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Board of Park Commissioners Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting

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MINUTES of the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of the Northbrook Park District Board of Commissioners held in person on Monday, September 16, 2024 in the Joe Doud Administration Building, 545 Academy Drive, Northbrook, Illinois.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL — COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING

President Chalem called the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting to order at 6:31pm.

Commissioners Present: President Chalem; Vice President Goodman; Commissioners Chambers, Chao and Schyman

Commissioners Absent: Commissioners Kumar and Silverman

Officers Present: Secretary Leiner; Treasurer Tokar; Assistant Secretary Peterson

Staff Present: Directors Kim, Loftus, Olas and Scovic; Business Manager Drahos; Project & Operations Supervisor Scharp; Superintendent of Arts & Recreation Sweet

Guests: Matt Duggan and Ania Szulc (left at 7:53pm), Wight & Company; Michael Cottick, Bulley & Andrews (left at 7:53pm)

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – John Lynk, resident (left at 6:55pm); Jane Collier, resident (left at 6:55pm); Laurence Deutsch, resident (left at 6:55pm); Sheri, Mark and Sam White, residents (left at 6:55pm); Eric Breitenbach, resident (left at 6:55pm); Laurie Dinelli, resident (left at 6:55pm)

VISITOR COMMENTS

John Lynk, Northbrook resident, addressed the Board of Commissioners to discuss pickleball at Oaklane Park. Mr. Lynk has lived in his home since 1984 and asked the Park District to install a basketball court at the park. Park District administration did not agree to the installation at that time. Mr. Lynk visited a Glencoe tennis court and noted signage that stated no pickleball play. Mr. Lynk acknowledged that the Park District received requests for pickleball and believes the Park District was doing the right thing at the time. He hopes that in the future pickleball placement will be reviewed. Mr. Lynk would like the Board to put money in the 2025 budget to replace the pickleball court with sod or tennis. If budgeting money is not possible, he requests a two phase approach to take the pickleball nets down and then remove the courts. He requested that the Board make a more informed decision.

Laurence Deutsch, Northbrook resident, addressed the Board of Commissioners to discuss pickleball at Oaklane Park. Mr. Deutsch lives adjacent to Oaklane Park and is most acutely impacted by the noise. His family works remotely and there are constant interruptions, and the noise requires them to close windows, move to the basement or turn on music to drown out the sound. Mr. Deutsch noted some people do enjoy the pickleball courts. Mr. Deutsch requested the Commissioners rethink the pickleball courts because they are negatively impacting the neighbors.

Shari White, Northbrook resident, addressed the Board of Commissioners regarding pickleball at Oaklane Park. Ms. White was upset that she was not notified about the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting and thanked Mr. Lynk for obtaining the information.

Eric Breitenbach, Northbrook resident, addressed the Board of Commissioners regarding pickleball at Oaklane Park. He agreed with everything that has already been stated.

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Laurie Dinelli, Northbrook resident, addressed the Board of Commissioners regarding pickleball at Oaklane Park. Ms. Dinelli noted that only one person from the last meeting requested follow up and the other visitor's provided comments. Ms. Dinelli stated that there was an Oaklane Park meeting in 2019 prior to Covid and that she signed a survey stating she wanted pickleball, however people did not play pickleball at that time. She does not like the QR code displayed at the park because it brings in people from outside the area and causes parking issues and people do not respect the neighbors. Ms. Dinelli noted that there was not an impact study on noise or parking and the park was not discussed at the Village Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Chalem moved to amend the Agenda and relocate VI. Information Items/Verbal Updates B. Oaklane Park to immediately follow III. Approval of the Agenda. The remainder of the Agenda will proceed as published.

Commissioner Chambers seconded the motion. Hearing none, Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve the Agenda. Vice President Goodman seconded the motion.

Roll Call: President Chalem, Vice President Goodman, Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner Chao and Commissioner Schyman voted aye.

Motion Passed: 5 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / VERBAL UPDATES

Oaklane Park Update

Executive Director Leiner provided an update on communication with neighbors of Oaklane Park since the August 19 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting. He did respond to one individual regarding procedures and provided a timeline of events. Pickleball sound curtains were ordered on August 28 and will be delivered and installed in October. The Park District has installed a camera and has captured pickleball play starting at 6:58am ending at 11am and then resuming in the afternoon. Group play varied based on the day of the week and weather. The amenity is well used. The Parks Department applied an anti-static solution to the playground and a second application will be completed by the construction company. Executive Director Leiner has had ongoing communication with Lakeview Community Church and is awaiting a response from Pastor Pak. Executive Director Leiner and the Board discussed the Open Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant that Oaklane Park was awarded. Pickleball was an amenity included in the OSLAD grant application. Commissioners engaged in a question-and-answer session. Commissioners noted that parks are public spaces and the Northbrook Park District does not have the ability to restrict public park access to non-Northbrook residents. The Park District follows ordinances and Illinois state law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of August 19, 2024 were previously distributed and reviewed. President Chalem called for any changes to the Minutes. Hearing none, Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of August 19, 2024 as presented. Vice President Goodman seconded the motion.

Roll Call: President Chalem, Vice President Goodman, Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner Chao and Commissioner Schyman voted aye.

Motion Passed: 5 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent

PRESENTATION

Leisure Center Exterior Improvements Concept Review

Executive Director Leiner introduced Matt Duggan and Ania Szulc of Wight & Company and Michael Cottick of Bulley & Andrews (BA). Mr. Duggan and Ms. Szulc presented information on the proposed exterior improvements for the Leisure Center renovation project. Exterior improvement highlights include a traffic flow update, a new building entry with landscape planters, a new theatre entry with a walkway and a dedicated preschool entry on the east side of the

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building. Commissioners engaged in a question-and-answer session. Executive Director Leiner was asked to bring additional information to the Board regarding the cost of new windows, a timeline for replacement and an estimate for tuckpointing.

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Bargaining Unit Negotiations

Director Kim provided an update on the upcoming Bargaining Unit contract negotiations. The current contract with Local 150 expires on April 30, 2025. The District has engaged Chris Johlle of Littler Mendelson, P.C. for the process. Commissioners engaged in a question-and-answer session.

1710 Pfingsten Road – West Park Community Input Survey

Director Scovic provided information on the West Park Community Survey that was conducted between May 21 and June 16, 2024. The District received 287 responses. One survey question related to the parcel located at 1710 Pfingsten Road, north of the Sports Center Pool parking lot. The majority of the respondents indicated that they do not use the path, bench or drinking fountain in this corner of the property. Director Scovic provided additional information on comments received. Commissioners engaged in a question-and-answer session.

BINA Hearing

Director Tokar and Andrew Kim of PMA are working with bond counsel to meet the timeline as presented. The BINA Hearing will be held at the October 23, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Administration and Finance

Consider August Voucher Report

President Chalem called for questions. Hearing none, Commissioner Chambers made a motion to recommend the Board approve the August 2024 vouchers in the amount of \$1,153,579.03 to the full Board for approval. Commissioner Chao seconded the motion.

Roll Call: President Chalem, Vice President Goodman, Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner Chao and Commissioner Schyman voted aye.

Motion Passed: 5 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent

Consider Techny Prairie Park and Fields Cell Tower Lease

Executive Director Leiner provided background information on the Techny Prairie Park and Fields Cell Tower renegotiated lease agreement with Crown Castle. Commissioners engaged in a question-and-answer session. President Chalem called for additional questions. Hearing none, Commissioner Chambers moved to approve the First Amendment to the PCS Site Agreement with STCTWO LLC for five years to the full Board for approval subject to the final review and approval of legal counsel and the Executive Director. Commissioner Chao seconded the motion.

Roll Call: President Chalem, Vice President Goodman, Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner Chao and Commissioner Schyman voted aye.

Motion Passed: 5 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent

Consider Managed Detection and Response Services

Director Tokar provided background information on the Managed Detection and Response Services purchase of Artic Wolf. The District has been with Rapid 7 and has been pleased with the level of service received. Staff explored other services to due cost. Commissioners engaged in a question-and-answer session. President Chalem called for additional questions. Hearing none, Commissioner Chambers moved to approve the purchase of Artic Wolf Total

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Managed Detection and Response Services from CDWG of Chicago, Illinois for the total annual cost of \$69,707.00 for a three-year contract to the full Board for approval. Commissioner Chao seconded the motion.

Roll Call: President Chalem, Vice President Goodman, Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner Chao and Commissioner Schyman voted aye.

Motion Passed: 5 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent

Consider Park Board of Commissioners 2025 Meeting Calendar

Executive Administrative Assistant Peterson presented the proposed Park Board of Commissioners 2025 Meeting Calendar. Commissioner Chambers moved to approve the Park Board of Commissioners 2025 Meeting Calendar to the full Board for approval. Commissioner Chao seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Roll Call: President Chalem, Vice President Goodman, Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner Chao and Commissioner Schyman voted aye.

Motion Passed: 5 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent

Recreation

LiveBarn Update

Director Loftus provided an update regarding the status of LiveBarn. District legal counsel has agreed to terms with LiveBarn. Director Loftus is seeking Board consensus to proceed with negotiations ending with an agreement. Commissioners engaged in a question-and-answer session. President Chalem called for further discussion. Hearing none, President Chalem polled the Board and consensus was provided to proceed with negotiations and an agreement.

Consider Bus Transportation Services Bid #2269

Director Loftus provided background information on the Bus Transportation Services Bid #2269. The Park District contracts school bus transportation for Summer Day Camps, Adventure Campus programs, Days Off School programming and related extended care programs. The bid does not include specialty buses for Senior Center programming. Eight companies were emailed the Bid Packet and two Bids were received. Commissioners engaged in a question-and-answer session. President Chalem called for additional questions. Hearing none, Vice President Goodman moved to approve the Bus Transportation Services Bid #2269 from First Student, Inc. of Northbrook, Illinois for a three-year contract with rate schedule for Fiscal Years 2025, 2026 and 2027 to the full Board for approval. Commissioner Schyman seconded the motion.

Roll Call: President Chalem, Vice President Goodman, Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner Chao and Commissioner Schyman voted aye.

Motion Passed: 5 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent

IAPD Best of the Best Gala

Executive Director Leiner announced that Mady Fern, a Senior Center member, has been awarded the IAPD Best of the Best award for Outstanding Citizen Volunteer.

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

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ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Chambers made a motion to adjourn the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting at 8:32pm. Commissioner Chao seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
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/s/ Chris Leiner

Chris Leiner, Secretary
Board of Commissioners/wap