

Minutes of the Workshop Meeting Board of Park Commissioners December 4, 2008

The Workshop Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Cohen at 6:30 p.m. at the Deerfield Golf Club. Attendance was taken and the following were:

Present: Antokal, Caron, Patinkin, Stryker, Cohen (5)
Absent: None (0)

And there was a quorum in attendance. Also in attendance was Linda Gryziecki, Secretary/Director of Parks and Recreation; Don Bott, Rick Julison, Linda Anderson, James McCormick, Darla Kuhs, staff members.

Staff opened the discussion on the proposed 2009 budget by review of summary data / charts including the following:

- A. Organizational Chart
- B. Revenue and Expense Totals by Fund with Fund Balances
- C. Comparison of Governmental Fund Budgets to Long Range Financial Plan
- D. G. & A. and Parks Maintenance Charges
- E. Capital Replacement Schedules all Budget Areas

It was suggested that in the revised organizational chart that the new title of Director of Park Services also include Natural Resources.

Staff reviewed the supplemental / revised materials that were developed based on the November 20 discussion of various funding options for the remaining renovation work at the former Multiplex / new Recreation Center.

Budgeting information on the funds below was reviewed with respective staff members providing background information, addressing questions etc.:

- 1. General Fund / Corporate
 - a. #10 General Administration
 - b. #11 Park Services
 - #80 Museum
 - #82 Paving and Lighting
 - #90 Capital Projects
 - c. #12 Public Information

- 2. #20 Golf Operations
 - a. Golf Advisory Committee Recommendations
 - b. Clubhouse Operations
 - c. Maintenance Operations
 - d. Driving Range/ Learning Center Operations

- 3. #30 Swimming Pools
 - a. Pool Advisory Committee Recommendations

4. #60 Recreation Fund
 - a. Former Multiplex Estimates
5. #70 Preschool Fund
6. Special Funds
 - a. #84 Social Security
 - b. #85 Special Recreation
 - c. #86 IMRF
 - d. #87 Insurance Liability
 - e. #88 Audit
 - f. #89 Debt Service
7. Capital Funds
 - a. #91 Long Term Capital Projects

The following questions / comments regarding the budget and operations that surfaced through the course of discussion are as follows:

-For recycling throughout the District, the Deerfield Park Foundation may want to consider involvement.

-In Golf Operations:

Staff will check on receipts and disbursements recorded for the Learning Center.

Commissioners agreed with the Golf Advisory Committee's recommended revision to the Daytime Leagues #7005.

The 2009 Budget was prepared with fee increases as submitted by the Golf Advisory Committee and accepted by the Board of Park Commissioners.

Discussion was held on time of play during the weekdays. It was suggested that we establish times for a reasonable weekday round (as we do on weekends) and enforce it.

It was also suggested that we consider advertising on the newly approved GPS system as a means of alternate revenue in the future.

-In Swimming Pool Operations:

The 2009 budget was prepared with fee recommendations as proposed by the Pool Advisory Committee and accepted by the Board of Park Commissioners.

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Expanded lap swim and public swim hours were also proposed by the Pool Advisory Committee. Due to the economic climate as well as budget constraints, it was determined that this is not the time to increase operating expenses. This will be put on hold for future discussion.

-In the Recreation Fund:

It was suggested that a survey be done at the Patty Turner Senior Center to determine age distribution (could be developed with ranges in lieu of exact age).

All adult program offerings should be marketed and advertised through the Senior Center.

As different age categories are established for fitness memberships at the new Recreation Center, it was agreed that we look at standardizing these throughout the district when feasible.

As there was no additional discussion/questions, the materials in the proposed working budgets will be incorporated in the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and presented to the Board for adoption at the January Board Meeting.

The Workshop Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gryziecki, Secretary