

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
JULY 17, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING

Board Members Present:

President Susan Aberman
Vice President Michael Reid
Commissioner Michael W. Alter
Commissioner Khemarey Khoeun
Commissioner Maureen Yanes

Others 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

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

There were no citizen comments.

SKOKIE TENNIS ASSOCIATION TENNIS SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Howard Tennes of the Skokie Tennis Association presented a check in the amount of \$500 to the Skokie Youth Foundation to be used for needy families with children that would like to participate in the programs and activities of the District. The Board thanked Mr. Tennes for the donation.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Alter moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Yanes seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda consisted of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2018; Minutes of the Community Engagement and Outreach Advisory Committee Meeting of June 12, 2018; bills payable for the month of June/July 2018; Treasurer's Report; and Staff Reports.

APPROVAL OF THE NAMING OF CALEB FIELD AT LARAMIE PARK

Executive Director Ohrlund recapped the request from Mr. Ezra Jaffe at the February Board Meeting to honor Caleb Maeir at Laramie Park. The Board is prepared to approve naming the west ballfield at Laramie Park as Caleb Field. As part of the naming of the field, the support group led by Mr. Jaffe agreed to pay half of the cost to install an electronic scoreboard and the entire cost of a brass plaque. Executive Director Ohrlund read an email the Board received from Mr. Rosenblum who was Caleb's bar mitzvah teacher.

Vice President Reid moved to approve the naming of the west ball field at Laramie Park to Caleb Field, in honor of Caleb Maeir. Commissioner Khoeun seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Jaffe thanked the Board and said a tentative date is set for the naming ceremony at the field on August 13th at 6 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Executive Director Ohrlund said an application for the Community Engagement and Outreach Advisory Committee was received from Rebecca Abraham. Ms. Abraham has attended previous committee meetings and has shown interest in the activities of the committee.

Commissioner Yanes moved to appoint Rebecca Abraham to the Community Engagement and Outreach Advisory Committee. Vice President Reid seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT ICE RESURFACE MACHINE

Superintendent Tuft requested authorization to purchase a replacement ice resurface machine for the Skatium operations. The equipment is budgeted for \$140,000 in the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund.

The current Zamboni was purchased in 1998 and has almost 6,000 hours of usage. The price of the new Zamboni Model 552AC Electric is \$135,381.20 including freight and delivery through the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance.

Superintendent Tuft said the old Zamboni will be traded in and the funds will be returned to the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund.

Commissioner Khoeun moved to authorize staff to purchase on Ice Resurface Machine 552AC Electric, from Zamboni, Inc. through the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance for \$135,381.20. Commissioner Alter seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WEBER ROOFING CHANGE ORDER 1 AND CHANGE ORDER 2

Superintendent Rea requested approval of change order 1 for the replacement of the expansion joint cover between roofs 1 and 2 of the Weber/Skatium roofing project. The cost of Change Order 1 is \$2,454.10. Change Order 2 is for additional tapered insulation needed to raise a section of the new roofing membrane. The cost of Change Order 2 is \$3,793.81.

President Aberman asked about the total cost of the project. Superintendent Rea responded the project is budgeted at \$1,474,000. Superintendent Rea said the change orders will be paid from the \$30,000 contingency.

Commissioner Yanes moved to approve the Weber Leisure Center change order 1 for \$2,454.10 and change order 2 for \$3,793.81. Commissioner Alter seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Diversity Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at the Oakton Community Center. The regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Weber Leisure Center. Commissioner Khoeun said the next Community Engagement and Outreach Committee meeting date will be coordinated with the committee. President Aberman suggested rescheduling the date of the September Board Meeting. Executive Director Ohrlund asked the Board to consider dates for the dedication of the new Schack Park Playground. The date of Monday, July 23rd at 11:00 a.m. was selected.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Alter discussed rumors concerning Skatium operations changes and President Aberman said the rumors were not true. President Aberman suggested that parents be directed with any questions or concerns to the Skatium Facility Manager.

Vice President Reid congratulated Superintendent Rea on the success of the Fourth of July parade. Commissioner Khoeun said she received positive comments on the parade performances. Vice President Reid noted that the fireworks started early due to threatening weather and they were great.

Commissioner Yanes asked about installing a ballet bar at Fitness First.

President Aberman said she attended the Sunday Sundown Concert "Rico" with Vice President Reid and Executive Director Ohrlund last Sunday and the music of Santana was excellent. Executive Director Ohrlund said Vice President Reid will be the Master of Ceremony at few of the Sunday Sundown Concerts and President Aberman volunteered to be the Master of Ceremony at the reminder of the concerts.

Executive Director Ohrlund reminded the Board to complete their SuperFan applications for Backlot Bash.

Executive Director Ohrlund said the Emily Oaks Nature Center direction sign has been installed on Howard Street.

Executive Director Ohrlund said the deadline for the SEED program training with Skokie Cares is August 1st.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Alter moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 4 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act for purposes of approval by the public body; and pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing the testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body to determine its validity. Commissioner Khoeun seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular session meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m. Commissioner Alter moved to approve the content of the Executive Session minutes of April 19, 2018. Commissioner Yanes seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Susan Aberman
President

John V. Ohrlund
Secretary