

## **MINUTES REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS April 17, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Cohen at 8:00 p.m. in the Jewett Park Community Center. The Secretary called the roll and the following were:

PRESENT: Antokal, Caron, Patinkin, Stryker, Cohen (5)  
ABSENT: None (0)

and there was a quorum in attendance. Also present were Linda Gryziecki, Secretary/Director of Parks and Recreation; Rick Julison, Don Bott, Linda Anderson, staff members; Ben Kutscheid, Thompson Dyke & Associates; Larry & Andrea Crain, Caryn Zelinger, Richard & Cynthia Schoenstadt, Pat & Lisa Kent, Harry Steindler, Al Bromberg, Ande Winick, Robert & Donna Farley, Joe & Judy Hovanec, Ken Urbaszewski, Greg Lapin, Barry Silver, Stuart Shalowitz, Robin Seth, Dan Swift, Laurie Heyl, residents.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Vice-President Stryker, to approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2008, Regular Meeting; the March 20, 2008, Closed Session; the April 3, 2008, Workshop Meeting; and the April 3, 2008, Closed Session. Voice vote as follows:

AYES: Caron, Stryker, Antokal, Patinkin, Cohen (5)  
NAYS: None (0)  
Motion passed in a voice vote.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

#### **Approval of Disbursements**

Motion made by Treasurer Antokal, seconded by Commissioner Patinkin, to approve the Voucher Listing dated April 17, 2008 in the amount of \$877,656.36. (Copy attached and made a part of these Minutes). Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Antokal, Patinkin, Caron, Stryker, Cohen (5)  
NAYS: None (0)  
Motion passed in a roll call vote.

#### **Bid Acceptance**

##### **2008-09 Brochure Bid**

Motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Vice-President Stryker, to award a contract for printing of the three 2008-2009 seasonal program brochures in the amount of \$29,602.00, to John Swift and Company of Buffalo Grove, IL. (Copy attached and made a part of these Minutes). Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Caron, Stryker, Antokal, Patinkin, Cohen (5)  
NAYS: None (0)  
Motion passed in a roll call vote.

### **VISITORS AND GUESTS**

President Cohen welcomed visitors. Harry Steindler, representative for DYBA, thanked Rick Julison and the Parks Department for doing a great job getting fields ready for play despite the horrible weather conditions.

**CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR WOODLAND PARK RENOVATION**

Director Gryziecki provided a brief re-cap of plans for Woodland Park previously presented to neighbors in 2004. Due to the recent purchase of the former Multiplex facility there is no need to build a gymnasium at this site. She reviewed the new proposed conceptual plan presented at the March 2008 Board Meeting. After the March meeting, Thompson Dyke & Associates was directed to make changes to the proposed plan based on input from staff and Commissioners.

The conceptual plan being presented this evening shows changes made to the parking area as well as an expansion of the DYBA storage shed and relocation of the basketball courts.

After the presentation, the following had comments / concerns:

Pat Kent, 1419 Linden, wanted to know how far vehicles could drive into the green space from the west and the south. Staff responded that they could not drive into the green space.

Dan Swift, 1223 Crabtree Lane, wanted to know why the area just east of Wilmot Road was land banked as opposed to developing parking at the expense of the green space that's currently in the park to the east. Commissioner Patinkin responded that it is currently the existing parking lot and not green space. We are not adding parking inside the park but to the west of the park.

Larry Crain, 1406 Linden, asked if the trees on Crabtree would remain, if the parking lot would be made from porous pavers, and if there are any change to storm water retention drainage functions. Director Gryziecki responded that the trees would remain, due to cost restraints the parking lot will not be porous pavers. Ben Kutscheid responded that storm water has yet to be worked through completely but no under ground work has been planned.

Lisa Kent, 1419 Linden, asked if the new green space, where the building currently is, will be designated for certain activities. Director Gryziecki responded that it could be used for multiple activities.

Judy Hovanec, 1201 Crabtree, asked what type of lighting will be around the shelter / wash room building. Director responded that it has yet been decided but the shelters at Jewett and Jaycee have the sconce security lighting and we would probably do the same here.

