

Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
(immediately following Special Board Meeting)
Erin's Pavilion – 4965 South 2nd Street
Springfield, IL

MINUTES

Members Participating in Person: President Sgro, Trustees Metcalf and Schmidt

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

Members Unavailable: Trustee

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

Other Staff Participating Remotely: None

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on October 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Immediately following Special Board meeting.

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.

Introduction: HR & Risk Manager

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration introduced Cindy Knust-Higgins to the Board. Cindy is the new Human Resource & Risk Manager replacing MaryLou Beach who left in August.

Enos Park TIF District

Michelle Ownbey and Lisa Clemons Scott spoke on behalf of the Enos Park Neighborhood Association and Downtown Springfield, Inc. in support of the Downtown TIF renewal. The current TIF will expire in December of 2020 and was not renewed this past spring due to lack of support by the Park District and Capital township. The Board discussed various concerns about the TIF renewal including questionable use of funds in other TIFs and the lack of response from the City regarding several unanswered questions posed in the spring. The Board supported President Sgro to reach out to the City to discuss possible TIF projects in Enos and Gehrman Parks.

FY 20 Audit Presentation

Kristi Corpin & Andrew Jones with Eck, Shafer & Punke LLP gave a brief overview of the FY20 audit and letters. The audit process was well prepared, smooth and efficient. It was noted that COVID did not have a big impact on this audit but will impact the FY21. Final Audit will be presented to the Board at the October Board meeting.

Ordinance #1465-20: Sale of Surplus Property

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance and Administration informed the board the process began in March for the sale of surplus property but was delayed to COVID. Sale of surplus is a normally scheduled twice a year in the spring and fall to dispose of equipment that is no longer useful to the District. IBid will be used again, which opens process up to whole state and has generated more money in sales.

2021 Meeting Dates

A list of 2021 meetings dates was provided to the Board for their review. This schedule follows the same schedule as 2020 with Committee and Board meetings being held on the second and third Wednesdays, respectively. COVID rules/guidelines would recommend meeting stay at Erin's for the time being. Meetings could be held at other Park District sites as future possibility.

COVID-19 Updates Given:

- Splash pads have officially closed
- Closure of the inner loop on Saturdays and Sundays during COVID at Washington Park has stopped at the end of September. This was a different schedule from past years closing the main loop on Sundays only. The Board may want to discuss further for 2021
- Public design workshop for Iles Park Skate Park was held at Erin's Pavilion on September 26th. The workshop was well attended and productive. Public input will be incorporated in the final design.
- Staff and President Sgro met with District 186 regarding IGA. Information will be brought to the Board in November.
- Virtual platform for future meetings – WebEx has been selected and staff will schedule a training meeting prior to rollout to make sure board members will be able to seamlessly access the new platform.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before
The Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.