

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE AT MEETING**

Board Members Present:

President Michael Reid  
Vice President Khemarey Khoeun  
Commissioner Susan Aberman  
Commissioner Michael W. Alter  
Commissioner Minal Desai

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 Corrie Guynn  
Assistant Superintendent Jon Marquardt  
Director of Information Technology David Hunt  
Skatium Facility Manager Kurt vonHelms  
Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Perez

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Reid 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING – BOND ISSUE NOTIFICATION ACT**

President Reid called the public hearing to order at 7:01 p.m. and asked for any comments regarding the General Obligation Alternate Bonds, Series 2019B. Hearing no comments President Reid closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

Mr. Alfredo Velasco addressed the Board regarding the tennis courts at Schack Park. He plays tennis there regularly and commented on the condition of the tennis courts including poor drainage, weeds, debris and mud particularly after rainfall. Superintendent Guynn agreed that there is a drainage issue, but not a quick fix. Executive Director Ohrlund said staff will check into a temporary solution.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL**

Commissioner Alter moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Aberman 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 August 20, 2019; bills payable for the month of August/September 2019; Treasurer's Report; and Staff Reports.

**APPROVAL OF BID FOR SYNTHETIC TURF REPLACEMENT AT SKOKIE SPORTS PARK**

Superintendent Guynn requested approval of the bid for synthetic turf replacement at Skokie Sports Park. One bid was received for the project. The bidder was the contractor that

originally installed the synthetic turf. The three synthetic turf greens on the driving range are 18 to 19 years old and are threadbare. The turf greens will be slightly expanded to provide a larger target area.

Commissioner Desai moved to approve the bid of Turf Systems Incorporated for \$156,476.40 for the Synthetic Turf Removal and Replacement at Sports Park. Vice President Khoeun seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF BACKSTOP AND FENCING BID**

Superintendent Guynn requested approval of the backstop and fencing bid work at Lorel, Terminal and McNally Parks. Four bids were received. The low bidder is Peerless Fence for \$91,419. The project is budgeted at \$68,500. Commissioner Aberman asked where the additional funding would come from and Mr. Guynn said there is money in the capital fund to cover the additional cost.

Vice President Khoeun moved to approve the bid of Peerless Fence for \$91,419 for the backstop removal and replacement project. Commissioner Alter seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF EXPLORITORIUM EXHIBIT**

Assistant Superintendent Marquardt requested approval for the purchase and installation of a new Exporitorium exhibit. Mr. Marquardt said every few years a new exhibit is researched for an addition to the Exploritorium. Mr. Marquardt presented a short video of the new exhibit. Commissioner Desai said the new exhibit promotes science knowledge. Commissioner Aberman asked about the water conveyor belt location. Mr. Marquardt responded the water wall display will be removed and the conveyor belt for the new exhibit will be placed there.

Commissioner Desai moved to authorize the purchase and installation of an interactive water exhibit and its additional features from Boss Display for a total of \$49,500. Vice President Khoeun seconded the motion. On a roll call vote all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL TO PURCHASE HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE TO UPGRADE/ENHANCE THE DISTRICT'S COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS**

Treasurer Schmidt requested approval to purchase hardware and software to upgrade and enhance the District's communications systems. David Hunt, Director of Information Technology, said the phone system has not been upgraded since 2012 and Cisco will no longer support the old system. Sentinel Technologies has been the District's provider for over 15 years and are very competitive in their pricing. The phone system includes E911. The project is budgeted at \$75,000. Replacement phones will be included in a future budget.

Commissioner Aberman moved to approve the upgrade / enhancement of the District's phone system for a total cost of \$71,321 through Sentinel Technologies, Inc. Commissioner Alter seconded the motion. On a roll call vote all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF SKATIUM BUILDING AUTOMATION SYSTEM**

Superintendent Guynn requested approval of the the Skatium building automation system as the current system is obsolete and must be manually operated. The scope of this project includes replacing controllers, sensors, and wiring in the Skatium offices and all locker rooms. The cost of the project is \$48,865.

Commissioner Aberman moved to approve the proposal from Precision Control System of Chicago for \$48,865 for the Building Automation System Upgrade at the Skatium. Commissioner Alter seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Vice President Khoeun asked for an update on the S.P.A.C.E. program waitlists. Mr. Marquardt said he believes the waitlists have been cleared except for a few that may have registered late. More staff was hired and Middleton School has offered more rooms for the additional participants.

Commissioner Aberman received an email requesting an after school program for middle school children attending Old Orchard Junior High School. Superintendent Tuft said staff is discussing and researching the feasibility of such a program.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Desai asked about the fee policy for Morton Grove residents. Superintendent Tuft said there is a policy in regard to S.P.A.C.E. programs and summer camp for Morton Grove residents in School District 68. These receive resident rates, but cannot register until non-resident registration begins.

Vice President Khoeun asked if members of the Diversity and Community Engagement Committees were informed of the status of the Board hiatus for the committees.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The Comprehensive Plan staff meetings will be held on September 19, 2019 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Weber Leisure Center.

The Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder meetings will be held on September 19, 2019 at 2:15 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. at the Weber Leisure Center. There are approximately 34 people attending the stakeholder meetings.

The Comprehensive Plan Community meeting is September 19, 2019 at the Oakton Community Center at 6:30 p.m. Superintendent Tuft will be emailing the non-confirmed stakeholder invitees with an invitation to attend the community meeting.

The regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Aberman asked if there could be improved communications for call-in attendance at a Board meeting. She found it difficult to hear. Mr. Hunt said the Cisco improvements should help and he will check into quality improvements.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Aberman and Vice President Khoeun attended the "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" performances at the Skokie Heritage Museum. Each complimented the performances.

Commissioner Aberman and President Reid attended the Flea Market on Sunday at Oakton Park.

President Reid said the Festival of Colors was well attended with 200 – 300 in attendance. It was very popular and there were many positive posts on Facebook. Vice President Khoehn said it was very successful. Commissioner Desai would like to do this again next year. Commissioner Desai said the high school volunteers enjoyed the experience and asked if they could volunteer at future events.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Alter moved to enter into executive session to discuss minutes of executive session meetings for the purpose of approval of the minutes and to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Commissioner Aberman seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

**ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:34 p.m. Commissioner Alter moved to approve the content of the Executive Session Minutes of August 20, 2019. Commissioner Aberman seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Desai moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Commissioner Alter seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried. The regular meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Mike Reid  
President

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John V. Ohrlund  
Secretary