

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
AUGUST 21, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING

Board Members Present:

President Susan Aberman
Vice President Michael Reid
Commissioner Khemarey Khoeun
Commissioner Maureen Yanes

Staff Present:

Executive Director/Secretary John V. Ohrlund
Superintendent of Business Services William G. Schmidt
Superintendent of Recreation and Facilities Michelle Tuft
Superintendent of Parks Mike Rea
Assistant Superintendent Jon Marquardt
Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Perez
Emily Oaks Nature Center Manager Lee Hansen
Figure Skating Director Christine Hathaway
Skatium Facility Manager Kurt von Helms

Absent:

Commissioner Michael W. Alter

CALL TO ORDER

President Aberman called the regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

President Aberman presented Resolution #18-002, a community service award to Beverly Hansen, mother of Emily Oaks Nature Center Manager Lee Hansen. Mrs. Hansen contributed over 3500 volunteer hours since 1988. President Aberman complimented and thanked Mrs. Hansen for her dedication to the Skokie Park District. Mrs. Hansen said it was an honor and pleasure to see Emily Oaks Nature Center evolve and to be a part of it.

Eric Muceus, one of the Emily Oaks Nature Center volunteers expressed his appreciation for Mrs. Hansen's service. Lee Hansen spoke about the many times her mother helped her over the last 30 years at Emily Oaks Nature Center.

A copy of Resolution #18-002 passed unanimously by the Board is attached.

RESOLUTION #18-002

WHEREAS, Beverly Hansen has been an annual volunteer at Emily Oaks Nature center for over 30 plus years; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Hansen has worked on the following activities since their inception; Wildflower Garden Work Group, Outdoor Workday Group, Kawaga Garden Work Group, and special events: Winter Chili Fest, Earth Day, Pancake Breakfast, and Things That Go Bump in the Night; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Hansen has volunteered over 100 hours per year for over 30 years, her total contribution to Emily Oaks Nature Center since 1988 easily exceeds 3500 hours; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Hansen, in addition to the many scheduled work groups and special events provided support in a variety of other ways. She has sewn costumes and created props for numerous programs and special events. Bev has taught a canning class, provided shuttle services for canoeing trips, repaired tents and attached labels on hundreds of mailings; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Hansen is the interior designer for EM's lab which is an integral part of the Earthkeepers school program for 4th and 5th graders. Bev has created and/or provided hundreds of items and knick-knacks in the lab that decorate the shelves and tables; including numerous rocks, bones, leaves, lanterns, nests, walking sticks, and candles. Every fall, she has spent up to 16 hours setting up and maintaining the lab only to pack it all away when the season is done; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Hansen is a big part of what makes Emily Oaks Nature center a special place. She has always been self-effacing and yet eager to help in any way possible. Bev has always been a truly positive giving spirit that makes work fun for others,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT:

Section 1. That each member of the Board of Commissioners, its officers, and staff of the Skokie Park District hereby extend to Beverly Hansen their genuine and sincere appreciation for her 30 years of volunteerism, hard work and dedication.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be presented to Beverly Hansen.

Section 3. That a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the official records of the Skokie Park District.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Passed the 21stth day of August, 2018, at Skokie, Illinois.

Susan Aberman, President

Michael Reid, Vice President

Michael Alter, Commissioner

Khemarey Khoeun, Commissioner

Maureen Yanes, Commissioner



Figure Skating Director Christine Hathaway was introduced to the Park Board. Ms. Hathaway spoke about her 20+ years of experience as a coach and assistant skating director at various skating arenas. Ms. Hathaway is very excited to be a part of the Skokie Park District staff.

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice President Reid moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Khoeun seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Alter was absent. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda consisted of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 17, 2018, Minutes of the Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting of August 2, 2018; bills payable for the month of July/August 2018; Treasurer's Report; and Staff Reports.

AUTHORIZATION FOR BUSINESS RELATED TRAVEL FOR PARK BOARD COMMISSIONERS

Superintendent Schmidt requested approval of travel including appropriate expenses for President Aberman, Vice President Reid and Commissioners Yanes and Khoeun to the NRPA Conference in Indianapolis, IN in September 2018.

Vice President Reid moved to approve business related travel for Commissioners Reid, Aberman, Yanes and Khoeun to the NRPA annual conference in Indianapolis, IN September 23-27, 2018. Commissioner Khoeun seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Alter was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR COLOR COATING AND REPAIRS FOR BASKETBALL AND TENNIS COURTS

Superintendent Rea said five bid packages were sent out and one bid was received from 10-S Court Solutions for the color coating and repairs for basketball and tennis courts. Ten basketball and two tennis courts are included in the bid. The District has worked with 10-S Court Solutions on previous projects and has been very satisfied with their work.

Commissioner Yanes move to approve the Basketball and Tennis Court Crack Repairs and Color Coating bid to 10-S Court Solutions for \$55,200. Commissioner Khoeun seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Alter was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL FOR REPLACEMENT OF GUTTER STONES AT SKOKIE WATER PLAYGROUND

Superintendent Tuft requested approval for replacement gutter stones at Skokie Water Playground. Ms. Tuft said the stones in the bucket pool need to be replaced. The Rimflow system is the least expensive option of others considered and the recommended vendor is a sole source provider. The cost of the project is \$59,850. The project is budgeted in the 2018-2019 Capital Improvement budget for \$70,000.

Commissioner Yanes moved to approve Rimflow, Inc. to supply and install Rimflow gutter stones around the perimeter of the Skokie Water Playground bucket pool in the amount of \$59,850. Vice President Reid seconded the motion. On a roll vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Alter was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL FOR REPLACEMENT OF GUTTER STONES AT DEVONSHIRE AQUATIC CENTER

Superintendent Tuft requested approval for replacement gutter stones at Devonshire Aquatics Center. The gutter stones on the main pool at Devonshire Aquatics Center need to be replaced Rimflow is the sole source provider for the stones. The cost of the project is \$69,750. The project is budgeted in the 2018-2019 Capital Improvement budget for \$60,000.

Commissioner Khoeun moved to approve Rimflow, Inc. to supply and install Rimflow gutter stones around the perimeter of the main pool at the Devonshire Aquatic Center in the amount of \$69,750. Commissioner Yanes seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HITCHCOCK DESIGN GROUP FOR LARAMIE PARK RENOVATION AND OSLAD GRANT APPLICATION

Superintendent Rea requested approval of the professional services agreement with Hitchcock Design Group for the Laramie Park OSLAD Grant Application. Mr. Rea explained that a public hearing will be held to gather input from residents on park renovations and play equipment. The deadline for the grant is September 10 and staff and consultants are working on completing the application process. The cost for the Hitchcock Design Group professional fees is \$17,200.

Vice President Reid moved to approve the agreement with Hitchcock Design Group for professional services for the Laramie Park OSLAD Grant application for \$17,200. Commissioner Khoeun seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Alter was absent. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The date of the September regular meeting was discussed. The regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners will be held on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice President Reid said he received some comments that customer service at the front desks could be more welcoming. Commissioner Khoeun agreed. Commissioner Khoeun suggested management consider customer service, diversity and engaging the community as regular staff training topics.

Commissioner Yanes asked about the fitness equipment that was approved earlier in the year. Superintendent Tuft said she will follow up with staff. Ms. Tuft said a ballet bar is being installed in the stretching area. Commissioner Yanes asked about a stretching rack.

Commissioner Yanes mentioned a design issue with the new fitness center. Staff will be meeting with Williams Architects to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Reid moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Commissioner Khoeun seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Alter was absent. Motion carried. The regular meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Susan Aberman
President

John V. Ohrlund
Secretary