



**MINUTES OF THE OF THE  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
Weber Leisure Center  
9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie, IL  
June 29, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE AT MEETING**

Board Members Present: President Mike Reid  
Vice President Minal Desai  
Commissioner Ezra Jaffe  
Commissioner Mary Oshana

Absent: Commissioner Susan Aberman

Others Present: Executive Director/Secretary Michelle J. Tuft  
Superintendent of Business Services William G. Schmidt  
Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Perez

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Reid called the public hearing of the Board of Park Commissioners to order at 5:00 p.m.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ms. Lauren Grodnicki addressed the board regarding the Devonshire Aquatics Center. She asked if the board could consider adding another pool to expand capacity. She said the pool is frequently crowded and is not safe. She urged the board to find places to expand pool capacity and to hire more lifeguards. She said when swimming at Devonshire Aquatics Center pool she encountered hair and the grate at the south end of the pool is covered with hair.

Ms. Tuft will have staff look into the cleanliness issue at Devonshire pool. She said the pools have a set capacity. Ms. Tuft said the Devonshire Aquatic Center is usually more crowded until the Skokie Water Playground pool opens, which is generally a week or so later. Both pools can't open at the same time because many lifeguards are in high school and are still in school. The lifeguards are fully trained and are assigned zones which cover the entire pool to keep it safe.

Ms. Tuft told Ms. Grodnicki that if she wanted to speak with her to call or email her and then provided the email address. Commissioner Oshana said Ms. Grodnicki had her contact information and would be happy to share any information.

**ADOPTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL ORDINANCE #23-006 PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF APPROXIMATELY \$2,500,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2023A OF THE SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT**

Treasurer Schmidt said there was a negotiated bond sale with Northland Securities, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Northland was the low bidder on the bond issue a month ago. The true interest rate is 3.9261% which will cost about \$270,000 in interest over the next thirteen years. The previous bond interest rate was 3.68%.

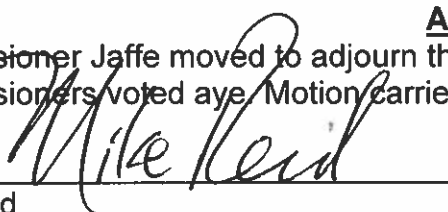
Commissioner Jaffe asked why we did not do a full re-bid. Mr. Schmidt said it would take longer and he wasn't sure we would get any bids. Ms. Tuft explained the process if the board was to start over. There would be a public hearing and approval at another board meeting, but if the board wanted to do this, it can be done. It is unfortunate that the bond rate increased.

Commissioner Jaffe said as fiduciaries he feels the district should have re-bid and not negotiated the bid. He would have preferred a true bid. There was discussion and President Reid asked for everyone's opinion and with no further comments or questions President Reid asked for a motion.

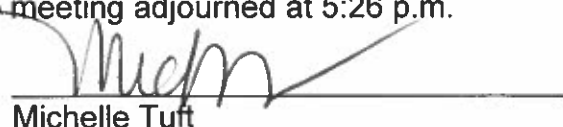
Commissioner Oshana moved to approve Supplemental Ordinance #23-006 authorizing the issuance of \$2,746,599.40 of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2023A of the Skokie Park District. Vice President Desai seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, Commissioner Oshana, Vice President Desai, and President Reid voted aye. Commissioner Jaffe opposed. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Jaffe moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Desai seconded on. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.



Mike Reid  
President



Michelle Tuft  
Secretary

July 18, 2023

**Vision Statement**

The Skokie Park District envisions a community where all of its residents enjoy a high quality of life through leisure time pursuits, beautiful open spaces, and first-rate facilities.

**Mission Statement**

The Skokie Park District will realize its vision through teamwork, community partnerships, sound fiscal management, and creativity in every area of its operation.

**Core Values**

The Skokie Park District will fulfill its mission through:

- Commitment• Integrity• Innovation• Service •Openness •Environmental Stewardship •Inclusiveness