

Committee of the Whole
Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
Erin's Pavilion – 4965 South 2nd Street
Springfield, IL

MINUTES

Members Participating in Person: President Sgro and Trustees Metcalf

Members Participating Remotely: Trustees Badger, Hammer, Schmidt, Senor-Moore & Theilen

Members Unavailable: None

Other Participants in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director; Jason Graham, Director of Parks; Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & HR; Lynn Saputo, Director of Recreation, Staff and Public

Other Staff Participating Remotely: None

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on November 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

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.”

President Sgro asked for public comment. No one from the public addressed the Board.

Douglas Park Naming

The Park Board has solicited public input for the past 30 days. The Board held a discussion regarding the names submitted by the public to rename Douglas Park. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to vote at the November Board meeting to rename Douglas Park to Otis B. Duncan Park. A future park dedication with markers and bio information should be provided to help inform the public of the heroic role that Otis B. Duncan has on our community. It was also suggested that user groups of the park be included in the dedication. The Board would like staff to keep a list of name suggestions not chosen at this time for future consideration of other park sites and/or facilities.

Jr. Blues Contract Addendum

Due to the Governor's COVID-19 restrictions NAHL games are not allowed to be played in Illinois. Jr. Blues has asked the District to consider reducing their current fee to a monthly fee for use of office and storage space. After much negotiation, a \$750/monthly fee was agreed upon with and brought to the Board for their consideration. The Board expressed the Jr. Blues and District have a good partnership and extreme conditions of COVID-19 warrant special accommodations. There were no concerns expressed by the Board and the items will be brought to the November meeting for possible approval.

Worker's Comp Renewal

It is Staff's recommendation to stay with Midwest for Worker's Comp coverage. With the size and nature of work force, this is about the best coverage and rate. The District has a great working relationship with Midwest and would recommend renewing the policy with Midwest.

School District 186 IGA

Discussions have been ongoing prior to COVID for an Intergovernmental Agreement with School District #186. Over the years, the current agreement has become unbalanced. The new agreement notes reciprocal and non-reciprocal use facilities. Fees in agreement are subject to annual escalation equal to IDOR cpi for PTELL as well as periodic review and adjustment for appropriateness. Staff will ask for Board approval at November meeting.

Resolution Authorizing Execution and Signature for Beneficiary Claim of Annuity Proceeds

Director Harms informed the Board Patricia Rae DeFrates of Springfield named the Henson Robinson Zoo as the beneficiary on an annuity valued at \$132,003.80. To claim the annuity, the District must approve a Resolution authorizing an individual to claim the proceeds on the District's behalf. Staff will ask for Board approval of Resolution #420-20 at the November Board meeting.

Levy Estimate Certification

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance and Administration will read a statement at the November Board meeting as a requirement for the 2020/21 Levy.

Right of Way Easement at Centennial Park

Under the existing IGA, the City is required to provide power and electric to Centennial Park at no expense to the Park District. A standard Right of Way Easement for City of Springfield is required to install the electric box that will provide power to the site. Staff will ask for Board approval to approve easement at November meeting.

COVID-19 Updates Given:

Director Harms gave update:

- Tier 1 Resurgence Mitigations
 - Gatherings have been reduced from 50 to 25 or 25% and Closed indoor dining
 - Impact on rentals and outdoor events having the bulk of rentals canceled.
- After 14 days the Governor may reevaluate our 7-day rolling positive rate and make appropriate adjustments
 - If 6.5% or below, restrictions could be loosened back to Stage 4 Restore Illinois
 - If 8% or higher, restrictions could be stricter such as Tier 2 resurgence mitigation
 - If Tier 2 is announced, groups of 25 will be reduced to 10 or less
- Managers have been trained well and are reminded to follow safety precautions as we continue to follow Governor's instruction.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before
The Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.