President Leno called the Annual Board Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Present    Commissioners Absent
W. Ploger                 
B. Owen                   
R. Nesvacil               
T. Gelinas (joined at 7:10 pm) 
M. Leno

STAFF PRESENT: Carrie Fullerton, Executive Director; Brian Meyer, Director of Recreation and Facilities; Jason Myers, Director of Finance and Personnel; Ben Rea, Director of Parks and Planning; and Kendra Maher, Recording Secretary.

Other Staff on Zoom call: Steve Neill, Kristy McCann, Alli Siamis, Tom Divello, Jeff Lindstrom, Lindsey Robertson, Christina Brown, Jennifer Rogers, Emily Sowa, Jeff Everson, Kyle Kuhs, David Terzaghi, Matt Healy, Pat Klawitter, and Chris Nisbet.

Also on Zoom call Kristen Hartwig, Intern.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & CITIZENS TO BE HEARD
None

MINUTES
No discussion or comments regarding the June 9, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Comr. Owen moved, seconded by Comr. Ploger, to approve the June 9, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Roll was called with:
Ayes – Owen, Ploger, Nesvacil, Leno
Nays – None
Absent – Gelinas
Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS & INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

May, 2020 Financial Reports
Dir. Myers shared the May, 2020 financial reports.
Comr. Owen asked if the extended deadline Cook County has given residents for paying property taxes will affect the anticipated revenues. Dir. Myers stated that the District is in good shape, sharing comfort with the current cash flows.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS

May, 2020 Vouchers
Dir. Myers provided the May, 2020 vouchers listing. No discussion.

Comr. Ploger moved, seconded by Comr. Nesvacil to approve the Voucher Listing for the month of May, 2020, in the amount of $827,664.12 and the payroll and payroll related expense distribution for the month of May, 2020 for $724,651.45.

Roll was called with:
Ayes – Ploger, Nesvacil, Owen, Gelinasa, Leno
Nays – None
Absent – None
Ayes – 5; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

Green Slopes Proposal Recommendation
President Leno addressed the residents attending the Zoom stating that the discussion for tonight with the Board is to approve the design contract for the project of replacement at Green Slopes.

Dir. Rea shared that staff was directed to budget $460,000 in the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 Capital Budget for the two tennis courts, four pickle ball courts, and four half-court basketball option. Staff was also directed to obtain an engineering/design proposal from Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. (GHA) and bring it back to the Board for approval. GHA has provided a proposal for design and engineering services totaling $44,700. Staff reviewed the proposal and removed responsibilities that could be handled in house, specifically portions of bidding and construction administration.

The proposed timeline for the project would begin with design and permitting this summer, bidding this winter, and construction next spring/summer. GHA estimates that six months may be needed for design and permitting purposes. Once the project is bid and approved, GHA estimates that the courts will require approximately seven weeks to construct.

Vice President Gelinasa questioned how long the design contract would be valid for if we delayed the project due to financial constraints. Dir. Rea believes that the design GHA would be doing should hold for a substantial amount of time. If at any time the Board wants to stop this design, the District would only pay for the work has been done.

Comr. Owen shared a concern for retention area in the spring may be wet and hard to build at that time. Dir. Rea explained those conditions would be monitored and the District would coordinate with the VAH on how to navigate through the project together.
Several residents attended the Zoom call and provided feedback to the Board:

- Kim F. – concerns about noise and the older crowd that basketball courts would draw, questioned the size of the footprint being voted on tonight, and from the January meeting concerns that spring construction would be difficult do to possible wetness
- Sharon S. – asked if drawings were online
- Mindy Y. – shared that the discussion around the neighborhood is anti-basketball due to the noise and light pollution, and feels this area is more of an adult tennis court area. Concerned about sledding in the area and kids running into the fencing
- Margaret B. – tennis courts were a big draw to her family, unique to tennis. Basketball was played by her children at Olive School. Also concerned about sledding. Agrees that a back board would be noisy.
- Jill P. – not in favor of basketball at Green Slopes
- Jen K. – asked that the Board make the budget a priority at this given time when making a decision
- Cindy J. – likes the current footprint with tennis and pickle ball, does not want basketball, is three tennis and four pickle ball possible
- Joyce L. – concerns with parking on Douglas, and does not want basketball
- Jim D. – may nine grandchildren would play anything out there, and believes the people who live across the street with the noise should decide if there is basketball
- Barry O. – loves the pickle ball idea
- Kelly W. – detention area concerns, does not want basketball, sledding concerns
- Ed & Mary C. – would like to see a backboard added to hit a tennis ball against
- Sharon S. – losing two more tennis courts at this location after losing all outdoor courts at ARC
- Jill P. – like the idea of a backboard
- Dawn Z. – does not want basketball, likes the backboard idea, and is glad the tennis courts will be back

President Leno reviewed the options being discussed and questioned the noise that may come from the backboard being proposed. President Leno highlighted tonight’s resident participation has shared that basketball is not wanted at Green Slopes.