Laurie Heyl, 1223 Crabtree, asked what the rationale was to putting the playground equipment in amongst the trees instead of in the open space and what will the path be made out of. She is happy to see the increased green space in the park. Ms. Heyl also asked if parking will be allowed or prohibited in the drop-off area at the end of Crabtree. Director Gryziecki responded that, in actuality, the playground won't be far from the existing location but trees provide a source of shade. The perimeter path would be asphalt and parking would be prohibited in the drop-off area.

Richard Schoenstadt, 1362 Meadow, thought the plan was terrific and feels the community should help support the plan with the Village and the Dept. of Natural Resources for the grant. He asked where letters of support should be sent. Director Gryziecki responded that letters for the grant should be sent to her at the park district office.

Joe Hovanec, 1201 Crabtree, would like to have cooperation between DYBA and the Park Board to keep people from parking on Crabtree and using private driveways to turnaround.

The following comments were not distinguishable by name on the translation tape:

What size will the shelter / washroom structure be? Director Gryziecki responded that at this time those specific details have not been determined.

Is the project dependent on getting funding through grants? Director Gryziecki responded that we are hoping to get the grant since we don't have the money to do all the work and that we will probably have to do the project in phases.

Will the building would be torn down prior to getting the grant? Director Gryziecki responded that it would not be torn down before any acknowledgement of the grant. Director Gryziecki proceeded to explain the grant process through the Department of Natural Resources. The DNR gives \$400,000 for development grants and \$750,000 for acquisition grants; however, you can't do / apply for a development grant and acquisition grant at the same location.

Concern expressed about the amount of traffic going into the park after dark. Director Gryziecki responded that the building is on an alarm system and the police are aware and try to patrol the area.

At the conclusion, President Cohen thanked everyone for their attendance and input. Residents will continue to be notified of the project progress.

### **COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

#### **Golf Advisory Committee**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2008.

#### **Pool Advisory Committee**

The first meeting of the season is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2008. A packet is included for Commissioner review.

#### **Deerfield Park Foundation**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2008. Planning continues for the upcoming Joint Golf Outing on Wednesday, June 18, 2008.

### **OLD BUSINESS/ PROJECT UPDATE**

#### **Former Multiplex / Recreation Center**

On Tuesday, April 22, 2008 there is a pre-bid meeting and on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 is the bid opening for various parts of the project work.

#### **Other**

#### **Volunteer Recognition Reception**

This annual event is being held on Friday, April 25, 2008 at the Patty Turner Senior Center.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Adoption: Revised Golf Policy for Spectators #7009**

Motion made by Treasurer Antokal, seconded by Commissioner Caron, to approve a change in the Golf Operations Policy for Spectators #7009 to include an exception for Professional Golf Events. (Copy attached and made a part of these minutes). Voice vote as follows:

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

NAYS:            None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

**Fundraising Requests / Golf Course:**

Motion made by Treasurer Antokal, seconded by Vice-President Stryker, to approve the use of Deerfield Golf Club for fund raising golf outings for Luther North High School on Saturday, June 14, 2008 and St. Phillip Lutheran School on Saturday, September 20, 2008. (Copy attached and made a part of these minutes).

Discussion followed. Commissioner Cohen expressed concern over scheduling an outing on June 14, Father's Day weekend, which is potentially one of the busiest days at the course. He is concerned about turning golfers away anytime because we have an outing and them going to other courses to play. Our current policy says we can only have one outing per weekend, either Saturday or Sunday. Commissioner Caron suggested including Friday as part of the weekend. Staff recommended that we monitor Friday afternoon rounds and reevaluate at a later time.

After discussion, voice vote as follows:

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

NAYS:            None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

**Family Day Activities 2008**

Due to renovations to the track and parking lot at Deerfield High School this summer, the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks will not be able to be held there. The Family Days Committee is researching alternate locations, one of which is Brickyards Park. Staff will keep Commissioners updated.

**Other**

John McGovern, Executive Director for NSSRA, will be leaving to start a business for ADA compliance and auditing.

Motion made Commissioner Patinkin , seconded by Commissioner Caron, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:40 p.m. to Closed Session re: Section 2 (c) (5) Real Estate and Section 2 (c) (1) Personnel. Roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS:            None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

The meeting reconvened to Open Session and motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Treasurer Antokal, for adjournment.

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

NAYS:            None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, May 15, 2008, at 8:00 p.m. at the Jewett Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gryziecki, Secretary