



Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners
WORKSHOP MINUTES
Alcott Center - Rooms 10/11
August 23, 2021
6 pm

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

Staff Present: Executive Director Ryan Risinger, Director of Recreation and Facilities Erika Strojinc, Director of Business Services and Human Resources John Short, Director of Parks and Planning Tim Howe, Superintendent of Communications and Marketing Mike Terson, Risk Manager Dani Hoefle and Executive Assistant Beth Wanland

Attorney David Bloomberg was present

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

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

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP AGENDA

Commissioner Reiner moved to approve the August 23, 2021 Workshop Agenda, seconded by Vice President Bragg and passed with a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Buffalo Grove residents Rani Sharma, Eli Sommerfeld, Jennifer Murillo and Oleg Moldavsky were in attendance.

FINANCE

August Warrant 2021

Director Short said that payroll expense was higher than usual on the August 2021 Warrant but that is good news because it means more programs are running.

July Financial Statement

There were no comments on the July financial statement.

July Year to Date Statement

Director Short said things are much improved from last year. He said camps did well in July and the Fitness Center had a good month, too.

President Jacobson asked about Funds on Hand. Director Short said funds will drop in August and bump back up in September. He said overall we are trending in the right direction.

August Refunds

There were no comments on August Refunds.

Resolution 21-8-2 OSLAD Grant Program Authorization

Executive Director Risinger said that Resolution 21-8-2 is part of the OSLAD application process. He explained we are applying for a grant to build a park in the Links Crossing neighborhood development. The grant deadline for submittal is September 1. A Public Input meeting was held at the site last Wednesday and 20-30 residents attended. The conceptual design plan for the park was presented. Staff met with the landscape designers on Friday and decided to remove one pickleball court and replace it with a tennis court. The cost of the project will be \$1.1 million. We will apply for the OSLAD Grant and if we are successful we would like to start construction next summer and finish the project the following spring/summer. Commissioner Reiner explained to the meeting attendees that once you submit a plan for a grant you can't change it. Resident Oleg Moldavsky said that he missed the Public Input Meeting but came to ask about a tennis court. Eli Sommerfeld, age 12, suggested adding a second pickleball court. Rani Sharma said that people in the neighborhood like the 20-year old playground and questioned the need to completely build a new park. Commissioner Reiner said that OSLAD will not let us repair things and will only let us build new things. Director Howe added that we recycle our playgrounds to third world countries when we build a new one. Jennifer Murillo thanked Executive Director Risinger and Director Howe for being so responsive to resident's remarks. She is especially appreciative of the open green space in the park plan and said that it really is a community park. President Jacobson thanked the guests for coming and expressing their opinions. He said our goal is to listen to our residents and provide them what we are able to give.

RECREATION

Program Participation Statistics

Director Strojinc said that we brought the Program Participation Statistics back after not presenting last year. She hopes we trend to 2019 program numbers by next year. She said we are meeting our projections and hope to exceed them. She added that even with the new mask mandate we are still hopeful. Commissioner Cummins said he would love to see summer 2021 numbers before a year from now.

PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Cummins said he attended TIPS training and would like to sign up to serve at BG Days.

Vice President Bragg reported on FOP events which included the BG Adventure Challenge last weekend, the Disc Golf Tournament on September 4, Flights in the Park on September 25, Dining through the Decades on January 8, 2022 and Trivia Night on April 2, 2022.

President Jacobson asked about the BG Adventure Challenge. Executive Director Risinger said that it was a great event with over 60 participants. He said he hopes this event grows by word of mouth and it may eventually become a Park District event which will replace the Stampede.

Commissioner Johnson said she plans to attend the Green Fair on September 19 at Rylko Park. She thanked staff for managing the Delta variant and commended marketing and sponsorship on raising \$23,000 for BG Days in a limited amount of time. She said she attended the State Fair for Park District Conservation Day. The Park District team came in 3rd place in the Parks Decathlon. She thanked Museum Curator, Debbie Fandrei, for hosting members of the Lake County Farm Bureau at the Museum.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Bragg moved to adjourn the Workshop at 6:48 pm, seconded by Commissioner Reiner and passed with a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Secretary