

**Committee of the Whole**  
**Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**\*Virtual Meeting\***

**MINUTES**

Members Participating: Trustees: Badger, Hammer, Metcalf, Schmidt, and Senor-Moore

Members Unavailable: Trustee Theilen

Other Participants: President Sgro, Derek Harms, Executive Director; Jason Graham, Director of Parks; Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration; Lynn Saputo, Director of Recreation; Rob Cross. Legal Counsel; and Ryan Owens & Tim Warren with Enterprise Fleet Management

A virtual meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on December 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Members of the public were provided an opportunity to participate through a tele-broadcast, compliant with the Governor's executive Order issued as a result of the COVID-19 procedure temporarily suspending various requirements of the OMA.

President Sgro opened the meeting and declared the following:

“Based upon the COVID 19 outbreak and the Governor Executive Orders, the Board declares in person meetings impractical at this time and not prudent based on the nature of the disaster.”

No one from the public was in attendance.

**Enterprise Fleet Management Proposal**

Staff and members of the Enterprise Fleet Management, Ryan Owens and Tim Warren, explained that a contract with Enterprise Fleet would benefit the District. District vehicles are typically kept until they are no longer useful to the District then sold at a surplus sale at a minimal amount. Enterprise offers a Government lease program through Sourcewell which will allow the District to maintain more up-to-date vehicles and replace vehicles in a timelier fashion. Vehicles will be returned for resale at a market value with the equity going back into the fleet. Term of contract would be up to five years. Fees are reflected by the type of vehicle. Staff has contacted other park district (Arlington Heights and Pekin) favorable feed back was received by both agencies. Legal counsel will review and staff will present to the Board at the December meeting for consideration.

### Diversity Resolution

Rob Cross, Park District Legal Counsel reviewed the proposed resolution prepared by Trustee Badger and Trustee Senor-Moore. Trustee Badger expressed desire to make sure the District has a presence in the community with inclusion making all feel welcome. Trustee Senor-Moore noted her desire to continue to develop strategies to reduct/eliminate barriers such as transportation and economic challenges.

### Park Naming Policy

Director Harms provided revisions to current guidelines parameters for naming parks and facilities. The more structured process would provide a better opportunity for public input and insure transparency of the process. Legal counsel has not yet had the opportunity to review the suggested revisions but will do prior to the December Board meeting.

### Vacation Request for Alley and Streets around Duncan Park

Jason Graham, Director of Parks explained the City of Springfield received a request from Historic Renovations, Inc. for the vacation of alley and three streets next to Duncan Park which include portions of North MacArthur Boulevard, Miller Street and Patton Avenue. These streets have been platted but not constructed. The park district has no interest in the properties in question and would recommend approval of the request at the December Board meeting. Legal counsel has reviewed the request as well.

### Tax Levy & Abatement

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance and Administration informed the Board that the 2016B Bond Abatement Ordinance will be presented for Board action. The series 2016B bond is paid from the Special Recreation levy as the bond proceeds were used to finance building of Erin's Pavilion and Southwind Park (providing for accessibility), and therefore the bond levy is annually abated. The annual tax levies are also being presented for Board action. The District's philosophy is to balloon levy which will ask for the maximum amount (5%, under Truth in Taxation) and will be limited to CPI (per PTELL), as determined annually by the IL Dept of Revenue. The county clerk's office will automatically limit the District's levy increase to CPI. This levy is designed to maximize levy to the CPI limit as allowed by state law. Staff will present the Tax Abatement and Levy Ordinances at the December Board meeting for Board approval.

Staff Updates RE: COVID-19

Illinois is currently in Tier 3 with mitigations. All activities have been canceled except for what individual training. Staff will continue to monitor very closely and will advise the Board of any changes.

Staff has submitted a request for reimbursement of expenses from DCEO for close to \$60,000 in coronavirus expenses.

Staff was asked if sledding would be allowed with the COVID-19 restrictions. So far it has not been addressed in the guidelines. Staff will look into it.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before  
The Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

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