

Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

Members Participating Virtually: Trustees: Hammer, Schmidt, Senor-Moore and Theilen

Members Participating in Person: Trustees: Badger and Metcalf

Members Unavailable: None

Others Participating Virtually: President Sgro

Others Participating in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director; Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration; Jason Graham, Director of Parks; and Lynn Saputo, Director of Recreation & public

A virtual meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on May 12, 2021 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 addressed the Board.

Museum Grant Application

Director Harms explained of a grant opportunity through IDNR under the Illinois Public Museum Capital Grant Program designed to help public museums in Illinois expand and upgrade facilities and create new exhibits and other physical facilities for projects ranging from \$25,000 up to \$750,000. Matching funds are not required for public museums with an annual attendance of 300,000 or less. The Park District has two operations that meet eligibility criteria for this grant: the Henson Robinson Zoo and Washington Park Botanical Gardens. Staff recommends applying for a grant for the Washington Park Botanical Conservatory to renovate the nearly 50 year old conservatory dome and infrastructure. This project is both critical to park operations

and would get high marks in a highly competitive application process. Applications are due by July 16, 2021. President Sgro noted she does not want to change the appearance of the dome and would want to keep the general shape and construction the same. No vote was taken but Board voiced no opposition.

Golf Cart Path repair work – Bid Results

A bid opening was held on May 11th for various golf course cart path repairs at Bergen, Pasfield and Bunn Golf Courses. Two bids were received. Staff would recommend accepting the low bid from PH Broughton & Sons in the amount of \$77,310 at the May Board meeting.

Other items noted:

Iles Playground has been installed. Wet weather has delayed the fibar installation. Construction on skate park has begun. Ribbon cutting will be scheduled soon.

Staff will be presenting a five-year equipment lease for golf maintenance at the May Board meeting. The equipment lease with MTI Distributing, administered under a national joint purchasing agreement will replace three mowers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before
The Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.