



Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners
WORKSHOP MINUTES
April 24, 2024
Alcott Center – Room 24

Commissioners Present: Steve Cummins, Scott Jacobson, Kim Page, Larry Reiner and Hetal Wallace.

Staff Present: Executive Director Erika Strojinc, Director of Business Services and Human Resources John Short, Director of Recreation and Facilities Joe Zimmermann, Director of Parks and Planning Tim Howe, Superintendent of Communications and Marketing Mike Terson, and Executive Assistant Beth Wanland.

Attorney David Bloomberg was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

President Jacobson called the Workshop to order at 6:02 pm. The roll was called and Commissioners Cummins, Jacobson, Page, Reiner and Wallace answered present.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There were no guests in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP AGENDA

Vice President Cummins moved to approve the Workshop Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Page and the motion passed with a voice vote.

FINANCE

April Warrant 2024

There were no comments or questions on the April 2024 Warrant.

March Financial Statement

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

March Year to Date Statement

Director Short said some of the budgeted expenses will carry over to next year.

April Refunds

There were no comments on April Refunds.

PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

President Jacobson said he went to see *The Music Man, Kids* and it was very cute. He said Commissioner Wallace's son was the production assistant. He said it is great to see all commissioners engaging with the Park District by attending events.

Commissioner Wallace said she also attended *The Music Man, Kids* and there was a lot of positive feedback about the show. She said it looks like Parkchester Park is well underway with construction.

Vice President Cummins saw *The Music Man, Kids* and enjoyed the production very much. He also attended Earth Day last Sunday and said it was nice to see the 4C STEM Club actively engaged at the event. He said he is excited to see the transformation of Parkchester Park.

Commissioner Page also attended *The Music Man, Kids*. She said her kids knew some of the actors on stage and they found it inspiring.

Commissioner Reiner said he attended the Happy Hour Golf FOP event at the Golf Dome Friday night. He said there were five past and present commissioners there, including Senator Adriane Johnson. He said staff was excellent and the event ran very smoothly. He said he is attending Representative Canty's fundraising event tomorrow night. He said the Springfield legislature is at the height of their negotiations right now and he is hearing positive comments regarding OSAD. He said he would like to discuss how the board feels about purchasing art in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget and Capital Discussion

There were no further comments on the Budget and Capital discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Emmerich (South) Playground Removal

Executive Director Strojinc said a letter will be going out to residents living around the park notifying them that the playground will be removed. Vice President Cummins said he appreciated reading the data that said the Emmerich South Park is the least used park in the District. Commissioner Reiner said he wants residents assured the Park District will continue to maintain the area.

Dan's Prairie Naming

Executive Director Strojinc said there is an area of Willow Stream that former parks foreman, Dan Anderson, passionately developed into a prairie. She said staff would like to officially name the area Dan's Prairie in his memory and will officially bring it to the board for approval.

Rotary BG Days 2024 Partnership


Executive Director Strojinc said that now that the Village and Park District are 50-50 partners for BG Days, they agreed that details for Rotary's involvement in BG Days should be formalized. Rotary will continue to run the Bingo fundraiser and in return they agreed to volunteer throughout the BG Days

event. President Jacobson asked about the Chamber's involvement and Executive Director Strojinc said they are waiting to hear back on their involvement. Vice President Cummins suggested there may be other groups that would like to get involved in BG Days.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Page moved to adjourn the Workshop at 6:26 pm, seconded by Commissioner Wallace and the motion passed with a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Secretary