

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICERS OF
THE WINNETKA PARK DISTRICT, WINNETKA, IL
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020**

Lara Kuechel clarified the procedures for the meeting as it was being conducted by electronic means via teleconference and acknowledged visitors.

President Archambault called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Mickey Archambault, Teresa Claybrook, Christina Codo, Warren James, Colleen Knupp, Eric Lussen

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff present in the Winnetka Park District Office with observance of social distancing practices: John Muno, Transitional Executive Director; John Peterson, Executive Director, John Shea, Superintendent of Recreation; Christine Berman, Superintendent of Finance; Costa Kutulas, Superintendent of Parks; Lara Kuechel, Executive Assistant, Via Zoom video conference: Kelsey Raftery, Marketing Brand Manager; Rick Schram, Landscape Architect.

Audience Present: Paul Cushman

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

None

REMARKS FROM VISITORS

None

NEW BUSINESS

FAST-TRACK GRANT RESOLUTION 20-06-11

Commissioner Codo made a motion to approve Resolution 20-06-11, a resolution for the Winnetka Park District to commit to funds from the debt proceeds for use in conjunction with a Rebuild Illinois Infrastructure Grant, such funds equal to 66% of the estimated total project cost of \$5,000,000.00, or \$3,000,000.00. Commissioner Lussen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Archambault, Claybrook, Codo, James, Knupp, Lussen

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:**BINA**

No further discussion pursuant to the public hearing held June 11th, 2020.

Lakefront Conditions Update:

Superintendent Kutulas reported that bids were opened June 4th for the Lloyd breakwater project and he will be formulating a report for the Board to be presented at the June 18th meeting. He will be reaching out to Board members individually. Photos and samples of the materials will be made available for viewing.

Superintendent Shea reported that Shabica & Associates will be writing a proposal for construction observation and a proposal for construction permits is expected to be in hand by the end of June. He also spoke of a meeting with the Lakota Group in planning for a proposal for additional phase 2 work and a fresh look at bluff restoration. The beaches will be open June 13th, with additional bike racks. Staff has been taking shifts in the meantime to help patrol the beaches. Parking will be for residents only and, so far, the lakefront plans have been well received by residents. Commissioner Claybrook questioned if more passes were being sold to which Superintendent Shea responded that the Park District currently has increased season pass sales by more than 700 season passes vs. the 2019 season pass sales at the same point in time. Marketing Brand Manager Raftery will be making additional posters. Commissioner James questioned the availability of passes to all members of the public and Superintendent Shea noted that they were available to non-residents prior to the COVID crisis and will be sold again beginning July 1st.

President Archambault asked for a status update on the Tower Staircase project. Superintendent Kutulas gave an update on the progress, adding the next critical path item was the steel for the activity platform. When asked, Superintendent Kutulas speculated that July 20th may be the completion date, depending on conditions. President Archambault further suggested that a ribbon cutting ceremony would be in order.

Commissioner Claybrook suggested a re-evaluation of the condition of the Lloyd beach house to which Executive Director Peterson said that a conversation is set with PDRMA. Commissioner James suggested that a re-planning workshop for Lloyd may be beneficial to have with planners and engineers since there is significant loss of bluff and conditions have changed. Superintendent Kutulas cited a meeting scheduled for Thursday 6/18/20, on-site and extended an invitation to Commissioners. Commissioner James said that he respects the process and noted

the changing conditions; if significant; the Board should be involved in the discussions for input & discussion. Executive Director Peterson said that meeting with Lakota was not necessarily indicative of changes in plans and welcomed further participation from Commissioner James. Superintendent Kutulas suggested more one-on-one discussion and perhaps on-site. President Archambault offered to attend as well.

COVID-19

Superintendent Kutulas and Human Resources Administrator, Britni Purnell set-up the facilities with safe return to work plans with social distancing in mind for the various facilities. Executive Director Peterson said we continue to chase \$1 million in revenue due to the lost revenue from the COVID-19 shut-down, noting the incredible amount of work to reduce expenses and pursue income.

REMARKS FROM VISITORS

None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Peterson reported candidates have been considered for the position of Park Board Commissioner. A third party group composed of former Commissioners (Gerri Kahnweiler, Brad McLane and Ian Larkin) reviewed and identified a finalist that will be presented for approval at the next Board meeting June 18th. He further thanked President Archambault for his support. President Archambault expressed hope that the other two candidates would remain interested for the coming election. Commissioner James and Lussen suggested contacting the other candidates as soon as possible. 4th of July "Bike Winnetka" event conversations took place with Chief Hornstein and Commander Christiansen as a window of opportunity still exists; they may need a 6 – 8 week lead time.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Claybrook made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss the purchase or lease of property. Commissioner Lussen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Archambault, Claybrook, Codo, James, Knupp, Lussen

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 7:36 p.m. Commissioner Claybrook made a motion to return to Open Session. Commissioner Lussen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Archambault, Claybrook, Codo, James, Knupp, Lussen

Nays: None.

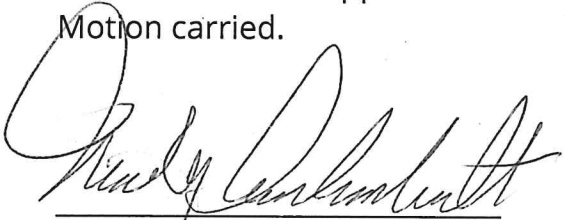
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

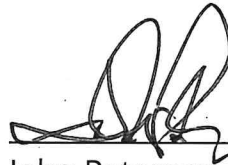
Commissioner Claybrook made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Commissioner Knupp seconded the motion, which passed by a voice vote.

Motion carried.

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Mickey Archambault, Board President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Peterson", written over a horizontal line.

John Peterson, Board Secretary