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DISTRICT

Buffalo Grove Park District  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
October 8, 2018  
530 Bernard Drive, Buffalo Grove, IL  
6 pm

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

Staff Present: Executive Director Ryan Risinger, Director of Recreation and Facilities Bill Heider, Director of Parks and Planning Tim Howe, Public Relations and Marketing Manager Mike Terson and Executive Assistant Beth Wanland

CALL TO ORDER

**Roll Call**

President Jacobson called the Workshop to order at 6:01 pm. The roll was called and Commissioners Drazner, Jacobson, Johnson and Reiner answered present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There were no guests present to introduce.

APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP AGENDA

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

TOPICS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no topics from the floor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Executive Director Ryan Risinger reviewed correspondence from the Board Packet which included a Board Vacancy article and 59<sup>th</sup> District Campaign article from the newspaper. There were also two Daily Herald photos of the BG Singers from their fall concert, and an email from Athletic Field Technician Mark Banjo, thanking the Board and Staff for a gift sent congratulating him on the birth on his son. Also mentioned was a calendar of fall events, a thank you from IAPD on usage, and an invitation to Board members to attend the 3-Club Classic on Friday, October 19.

**2019 Preschool Fees Report**

Director of Recreation and Facilities Bill Heider explained that only one fee changed due to one extra day of preschool next year.

**Resident Policy on Program Fees for Grandchildren Recommendation**

President Jacobson explained that the staff recommendation is that resident grandparents caring for their grandchildren will be allowed to register for programs at resident rates but will need to register at non-resident times and the Board was in favor of this recommendation.

PARKS

Director of Parks and Planning Tim Howe said that the pickleball courts at Mike Rylko Park will be finished in the next two weeks. People have been calling asking when they will be ready and seem to be very excited. Director Howe also said that the Mill Creek playground is complete and he has received compliments on it. He added that the Mirielle Park work should also be complete in the next couple of weeks.

POLICY AND LEGISLATION

Commissioner Reiner said that we have submitted our OSLAD application and will wait to hear if we need to give a presentation in Springfield. Grant recipients are announced in January.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETING

Public Relations and Marketing Manager Mike Terson said that he will start the spring book next week and informed the Board that he is the IPRA co-chair of the Sponsorship Committee for the next two years.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Executive Director Risinger, Vice President Johnson and Commissioner Reiner are attending the Best of the Best Gala this Friday, October 12, at Chevy Chase.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Risinger said that he is working on a new Board Member orientation. He informed the Board that we hired a new Recreation Supervisor, Jimmy Mix, who starts tomorrow. Jimmy will be supervising day camps and sports. He let the Board know that the Pride Parade to be held next summer is still in the planning stages. Executive Director Risinger, Public Relations and Marketing Manager Terson and Superintendent of Recreation Erika Strojinc are meeting with the mother of the girl planning the parade and would like to promote it as an all-inclusive diversity parade, not strictly a Pride Parade. The Board agreed that including all avenues of diversity is a great idea and the parade could end with a large gathering at Willow Stream for a celebration. Vice President Johnson asked if there is going to be a formal ribbon cutting ceremony for the pier at Green Lake. Executive Director Risinger said that we would like to beautify the park and the Rotary has indicated they would like to add a bench in memory of Dennis Gilbert in the park. A formal ceremony may take place in the spring or at next summer's Fishing Derby.

PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

President Jacobson said he enjoyed being in Indianapolis with the staff for the NPRA Conference. Vice President Johnson thanked staff who made arrangements for the conference and kept her organized. She attended many sessions including an OSI (Off Site Institute) session where the group visited three parks where she learned ways to preserve parks and ways to display naming rights and donors in parks. She also attended a session called Competition Is Not a Dirty Word which she found she can translate to everyday business. She served on the panel of The Park Champion Summit which was a reminder that we need to know from the

federal level what funds are available and how to manage those funds. The National Park Trust has an annual event called the Buddy Bison Program which will be held on May 18, 2019 next year. This program provides environmental education to kids in under served communities. The theme next spring is Kids to the Parks Day. Vice President Johnson pointed out that our logo is the bison and encouraged us to hold a Park Champion event that day. She finished her final course with the IAPD leadership institute called Launching Effective Leaders and attended the IAPD Board of Trustees retreat where they worked on strategic planning and team building. She presented the 90th Anniversary Resolution on behalf of the Buffalo Grove Park District and IAPD was most appreciative. Finally, the Environmental Action Team held their Adopt-a-Highway and picked up trash last Saturday for the District. The next EAT event will be Saturday, October 13 at Mike Rylko Park where the team and anyone else interested in attending will be seed collecting from 9 am to noon.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business discussed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business discussed

#### BOARD WORKSHOP RECESS

President Jacobson announced a recess of the Board Workshop at 6:37 pm to celebrate Commissioner Drazner's birthday.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting reconvened at 6:45 pm and Commissioner Reiner moved to enter Executive Session, seconded by Vice President Johnson and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Drazner, Jacobson, Johnson and Reiner

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RETURN TO THE BOARD WORKSHOP

Commissioner Reiner moved to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the Board Workshop at 7:22 pm, seconded by Commissioner Drazner and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Drazner, Jacobson, Johnson and Reiner

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

#### ACTION TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Jacobson stated that no final action was taken in Executive Session.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Johnson moved to adjourn the Board Workshop at 7:23 pm, seconded by Commissioner Reiner and passed with a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary