

## Minutes of the Special / Workshop Meeting Board of Park Commissioners of October 11, 2007

The Special / Workshop Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Cohen at 7:38 p.m. in the Administrative Offices of the Deerfield Park District located in the Jewett Park Community Center. The Secretary call the roll and the following were:

Present: Antokal, Caron, Patinkin, Cohen (4)  
Absent: Stryker\* (1)

\*participated via phone due to medical reasons.

Also in attendance was Linda Gryziecki, Secretary/Director of Parks and Recreation; Don Bott, Linda Anderson, staff members.

The first topic of discussion was the Summer Camp Programs proposed for FY2008. Commissioners reviewed the packet of information provided as well as program evaluations.

Discussion followed on communication with parents during the camp season especially in regard to swimming. Staff will continue to work on this. Most of the negative comments on the evaluation forms dealt with swimming, yet these are the same instructors that receive positive marks on the Learn to Swim evaluations. As camp parents are not on site daily, communication with them appears to be the main issue.

The outcome of Summer Stock and Stage & Screen, our two different performing arts camps, was positive and the programs will continue with the same format for a second year.

Motion made by Commissioner Patinkin, seconded by Commissioner Caron, to approve the camp fees as proposed for FY2008. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Patinkin, Caron, Antokal, Stryker, Cohen (5)  
NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Discussion followed on the proposed Preschool Budget for the 2008-09 school year. Review followed on the materials / reports prepared by staff as well as the survey of other community programs. There is more competition today with various local churches / synagogues running their own programs.

After discussion, motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Treasurer Antokal, to approve the preschool fees and budget for FY2008 as presented. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Caron, Antokal, Patinkin, Stryker, Cohen (5)  
NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Discussion followed on a request made by Monarch Foods / U.S. Foodservice on behalf of the family, friends, and colleagues of Rhoni Reuter, recently deceased, for some type of memorial. They are interested in contributing to some community need, preferably dealing with children, that could be named in her memory. Staff mentioned the north playground area adjacent to the community center as a possibility. Commissioners also suggested an endowment for youth scholarships for park district programs. Should funding be available, it was suggested that they also be informed of any facility opportunities i.e. gymnasium etc.

Discussion was held on other budget guidelines for 2008. Commissioners proceeded to review data provided on C.P.I. projections, economic trends etc. recognizing that good productive staff members should be acknowledged.

History of Merit Increases and Cost of Living changes were discussed. After discussion, staff was directed to prepare the FY2008 budget with the following annual adjustment range including C.P.I. and Merit as follows: 0-5% maximum for base pay under \$55,000 and 0-4% maximum with a base pay of \$55,000 and over. These percentages will be used in budget projections for the 2008 fiscal year and further discussed at the Budget Workshop Meeting.

There being no additional discussion, motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Treasurer Antokal, to adjourn to Closed Session re: Section 2 (c) (5) Real Estate. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Caron, Antokal, Patinkin, Stryker, Cohen (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

The Special / Workshop Meeting reconvened and adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gryziecki, Secretary