

**DES PLAINES PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Donald Rosedale called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Des Plaines Park District to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners answering present to the roll call in person were, Commissioner Erin Doerr, Commissioner Jana Haas, Commissioner Eli Williams and Commissioner James Grady. In attendance was Executive Director Donald Miletic, Superintendent of Business, Annette Curtis; Deputy Director, Paul Cathey; Superintendent of Recreation, Joseph Weber; Superintendent of Revenue Facilities, Brian Panek; and Project Manager, Jeanette Berard Superintendent of Parks & Planning, Paul Guza; Superintendent of HR& Risk Management, Nicole McNulty.

Guests: None

II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

None

III. PRESENTATIONS:

None

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY:

None

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are listed for consent agenda:

- A. MINUTES – FEBRUARY 15, 2022
- B. EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES–FEBRUARY 15, 2022
 - B.1 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES –None
- C. VOUCHER BILLS:

February 4, 2022	\$ 99,389.50
February 18, 2022	\$254,042.14
- D. PAYROLL:

February 11, 2022	\$180,254.52
February 25, 2022	\$176,428.26

Commissioner Haas moved to accept the Consent Agenda.
Seconded by Commissioner Grady.

Discussion: None

**Roll call: Commissioner Doerr, Aye; Grady, Aye; Haas, Aye; Williams, Aye; President Rosedale, Aye
Motion carried 5-0-0.**

VI. M-NASR REPORT:

Executive Director Miletic shared that Joe Weber will be taking over MNASR in May as he is the ADA coordinator. Recently completed a Strategic Plan with an outside group.

Discussion: None

VII. MONTHLY REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Donald Miletic reviewed the items in Agenda 7 – A including;

- Went to a hiring meeting with HR professionals with the Chamber and in January there were 11.5M job openings with 4.5 million retiring. Staff are working extremely hard for the hiring initiatives for summer that you will see in March- May. We are currently fully staffed and plan to add on an IT Help Desk Position in April.
- Working on the District 62 Agreement. Met with District 62 to discuss the currently operations. The Recreation Department put together a procedure and we should be able to iron out the agreement by April.
- Met with Senator Laura Murphy to discuss the status of our grants. They have 60 openings at IDNR and 86 openings at DECO, major delays for all districts on agreements.
- 1355 Oakwood has been knocked down
- Foxtail has provided Friends with a \$5000 donation. Brain Panek will be the liaison.
- Jacob & Annette are working on PCI compliant
- Golf Center Tee Up System requiring reboots and
- New marking position will be starting on 3/28. The will be district focused but with a new style. She comes from Elk Grove Park District as a graphic designer.
- We will be receiving about \$215K from impact fees from the Halston Property. Will put that towards Winnebago Park
- Upcoming ERC events in the spring season.
- Revenue Facility will open April 1
- Continuing to work on budgets and Capital Improvement Plan with a major change being that Prairie Lakes Community Center HVAC system will be completed in one more phase instead of two more.

Discussion: Commissioner Doerr asked about the APP stats. Project Manager Jeanette Berard stated the APP stats did not come in and in time for the board packet but we have 2767 currently downloads.

A.1 HISTORY CENTER REPORT

Executive Director Miletic shared there is no report

Discussion: None

A.2 FRIENDS REPORT

Executive Director Miletic asked for questions on the report as presented in Agenda Item 9 - A.2.

Discussion: None

A.3 REVENUE FACILITIES

Executive Director Miletic asked for questions on the report as presented in Agenda Item 9 - A.2.

Discussion: Commissioner Haas asked about the about the Lake Park Family Day Entertainers. Superintendent Panek stated inflatables, Touch a Truck, Paddle Boats, Golf/Footgolf and Kiwanis Cup.

B. DEPUTY DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Miletic asked for questions on the report as presented in Agenda Item 9 – B.

Discussion: None

B.1 SENIOR CENTER REPORT:

Executive Director Miletic asked for questions on the report as presented in Agenda Item 9 – B.1.

Discussion: None

B.2 PARKS & PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

Executive Director Miletic asked for questions on the report as presented in Agenda Item 9 – B.2

Discussion: Commissioner Haas asked the timeline on 1355 Oakwood demo. Superintendent Guza stated 2 hours to knock down and 2 days to haul away.

B.3 RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Executive Director Miletic asked for questions on the report as presented in Agenda Item 9 – B.3

Discussion: Commissioner Haas asked the gift that was given to Gene. Superintendent Weber stated a poster with images from spectrums with years of service.

C. BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

Executive Director Miletic asked for questions on the report as presented in Agenda Item 9 – C

Discussion: None

C.1 BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

Executive Director Miletic asked for questions on the report as presented in Agenda Item 9 – C.1

Discussion: None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Executive Director Miletic presented the monthly financial report.

Commissioner Haas **moved to accept the Financial Report for March 15, 2022 subject to audit and placing a copy on file.**

Seconded by Commissioner Grady

Discussion: None.

**Roll call: Commissioner Doerr, Aye; Grady, Aye; Haas, Aye; Williams, Aye; President Rosedale, Aye
Motion carried 5-0-0.**

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Arndt Aquatic & Recreation Facility

Deputy Director Paul Cathey reviewed the current status of the Arndt Aquatic & Recreation Facilities past meetings including site plan, playground equipment, drainage and anticipated budget.

- Discussed options to lower the budget
- Commissioner Haas noted that she would like to keep the ADA pathway to the ball diamonds.

- Commissioner Haas asked about security at this park. Security lighting will be installed. Additionally staff anticipates with the updates made to this park, they anticipate a lower vandalism rate
- Commissioner Doerr asked about the type of detention drainage needed for the space.
- A consensus was reached that the current detention plan, located in the center of the park would not work as it removed useable green space. Staff and commissioners brainstormed ways / areas to put the required drainage. Linear detention to the west of the park with fencing and native plantings was suggested.
- Commissioner Grady suggested moving the pool building and pool north of the current fieldhouse. With this update linear detention could fit along the west. The playground would not move. This would also give a larger buffer to the western residents from the outdoor pool.
- The burying of the Overhead Power Lines will be held off, as the pool is moving and ComEd's current status on the project.
- Executive Director Miletic provided a Debut Financing Structure, to the board as the initial budget numbers came back extremely high with the current inflation and supply chain issues. This plan would allow the pool to be paid off in 2028 & 2029. There were no objections but staff will value engineer the project and find ways to reduce cost.
- President Rosedale asked if this information is time sensitive with the grant. Executive Director stated that this information is not as we are still waiting on a project agreement from IDNR.
- Hope to open the pool by 2024 or could be 2023 mid-season depending on the status of grant and construction.

B. Foxtail on the Lake

Executive Director Don Miletic reviewed the current status of Foxtail

- They are working on permitting and construction documents

Discussion: None

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Action Item 9 - A: Approval of Resolution #22-02 ComEd Green Region Program for Prairie Lakes Pond

Deputy Director Cathey reviewed the information in Agenda Item 9 – A

Commissioner Grady made the motion **“I move that the Park Board of Commissioners to approve Resolution #22-02 for a ComEd Green Region Grant for he amounts of up to \$10,000, for a matching grant for the Prairie Lakes Pond Project.**

Seconded by Commissioner Williams

Discussion: President Rosedale asked if this is a grant that can be applied for each year. Deputy Director Cathey stated yes they will be applying each year.

**Roll call: Commissioner Doerr, Aye; Grady, Aye; Haas, Aye; Williams, Aye; President Rosedale, Aye
Motion carried 5-0-0**

X. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Fox Valley Foundation Thank you
- B. Des Plaines Garden Club Thank you
- C. Chippewa Middle School Thank you

XI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Doerr: Thank you for your time this was an important meeting. Happy Birthday Paul time is valuable. Thank you for being a supporter for Optimist Club; upcoming Bunny Breakfast, Pasta Dinner. Trivia Nights April 1 D62 Foundation & April 9 Senior Center. I appreciate all you do to make the community better.

Commissioner Grady: Happy St. Patrick's Day! Thank you all, looking forward to a fun summer with golf, parks, programs where you keep it under control. Hope the grants come through.

Commissioner Haas: Looking at the hole in the ground at 1355 Oakwood it doesn't look like a dog park would fit. Look into the Tomato Farm property by Jewel and Jeannette Street. Asked for the details for the Lake Park Splash Pad equipment details. Won the Chamber Super Bowl!

Commissioner Williams: Thankfully for the park district was able to host all of my family at the wellness pool and splash pad. It was a great time and my mom was relaxing in the wellness pool.

President Rosedale: Used the wellness pool yesterday and it was great on the knees!

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

XIII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Grady made a motion to adjourn the Park Board Meeting at 8:35 pm

Seconded by Commissioner Doerr

All in Favor, Opposed

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Motion Carried: 5-0-0

APPROVED _____

President

Secretary