

**MINUTES OF THE  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING ON SKATIUM RENOVATIONS**

**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT  
December 17, 2019  
6:00 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE AT MEETING**

Board Members Present: President Mike Reid  
Vice-President Khemarey Khoeun  
Commissioner Minal Desai

Others Present: Executive Director/Secretary John V. Ohrlund  
Superintendent of Recreation and Facilities Michelle Tuft  
Superintendent of Business Services Bill Schmidt  
Superintendent of Parks Corrie Guynn  
Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Jon Marquardt  
Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Perez  
Skatium Facility Manager Kurt VonHelms  
Skatium Supervisor Brandi Luecke  
Figure Skating Director Christine Hathaway  
Hockey Supervisor Steve Glickman  
Customer Service Supervisor, Iris Levin  
Operations Supervisor Jeff Hacker  
Risk Management and Special Facility Mgr. Scott Runke  
Crystal Johnson, Skokie Resident  
Ceannaich Ryan, Chicago Resident  
Ramon DeLa Pena, Skokie Resident

Absent: Commissioner Aberman  
Commissioner Alter

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Reid called the Workshop of the Board of Park Commissioners to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Superintendent Tuft introduced herself to the residents in attendance. Ms. Tuft explained that the PARC Grant can fund up to \$2.5 million of the Skatium project. Ms. Tuft said as part of the PARC Grant process a public hearing and community support are needed. Ms. Tuft turned the meeting over to Superintendent Guynn to present the Skatium Renovations and PARC Grant PowerPoint.

**PROJECT GOALS, REVIEW AND SCHEDULE**

Superintendent Guynn explained the history of the Skatium since it opened in October 1973 until present day. He discussed previous renovations to the facility and the proposed 2021 Skatium Renovations. The scope of the 2021 project includes removing and replacing 85 by

200 feet refrigerated concrete flooring, new ammonia-based ice rink refrigeration plant, two new humidifier systems, three new air handlers for both rinks, new boilers and hot water heating piping, new control panels and system to use to reclaimed heat to melt Zamboni snow. There are two alternates: New dasher boards and LED rink lighting. The construction timeline would be spring 2021 to completion in fall of 2021

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Ms. Crystal Johnson asked how many PARC Grants were available. Mr. Guynn responded the PARC Grant has \$25 million dollars available with a maximum grant of \$2.5 million per grant application.

Steve Glickman asked if the Skatium Renovation project was totally dependent on receiving the PARC Grant. Ms. Tuft responded the project will proceed as planned, the grant money would significantly reduce the cost to the District. Executive Director Ohrlund noted that the District needs to formally commit to the project when applying for the grant.

Ms. Tuft asked attendees to circulate a letter of support to be returned to Mr. Guynn by January 10<sup>th</sup> to be included with the PARC Grant application. Attendees expressed their support for the project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Reid thanked everyone for attending and providing input, and adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

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Mike Reid  
President

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Michelle Tuft  
Secretary