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**Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
March 22, 2021**

Due to COVID-19 and the Governor's mitigation limiting public gatherings, the President of the Board of Commissioners declared it is not practical or prudent to meet in-person and stated the Board Meeting is to be held virtually online.

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

Staff Present: Executive Director Ryan Risinger, Director of Parks and Planning Tim Howe, Director of Recreation and Facilities Erika Strojinc, Superintendent of Recreation Chuck Burgess, Superintendent Development Mike Maloney, Superintendent of Communications and Marketing Mike Terson, Recreation Manager Diana Clayson, Recreation Supervisors Jessi Hersman and Amanda Busch, and Executive Assistant Beth Wanland

Attorney David Bloomberg was present

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Roll Call**

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

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

There were no guests in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP AGENDA**

Commissioner Cummins moved to approve the Workshop Agenda, seconded by Vice President Jacobson and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Cummins, Jacobson and Reiner  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

**FINANCE**

**March 2021 Warrant**

There were no comments or questions on the March 2021 warrant.

**February Financial Statement**

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

**February 2021 Year to Date Statement**

There were no comments or questions on the February Year to Date Statement.

**March Refunds**

Executive Director Risinger said he double-checked with Director Short before he left on vacation and he said there is nothing out of the ordinary with finances this month.

**PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Commissioner Cummins apologized for not being able to attend the Cook County Legislative Breakfast and said he hopes it was as informative as the Lake County breakfast he was able to attend. He said he is looking forward to participating in two webinars this week. He added that he was out for a long walk yesterday and noticed the parks look great.

Vice President Jacobson said that early voting for the April 6 Consolidated Election started today.

President Reiner said that he escorted guests to various parks and facilities within the Park District yesterday and said his guests were amazed at the beauty of our amenities.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Executive Director Risinger said that several cricket clubs have contacted us wanting to rent our field in Green Lake Park. He said when we built the field we knew it was smaller and was intended to be used for youth and recreational play only. Staff has learned that cricket clubs dominate fields for an entire day. He said we have told these clubs we will not rent the fields to them and will have our park services patrol the field to make certain this is enforced. He shared a map showing the size of our cricket field compared to the Women's National and Men's National cricket field boundaries. Our field is significantly smaller - the Women's boundaries are close to the walking path and the Men's National boundaries cross the walking path. Allowing teams to play with these boundaries would present danger to our community from a safety standpoint. Vice President Jacobson asked if the field boundaries are marked and it was determined they are not. He suggested putting up signs saying that the field is for recreational use only. Commissioner Cummins said that if a Women's National or youth cricket event want to rent the field and adhere to the national boundaries, he thought they should be given consideration. His feeling was to not create a blanket denial of use. President Reiner said that the park is used by many people and has many amenities. He worries that the design of the field, the parking lot, and usage of the park and trails is not suitable for this type of play. Executive Director Risinger assured the Board that staff will continue to research this subject.

**ADIJOURNMENT**

Vice President Jacobson moved to adjourn the Workshop at 6:20 pm, seconded by Commissioner Cummins and passed with a roll call vote.

- AYES: Cummins, Jacobson and Reiner
- NAYS: 0
- ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,




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Secretary