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MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1045
September 17, 2019

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on September 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: President Kaplan; Commissioners Chhatwani, K. Evans, R. Evans, Kilbridge, Kinnane, and McGinn

Absent: None

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Finance and Administration Hopkins, Director of Recreation Kapusinski, Director of Parks, Planning and Maintenance Hugen, Director of Golf and Facilities Bechtold

Audience: Comm Reps Kulkarni, Utas, Macdonald, Winner, Wilson, Musial; Program Manager Dodson, Twirling Twisters and their families; Shelley Knapp, Loren Golden, Liz Wilmes, Jim Fransen, David Whittaker, Dick Wilmes, Tad Szmelter, Kate Boetto (The Club tennis members; see attached list)

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Kinnane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kilbridge to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Awards:

President Kaplan presented the Twirling Twisters with the Best of Hoffman Award noting that the baton program had started in 1989 and that the Twirling Twisters had competed at the local and state levels and won State. He also noted that they went on to compete for National Champions.

5. Comments from the Audience:

Mr. Loren Golden addressed the board noting that he was speaking for the tennis club members at The Club urging them not to cancel the tennis program and remove the tennis courts. He noted that the district provided programming to serve the community and felt that offering tennis did that. He also noted that The Club was the finest tennis facility in the state. Mr. Golden referred to the district's mission that called upon staff to be environmentally and fiscally responsible and asked if there was a compromise to be achieved to maintain those goals while keeping tennis noting that it was really important to those holding tennis memberships.

Executive Director Talsma noted that the district was in a process of evaluating the facility and that there were only 76 active tennis memberships out of almost 3000 memberships to The Club. He also explained that the tennis courts took up 10%-20% of the footage at The Club but was only 3% of the memberships. He also noted that there had been many changes in the fitness industry but that The Club did not have the space to implement the changes and/or new equipment because of the space taken up by the tennis courts. He noted that revenue with the tennis memberships and all lessons netted about \$100,000 and that it cost the district about \$200,000 to maintain the courts. Executive Director Talsma invited all in attendance to participate in an open meeting to be held at The Club Tuesday October 1 at 6:00 p.m. and/or Saturday October 5 at 10:00 a.m. where there would be open discussion on the plans for The Club.

Executive Director Talsma also explained that the numbers had been declining both in fitness and tennis and that the focus would be to build those memberships up. He reviewed again the 250 people involved in tennis and/or tennis lessons out of the 3000 memberships at The Club and reminded everyone that they had tennis outdoors at a number of parks and noted that they were exploring resident rates for tennis members at other park district indoor tennis facilities. He also explained that staff would be looking for final approval on the plans for The Club after the October open meetings and assured the audience that removing the courts was not something staff would take lightly.

Ms. Boetto addressed the board noting that she was not a tennis member at The Club but routinely played tennis on their courts and felt that the numbers might be misrepresented. She also asked about the Community Survey noting that she and her neighbors had not had any input on that survey and questioned the results. Executive Director Talsma explained that the information including the survey itself would be available on line Wednesday for everyone to review.

Mr. Szmelter addressed the board noting that he was a member of the tennis community for 15 years and that his children had participated in the program. He explained that tennis had helped to keep them out of trouble and that they had gone on to be on the high school tennis team. He noted that he worked with radio station 92.7 on their advertising spots and offered to check out free advertising for the district to encourage more memberships.

Shelley Knapp addressed the board noting that she was a Hoffman Estates resident and had recently been employed by the park district for the past 10 years. She explained that she was looking to stay involved with the district as a Community Rep but had been told that she would be ineligible because of her past employment.

President Kaplan thanked her for bringing that issue to the board and asked that she email him directly with her issue so that he could respond directly as this was only a forum for comments from the audience and not more conversation on items.

6. Recess for A&F Committee:

Commissioner K. Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to recess for the A&F Committee at 7:31 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Reconvene Following A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner Kinnane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to reconvene to the Regular Board Meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. Approval of the Minutes:

Commissioner K. Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner R. Evans to approve the minutes of the Special Board August 13, 2019, Committee of the Whole August 20, 2019, Regular Board August 27, 2019 meetings as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

9. Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Kinnane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to approve the consent agenda as presented.

On a Roll Call: Carried 7-0-0

Ayes: 7 Chhatwani, K. Evans, R. Evans, Kilbridge, Kinnane, McGinn, Kaplan

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

A. 2020-2024 CMP Finalized / M19-089 (see Sept Committee packets)

B. Balanced scorecard / M19-090 (see Sept Committee packets)

C. Limited Bond Issue Ordinance O19-005 / M19-093 (see Sept A&F packet)

- D. Open and Paid Invoice Register: \$907,754.14 (see Sept A&F packet)
- E. Revenue and Expenditure Report (see Sept A&F packet)
- F. Acceptance of B&G Minutes 7/16/2019 (see Sept B&G packet)
- G. Acceptance of Rec Minutes 8/13/2019 (see Sept Rec packet)
- H. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 8/13/23/2019 (see August A&F packet)

10. President's Report:

President Kaplan noted that the Dog Carnival was very cool and engaging and that he had begun playing pickle ball weekly. Commissioner K. Evans asked if he saw anyone playing tennis while he was at pickle ball and it was noted that he had not seen the interest in tennis that he saw in pickle ball.

11. Executive Director's Report:

Commissioner Kilbridge made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to adopt the Executive Director's Report as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

12. Old Business:

None

13. New Business:

None

14. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Kinnane reminded everyone of the Village's 60th Anniversary Party to be held this weekend at the Sears Center from 11:30 to 4 p.m.

Commissioner McGinn noted that he had stopped by the Garage Sale and reminded all of the upcoming NRPA Conference. Executive Director Talsma noted that directors would be attending but that Director Hopkins would not and still be at the district.

Commissioner K. Evans noted that the Dog Carnival was awesome and congratulated staff on the efficient handling of Care Program issue.

Commissioner Kilbridge noted that she stopped by the demolition of Highland playground and applauded the in-house work by staff.

Commissioner R. Evans said the Dog Carnival was good and that he noted there were many waiting to play pickle ball but he had not seen anyone for tennis. He reminded all to save the November 9, 2019 date for the Foundation Texas Hold'em. Executive Director Talsma noted that they would be looking for volunteer dealers as well as

participants and would be running a split the raffle instead of the Reverse Raffle as well as offering a Taco Bar and drink tickets and a sit and go table.

Commissioner Chhatwani also noted that the situation with the Mayor and their grandchild was handled well.

15. Executive Session:

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kinnane to move to Executive Session at 8:10 pm for the purpose of:

- A. Minutes pursuant to Section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act.
- B. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of an employee pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

On A Roll Call: Carried 7-0-0

Ayes: 7 Chhatwani, K. Evans, R. Evans, Kilbridge, Kinnane, McGinn, Kaplan
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to reconvene to regular session at 9:21 pm. The motion carried by voice vote.

16. Discussion and Vote from Executive Session:

None

17. Adjournment:

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Peg Kusmierski
Recording Secretary