



Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners
WORKSHOP MINUTES
Raupp Museum – 901 Dunham Ln., Buffalo Grove, IL
February 24, 2020

Commissioners Present: Tracy Bragg, Steve Cummins, Scott Jacobson and Adriane Johnson
Commissioner Reiner arrived at 6:05 pm

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

Attorney Steven 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, Cummins, Jacobson, and Johnson answered present.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Superintendent of Recreation Chuck Burgess and Museum Curator Debbie Fandrei were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP AGENDA

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

FINANCE

February 2020 Warrant

There were no comments or questions on the February 2020 Warrant.

January Financial Statement

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

January Year to Date Statement

Director Short said that we are right on pace with our budget.

February Refunds

There were no comments or questions on the February Refunds.

Board Travel/Conference Expense

There were no comments on Board/Travel Conference Expense.

POLICY AND LEGISLATION

Executive Director Ryan Risinger reminded the Board that the IAPD Legislative Conference is scheduled on Tuesday, April 28 and Wednesday, April 29 in Springfield. He said that Executive Assistant Wanland will register President Johnson, Vice President Reiner and Commissioner Jacobson for the conference. Hotel room accommodations will be made for Vice President Reiner and Commissioner Jacobson.

RECREATION

Museum Report

Museum Curator Debbie Fandrei welcomed the Board of Commissioners to the Raupp Museum. She pointed out the insect exhibit at the museum and said it is a national traveling exhibit which will be at the museum through mid-March. Debbie put together a Museum Annual Report highlighting the reach of the museum which in 2019 served 4,600 students from 25 different schools. She said the mission of the museum is to provide the broadest possible access. Last year the museum worked with the NWSRA Pursuit program and recently hosted their 5th Annual Parks and Recreation Career Expo Day. She said the museum exhibits continually change and they will be working on the continuum of the history of Buffalo Grove. In 2019 the museum offered 30 programs which served all sections of the community. The museum is actively collecting, preserving and protecting artifacts from residents who are finding things in their parents' basements. Ms. Fandrei said the success of the museum is due in large part to the hard work of its talented and dedicated staff and she is excited for the future. The next exhibit will feature everything that was collected for the 50th Anniversary of the Park District. This summer a traveling exhibit will celebrate different cloths from various cultures of the people of Buffalo Grove.

Commissioner Bragg asked how the museum markets itself. Ms. Fandrei said it is marketed through social media, the Park District brochures and schools. Vice President Reiner suggested Museum Curator Fandrei address our Village Board in a similar way she presented to the Board tonight. He said the Raupp Museum is a real gem and he would like us to publicize it. Vice President Reiner asked if parking is adequate and Ms. Fandrei said it is mostly adequate. She said when large groups visit, street parking is legal and used as needed. Vice President Reiner also asked if the infrastructure is holding up and if any capital repairs are needed. Executive Director Risinger said the repairs needed are minor. Commissioner Bragg asked what the museum is doing to address diversity and the bilingual language barriers. Ms. Fandrei said the museum adds captions to displays and lets teachers know vocabulary needed prior to their visit. She also said a public relations effort is needed to convince bilingual language teachers who have had unfavorable museum experiences to try again. She thanked the Board for making her job so easy to do.

PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Jacobson said the Winter Board/FOP/Staff party was great last Saturday night. He gave kudos to the social committee who put it together.

Commissioner Cummins also enjoyed the Winter Party very much. He enjoyed talking to staff and former board members. He attended the Cook County Legislative Breakfast and liked networking and hearing from local legislators and IAPD representatives. He said he will be interested to see how the

Park District will be affected by the TIF district the Village is looking to form. He asked about IPRA's compensation data and if our consultant is referring to it. Lastly, he enjoyed reading the staff take-away from conference in their detailed operations reports.

Vice President Reiner said that he was very impressed with documentation of the education staff learned at conference. While in Springfield he learned that all funds that were appropriated to park districts last year have been made part of the 2020/21 budget. He suggested picking the top three projects for the first round of funding and contacting our legislators. The state will have two rounds of selling bonds to fund these projects.

President Johnson said she had a conversation with IAPD Legal/Legislative Counsel Jason Anselment and IAPD President and CEO Peter Murphy about how the Buffalo Grove Park District staff writes about what they learned and what they will implement from conference. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Anselment asked for a copy of the operational reports to use in creating a tool for statewide best practices for other districts. President Johnson said we are setting a standard for excellence for the rest of the state.

President Johnson also said she attended the Cook and Lake County Legislative Breakfasts and learned that there has been an amendment to OSLAD which affects the IAPD platform. It clarifies an extension beyond the typical two year extension for completing projects. She thanked the social committee for putting on a great Winter Party last Saturday night at the Arlington Ale House. She said she is encouraging all commissioners to attend the IAPD Leadership Institute on May 14. There are two in-person sessions and three webinars she highly recommends participating in.

OLD BUSINESS

Parks and Facility Naming

Commissioner Bragg asked about revisiting the discussion of naming a park or facility after former Commissioner Richard Drazner. Executive Director Risinger handed out the naming policy from the Board Policy Manual and a list of parks and facilities available for naming. A discussion was held about the theater at the Community Arts Center, and Kendrigan Field and the Buddy Baseball program there which were dear to Commissioner Drazner. The Board would like to make a decision by the one year anniversary of his death. After discussion Executive Director Risinger said that he will research the questions from the Board and the discussion will be continued at the March Board Workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bragg moved to adjourn the Workshop at 6:57 pm, seconded by Commissioner Cummins and passed with a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary