

# MINUTES OF THE OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING ON SKOKIE PARKS EAST DEVELOPMENT Weber Leisure Center 9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie, IL August 27, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.

# ATTENDANCE AT MEETING

Board Members Present: Commissioner Susan Aberman

Commissioner Ezra Jaffe

Others Present: Executive Director/Secretary Michelle J. Tuft

Superintendent of Business Services William G. Schmidt Superintendent of Parks, Planning & Facilities Corrie Guynn

IT System and Support Manager Amanda Catania

Patty King, Wight and Company Gage Berger, Wight and Company Violet Overstreet, Wight and Company

# CALL TO ORDER

President Aberman called the public hearing of the Board of Park Commissioners for the Skokie Park East Development to order at 6:00 p.m. and called for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **OPENING REMARKS**

Commissioner Aberman introduced the Wight Construction consultant team. Executive Director Tuft introduced staff.

### COMMUNITY INPUT

Patty King from Wight Construction began the meeting by explaining that each person should write three ideas for what they'd like to see at Sports Park East. Once everyone wrote their ideas they were categorized. Each person then identified their top two choices for what they'd like to see at Sports Park East. An indoor field house or bubble was the top choice. The second choice was football/soccer fields, and the third choice was a three-way tie between cricket, baseball/softball, and outdoor entertainment. Pickleball, archery, track and skateboard/bike park each received one vote. Outdoor lighting was also discussed as a probable option. Ms. King explained that this meeting was one of the first steps in developing the property. Concepts will be developed using the input from this session and others and the public will be able to comment on the concepts at a later date.

# **CLOSING REMARKS**

Ms. Tuft explained the next steps and provided a best guess timeline to have concepts developed.

**ADJOURNMENT** 

President Aberman adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Susan Aberman

President

Michelle Tuft

Secretary

September17, 2024

### **Vision Statement**

The Skokie Park District envisions a community where all of its residents enjoy a high quality of life through teisure 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: