PDRMA attorney, the new draft of the agreement was drafted for Board approval. Commissioner Jacobson asked about the Village's assurance that the Park District's no smoking policy will be told to participants who are smoking during the festival and they will be asked to comply. Executive Director Risinger said he spoke both with the Village Manager and the Chief of Police regarding this and received their assurance.

PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Reiner said that he was glad to hear that the State's miscalculation of the corporate personal property replacement tax did not affect the district's Lake County tax and only minimally affected the district's Cook County tax. Vice President Drazner attended the Senior Expo as did President Johnson, and they said it was well attended and well organized. Commissioner Schmerer said he has received compliments on Willow Stream Park improvements. President Johnson commented on high praise she received in addition to the state conference attendee's favorable evaluations for the commissioners' roundtable. President Johnson said she and Commissioner Schmerer co-moderated a session at state conference regarding personal accountability that was highly rated in the evaluations.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Reiner moved to adjourn the Workshop at 7:24 pm, seconded by Commissioner Schmerer and passed with a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary