



Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners
WORKSHOP MINUTES
Alcott Center – Room 24
August 12, 2019
6 pm

Commissioners Present: Scott Jacobson, Adriane Johnson and Larry Reiner

Commissioner Absent: Tracy Bragg

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, Superintendent of Recreation Greg Ney and Executive Assistant Beth Wanland

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

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

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Former Village of Buffalo Grove Trustee, Jeffrey Berman, was welcomed. Village Trustees Gregory Pike, Joanne Johnson, Dave Weidenfeld, and Eric Smith were in attendance. Judie Smith, Sue Weidenfeld, and Village Clerk Janet Sirabian were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP AGENDA

Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve the August 12, 2019 Workshop Agenda, seconded by Vice President Reiner and passed with a voice vote.

PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF RECOGNITION RESOLUTION

Resolution 19-8-1 Commending former Village of Buffalo Grove Trustee Jeffrey Berman on his Distinguished Service

President Johnson said she has been a resident of Buffalo Grove for 20 years and has had the pleasure of watching former Village Trustee Jeffrey Berman serve with great distinction. She said she has gotten to know him and has seen him in action over the years. President Johnson said she is very impressed by the way he takes complex issues and distills them into easily understood issues. She thanked him for his service to the entire community of Buffalo Grove.

Commissioner Bragg was unable to make it to the meeting but sent the following message: "Jeff, sorry Dane and I are unable to attend this evening. Thank you for your service to our community as a village board member and for your vested interest over the many years. I know you will continue to have valuable input and will pave the road for leaders in our community. Thank you for your support and encouragement over the years. It means a lot to be able to call you our friend. Wishing you all the best." ~Tracy and Dane Bragg

Vice President Reiner said that he and Jeff have collaborated on many projects over the years. He said the thing that comes to mind is Jeffrey Berman's ethics, commitment, and support of the Park District. Vice President Reiner said Jeff Berman has been our champion many, many times and made it clear time and time again. He said Jeff is an incredible individual and a very special man. He said Jeff and his family have taken time from their lives to share with us and we appreciate it very much.

Commissioner Jacobson echoed the sentiments of his fellow commissioners. He said that nineteen years ago he had lunch with Jeffrey Berman who encouraged him to run for the Park District board. Commissioner Jacobson took his advice and eighteen years later he is still a commissioner on the park board. That lunch developed into a nineteen year friendship. He said it has been a pleasure knowing him and calling Jeffrey Berman a friend.

**RESOLUTION 19-8-1
COMMENDING VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE TRUSTEE, JEFFREY BERMAN,**

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Berman attended the University of Illinois earning his Bachelor of Science in Accountancy, with Honors, and Certified Public Accountant certificate in 1984. He received a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree, graduating Magna Cum Laude, from the University of Illinois, College of Law in 1987;

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Berman has been a resident of the Village of Buffalo Grove since 1988. He is a practicing attorney, with a nationwide practice in complex commercial litigation;

WHEREAS, prior to being elected Village Trustee, Jeffrey Berman served on the Buffalo Grove Plan Commission from 1992 to 1999. During his tenure on the Commission, he facilitated the controlled and deliberate growth of the community of Buffalo Grove;

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Berman was first elected as Village Trustee in 1999. He served as the Chairman of the Village Zoning Ordinance Review Committee from 2000 to 2002. He was the Village Board's longstanding liaison for legal and transportation policy issues, and served as the Village President Pro Tem from 2001 until his retirement;

WHEREAS, Village of Buffalo Grove Trustee Jeffrey Berman dedicated a great deal of his distinguished career in public service ensuring that all residents of Buffalo Grove had access to quality transportation. His dedicated work included service as the Vice Chairman, Board of Directors, Citizens to Protect Quality of Life Through Better Transportation (1999 - 2004); the Village Representative to the Lake County Transportation Improvement Project (1999 - 2003); the Metropolitan Mayors' Caucus Transportation Task Force as a Representative of the Lake County Municipal League (2002 - 2004); serving on the Board of Directors, Lake County Transportation Alliance (2012 - present); as a Member of Metra Citizens Advisory Board, representing Lake County (2010 - 2013);

as well as the Chairman, of the Metra Citizens Advisory Board representing Lake County (2011 - 2013);

WHEREAS, Trustee Berman's training and professional experience enhanced his ability to analyze, define issues, find solutions and promote better decision-making which ultimately saved the Village of Buffalo Grove time and money;

WHEREAS, Trustee Jeffrey Berman served the Village of Buffalo Grove for 20 consecutive years from 1999 until his retirement in 2019 making him the longest serving trustee in Village history.

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:

- That Jeffrey Berman is commended on behalf of the Buffalo Grove Park District for his tireless and distinguished service transforming the Village of Buffalo Grove into a vibrant and sustainable community for generations to come.
- That this Resolution be presented to Jeffrey Berman with best wishes on his retirement from the Village of Buffalo Grove Board of Trustees. Carpe diem, our friend.

DATED AT BUFFALO GROVE, ILLINOIS THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2019.

Jeffrey Berman thanked the Park District Board of Commissioners and said he is deeply honored, humbled and blown away by their kind words and generous accolades. He said it is remarkable as he looks back at the nearly 30 years he has been with the Village, the Park District and the entire community. He said in 1990 he was a "nimby" (not in my backyard) resident when he had his first encounter with the Village. Ironically, on the other side of him being a nimby, was the Park District. Because of that encounter, he said that he can thank the Park District for stoking his interest in and involvement with Village government for the next 30 years. He said that it is especially touching that the Park Board would honor him this way. He joked that if he had known how nice everyone was going to be once he left Village government, he may have left a long time ago.

Vice President Reiner thanked Village Clerk, Janet Sirabian, for her many years of service to the Village. He said she has been under-recognized and a great friend of the Park District. President Johnson added that we look forward to continuing our great partnership with the Village and working together to make Buffalo Grove an even better place to live.

POLICY AND LEGISLATION

Quarter A Administrative Work Plan Update

Vice President Reiner asked Executive Director Risinger if he wanted to highlight anything on his work plan. Executive Director Risinger said that there is nothing further to highlight as this is an update which keeps everyone informed and on task for getting done what we say we are going to do.

Quarter A Departmental Goals and Objectives Update

There were no further comments on the Departmental Quarter A Goals and Objectives.

Resolution 19-8-2 Northwest Special Recreation Association 2020 Assessment

Vice President Reiner mentioned how pleased he was to read the minimum wage increase was taken into consideration in this assessment. He said that it would be prudent to continue to project the minimum wage impact in coming years.

Addendum to Intergovernmental Agreement with Kildeer Countryside Consolidated School District 96

Executive Director Risinger explained that this is an updated intergovernmental agreement which was started quite some time ago. He and Randy Warren laid the groundwork and this is a formal document of what we are already doing. District 96 is presenting it to their board this month for approval also. Executive Director Risinger said that he is currently working on an agreement with District 102 and will hopefully have one worked out with District 21 by the end of the year.

RECREATION

Resolution 19-8-3 Sale of Personal Property

Commissioner Jacobson asked Director of Recreation and Facilities Bill Heider about the property for sale. Director Heider explained the surplus equipment is the oldest exercise equipment at the Fitness Center and that the equipment was replaced when the Fitness Center was renovated. Vice President Reiner asked about Avenues to Independence's interest in the equipment and what our relationship is with them. Director Heider said that the Fitness Center General Manager Mike Schlewitz has a relationship with the 501(c)(3) organization located in Wheeling and that the Park District has donated to them in the past. It is an organization which assists people with special needs.

CORRESPONDENCE

Executive Director Risinger reviewed correspondence in the board packet which included articles in the Daily Herald featuring the Park District Board Vacancy, Commissioner Bragg attending the Illinois Association of Park District's 2019 Boot Camp in Deerfield, Buffalo Grove seniors attending a public safety breakfast at the Alcott Center, and an advertisement promoting National Night Out. Other correspondence included thank you notes from Tracey Crawford with NWSRA for showing her the space at the Fitness Center that will be opening up, a thank you note from the Park District summer intern, Michael Walsh, and a thank you from the College of Lake County for the Park District donation to their annual golf outing fundraiser. Correspondence also included a calendar of Park District events for the months of August and September.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Risinger told the board that the Special Leisure Services Foundation Gala is on Friday, November 8. The Best of the Best Awards Gala is on Friday, November 1 and both events will be held at Chevy Chase. He asked the Board to let Executive Assistant Beth Wanland know if they would like to attend. He asked which Board members will be attending the Stampede on September 1 and President Johnson and Commissioner Jacobson said they will be there. The Strategic Planning Workshop is planned for next Monday at the Community Arts Center from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. The Village of Buffalo Grove is honoring our Board, Superintendent of Recreation Chuck Burgess, and Risk Manager Dani Hoefle at their board meeting on Monday, August 19 at 7:30 pm for their collaboration with the Village of Buffalo Grove Firefighter's Muscular Dystrophy fundraiser last June. He also invited the board to attend a Grand Reopening reception at the Fitness Center on Monday, September 9 from 5 – 7:30 pm. This open house will be held in conjunction with Membership Appreciation Week. Executive Director Risinger also told the board that there will be two more resolutions for sale of personal property presented at the board workshop on August 26 with the hope of receiving approval in the regular board meeting immediately following. Vice President Reiner asked what the threshold is for surplus before we bring it before the board. Executive Director Risinger said

that the answer he got from our attorney is anything that is deemed having value. Commissioner Reiner said that he, too, has looked into this question and learned from the auditor that if the value is less than \$5,000 it does not need to be brought before the board. Executive Director Risinger said that he will have Director Short look into this for us. He told the board that he showed the space at the Fitness Center becoming available to representatives from NWSRA and the Pursuit Program and they fell in love with the ELC space there. A discussion was held about the possibility of using the ADA reimbursement fund to make up for a shortage that NWSRA may not be able to pay in rent.

PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Jacobson attended Evita and thought it was well done. He attended National Night Out and said it was a great event on a perfect evening.

President Johnson also saw Evita and thought it was off-the-charts good. Former State Representative Carol Sente also attended and called it "Broadway in Buffalo Grove." She thanked staff for a fantastic National Night Out and thought it was a very special night with the presentation of the Bill Reid Award in Commissioner Drazner's memory. She is attending the Illinois State Fair and said it would be fun for the Board to go as a group in the future. President Johnson also suggested a walking program like the Village of Gurnee is running called "Go Gurnee" may be beneficial for our community.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Jacobson moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Filling a Board Vacancy at 6:49 pm, seconded by Vice President Reiner and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Jacobson, Johnson and Reiner

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Bragg

MOTION TO ADIOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RETURN TO THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Vice President Reiner moved to adjourn Executive Session and return to the Regular Board meeting at 7:20 pm, seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Jacobson, Johnson and Reiner

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Bragg

President Johnson announced that no final action was taken in the closed session.

ADIOURNMENT

Commissioner Jacobson moved to adjourn the Workshop at 7:21 pm, seconded by Vice President Reiner and passed with a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,


Secretary

