



Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners  
Workshop Minutes  
Alcott Center, 530 Bernard Drive, Buffalo Grove, IL  
July 15, 2019  
6 pm

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

Staff Present: Executive Director Ryan Risinger, Director of Recreation and Facilities Bill Heider, Director of Business Services and Human Resources John Short, Director of Parks and Planning Tim Howe, Public Relations and Marketing Manager Mike Terson, Superintendent of Recreation Greg Ney and Executive Assistant Beth Wanland

Attorney David Bloomberg was present.

CALL TO ORDER

**Roll Call**

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Illinois Senator Terry Link, Illinois Representative Daniel Didech, former State Representative Carol Sente, Bill Harrison, Jack Schmerer, Melissa Drazner, Abigail Drazner, Renee Rosenberg, Steve Antman, Arnie Brown, Rich Rosen, Howard Hoffman, Karen Meadows, Martha Weiss, Diana Clayson, Dani Hoefle and Michael Walsh introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP AGENDA

Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve the Workshop Agenda with an amendment that called for the special recognition to be given by our state legislators during the Board Workshop instead of during the Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reiner and passed with a voice vote.

APPROVAL AND PRESENTATION OF RECOGNITION RESOLUTIONS

**Presentation of Illinois House of Representatives 101<sup>st</sup> General Assembly Resolution No. 292  
Commemorating Richard Drazner**

President Johnson called on Senator Terry Link and State Representative Daniel Didech to present the Illinois House of Representatives 101<sup>st</sup> General Assembly Resolution 292 commemorating Richard Drazner. Representative Didech said that he has known Rick for several years and he was very important to our community and we miss him a lot. He said he is honored to read the following:

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
101<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

House Resolution No. 292  
Offered by Representative Daniel Didech

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Richard "Rick" Drazner of Buffalo Grove; and

WHEREAS, Rick Drazner was an attorney and public adjuster and was known for his commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, Rick Drazner was a Buffalo Grove Park District Commissioner for over 20 years; he served as the board's president and was most recently slated to become vice president; during his tenure, the park district completed projects such as the Buffalo Grove Fitness Center, the Golf Dome, the Community Arts Center, the redevelopment of Willow Stream Park, and the Buddy Baseball Field; and

WHEREAS, Rick Drazner was a member of the local Rotary Club, the chamber of commerce, and Congregation Beth Judea; and

WHEREAS, Rick Drazner is survived by his wife, Melissa Rosenberg Drazner; his children, Abigail and Jeremy Drazner, and his mother, Yvette Drazner; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Richard "Rick" Drazner and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Rick Drazner as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

Adopted by the House of Representatives on April 12, 2019.

John W. Hollman  
Clerk of the House

Michael J. Madigan  
Speaker of the House

Senator Terry Link said that the Senate of the State of Illinois adopted the same resolution. He said he has known Rick for a long time and never knew he was a lawyer. He only knew him as a park district commissioner. He said that Rick was here for a purpose and was very proud of his family and of Buffalo Grove. His memory will be shining in all of our lives because he was a shining star. We will miss him and always remember him.

President Johnson thanked Senator Link and Representative Didech for honoring Commissioner Drazner in this most meaningful way. She said that his passing is a big loss for the Buffalo Grove Park District.

Rick's wife, Melissa, said that she misses him every day and he would have loved this resolution. He loved the Park District and she thanked the board for honoring him.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION 19-7-1 COMMENDING CAROL SENTE ON HER  
DISTINGUISHED CAREER

President Johnson said that Carol Sente is a true public servant. She put service above herself through her entire career. She did meaningful work in this district and for the state of Illinois and is honored to call her a true friend.

Vice-President Reiner said that Carol has been a dear friend for many years. He said her dad led the way as an architect designing buildings for park districts throughout Illinois. He thanked her for everything she did as a park commissioner and later as a state representative and said that she will be missed.

Commissioner Jacobson said that Carol called him when she was running for the 59<sup>th</sup> district and asked him to endorse her. It was clear that she had a vision for our park district and for the state. She is an amazing, hard-working person and he hopes they can remain friends.

Commissioner Bragg said that she had the honor of knowing Carol through her husband, Buffalo Grove Village Manager Dane Bragg. She has always admired Carol because she always took the time to listen to everyone, no matter their position. Commissioner Bragg said that Carol inspired her and she hopes that she can continue to grow as Carol did throughout her career and hopes she can inspire others in the same manner.

RESOLUTION 19-7-1  
COMMENDING CAROL SENTE FOR HER DISTINGUISHED CAREER AS  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OF ILLINOIS DISTRICT 59

**WHEREAS**, Carol Sente's parents immigrated to the United States from Eastern Europe to seek a better life and instilled the values of respecting others and judging less, and taught Carol that the highest calling in life is service to others;

**WHEREAS**, Carol Sente earned a business degree from Indiana University in 1983 and has taken master's degree coursework at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. Her professional experience includes formerly owning the architectural firm SRBL Architects in Deerfield, and more recently starting her own management/marketing firm, CS Consulting LLC;

**WHEREAS**, prior to joining the Illinois House of Representatives in 2009 representing District 59, Representative Carol Sente served as a commissioner for the Vernon Hills Park District from 2005 through 2009. In Springfield, she brought her park and recreation expertise to the general assembly and used it to help advance our causes;

**WHEREAS**, because of her park district experience, Representative Sente understood the importance of programs like OSLAD and knew that this funding assistance is critical to park districts and recreation agencies for acquisition and/or development of land for public parks and open space;

**WHEREAS**, when IAPD negotiated legislation related to movable soccer goals and concussions, Representative Sente recognized that park districts can be trusted to provide a safe environment through education and training without the need for costly unfunded mandates;

WHEREAS, during her ten years in the general assembly, Representative Sente's legislative priorities included guaranteeing that important services were available for seniors, the creation of good-paying jobs in the district, improving environmental standards, as well as enhancing services and long-term care options for seniors;

WHEREAS, Representative Carol Sente regularly attended IAPD and Buffalo Grove Park District events and we appreciate her support of park districts, forest preserves, and conservation and recreation agencies. These continued efforts earned her the 2016 IAPD Outstanding Legislator of the Year;

WHEREAS, Representative Carol Sente retired as State Representative of Illinois District 59 in January 2019 after ten tireless years of service.

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

1. That Carol Sente is commended on behalf of the Buffalo Grove Park District for ten distinguished years of service representing District 59 as Representative of the State of Illinois.
2. That this Resolution be presented to Carol Sente with thanks and best wishes as she continues writing the next chapter in the story of her life.

DATED AT BUFFALO GROVE, ILLINOIS THIS 15TH DAY OF JULY, 2019.

Former Representative Carol Sente thanked the board for the resolution and said that she thinks it is the nicest resolution she ever received. She said she had the unique opportunity to watch the Buffalo Grove Park District as a park commissioner and as a state representative. She said people know of this park district and she considers this district as a premier one. She said she watched three excellent executive directors and saw how much everyone gave of themselves. She considers these commissioners as dear friends and they were a very important part of the district she represented. They made her want to do everything she could do to help the Park District. She said that these commissioners should be very proud of what they have accomplished and said that they are very dear to her.

Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve Resolution 19-7-1 Commending Carol Sente on her distinguished career, seconded by Commissioner Bragg and passed with a voice vote.

#### FINANCE

President Johnson asked Commissioner Bragg to take the Board through the Finance agenda items:

#### **July Warrant 2019**

There were no comments or questions on the July Warrant 2019.

#### **July Refunds**

There were no comments or questions on the July refunds.

#### **June Financial Statement**

There were no comments or questions on the June Financial Statement.

### June Year to Date Statement

Director Short said that we are on pace with the budget.

### Board Travel and Conference Expense

There were no comments on the Board Travel and Conference Expense.

### PARKS

#### Ordinance 19-7-2 Sale of Personal Property – Mower

Director Howe said that we have purchased a new mower and the department would now like to sell the 2007 Exmark mower.

### RECREATION

#### Ordinance 19-7-1 Sale of Personal Property – CAC Sound Equipment

Director Heider said that this sound equipment is from the old theater. New equipment was purchased when the new auditorium was built at the Community Arts Center.

#### Bus Bid – Clubhouse

Director Heider said that it was a little disappointing that we only received one bid.

#### Uniquely Us – A Celebration of Community Review

Executive Director Risinger said that it was a great event and he thinks we will make more money on this event next year because we didn't charge the food trucks and they did very well. President Johnson thanked the planning committee and Director Howe for heading the parks department. She thanked the leadership team and said they were instrumental in the success of the event.

### PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Jacobson said that Rolling Hills Park is open and it has been well-received. He asked if the bricks at the park could be power washed. He mentioned that the board and the Drazner family have been asked to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the BG Days Buddy Baseball game at 3:30 pm on Saturday, August 31.

President Johnson thanked staff for all their hard work on summer events. She attended two Summer Concert Series in the park and Camp Family Fun Night and said it was a nice, well-attended event. She attended the Summer of '69 Pool Party at Willow Stream Pool on Saturday, July 13. She said Portillo's was there serving slices of chocolate cake and everyone loved it. She attended the IAPD Leadership Classic golf outing and Representative Didech's Donuts with Dan. She said she wanted to publicly thank him for being instrumental in carving out the funds he allocated to us through the capital bill. President Johnson also attended IAPD Program Committee meeting and the committee decided on Dave and Buster's for the closing social at conference. Hello Weekend will be the entertainment for the opening social, Jarrett Peyton will be the keynote speaker at the Saturday event, and Brenda Clark Hamilton will kick off the career development symposium.

### OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

### NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jacobson moved to adjourn the Workshop at 6:35 pm, seconded by Commissioner Bragg and passed with a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Secretary