Comr. Nesvacil agreed that removing basketball would be good, due to neighbor’s concerns. Asked if basketball was removed, could additional pickle ball be added. Dir. Rea stated he could inquire with GHA, but felt it maybe too narrow. Comr. Nesvacil asked if removing the basketball would the proposed contract amount change. Dir. Rea stated that it would not change the scope of the proposed amount of $47,000.

Vice President Gelinas expressed that the residents that came to the March meeting were the proponents of wanting basketball at the site and recognized that those residents that wanted basketball are not in attendance this evening. Exec. Dir. Fullerton had Dir. Rea confirm the email that was sent to residents regarding tonight’s meeting stated that the proposal for design contract for Green Slopes which included two tennis courts, four pickle ball courts, and four half-court basketball was to be presented to the Board. Exec. Dir. Fullerton agreed that perhaps the residents who wanted basketball did not join us this evening because they believed basketball is a part of the proposal in front of the Board.

Comr. Ploger echoed that the March meeting discussion was about basketball being added, however would like to see a smaller footprint overall to aid in water detention without
basketball. A back board was mentioned in March, and is in agreement to remove basketball and keep the existing footprint.

Comr. Owen agreed the noise from basketball and concerns of the community are valid, perhaps the back board could be the same noise, would like to keep the same footprint with tennis and pickle ball.

Comr. Ploger moved, seconded by Vice President Gelinas to approve the proposal for engineering and design services, permitting, bidding, and construction assistance from Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc., Vernon Hills, IL for the Green Slopes Tennis Court Replacement Project pending legal review, for two tennis courts, four pickle ball courts, removing basketball courts and adding a back board, in an amount not to exceed of $47,000.

Roll was called with:
Ayes – Ploger, Gelinas, Owen, Leno
Nays – Nesvacil
Absent – None
Ayes – 4; Nays – 1; MOTION CARRIED

President Leno asked for staff to have GHA to update the renderings, have the contract reviewed by counsel, and add the drawing to our website.

COVID-19 Operations

ARC/Aquatics COVID-19 Draft Membership Proposal
Exec. Dir. Fullerton stated that the Board received an updated memo today that outlines what Phase 4 will bring to the aquatics programs and ARC operations. Today we would like the Board to approve the fee structure as presented.

Supt. Neill reviewed the memo, highlighting programs, facilities, and dates. Including how the punch card and reservation system will be utilized during Phase 4 for residents only.

President Leno recommended expanding the hours at the ARC to service the pass sales.

Comr. Owen suggested opening a third pool for families and additional programming.

Comr. Nesvacil would like to give staff direction if Phase 4 allows open swim, to go ahead and open one or more pools.

Comr. Ploger liked the direction staff is heading, but would like to wait and see the guidelines before deciding what happens next. Comr. Gelinas agreed, and added his concerns for staffing and budget when opening more pools.

The consensus of the Board was to hold an emergency Board meeting should it be necessary after receiving the Phase 4 and IDPH guidelines.

Comr. Nesvacil moved, seconded by Comr. Ploger to approve fees for the All-In pass and punch card, limiting lap swim admission to Arlington Heights Park District residents only, and all other provisions for the COVID-19 special membership and facility usage pricing as presented.
Roll was called with:
Ayes – Nesvacil, Ploger, Owen, Gelinas, Leno
Nays – None
Absent – None
Ayes – 5; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

**Restore Illinois Phase 4 Guidelines**

Exec. Dir. Fullerton gave a high level overview how the Phase 4 guidelines will affect the District beginning June 26, 2020. Going forward board meetings can be held in person and is something for the Board to decide on how to proceed in the near future. Exec. Dir. Fullerton also shared that the industry as a whole is highly frustrated with no additional guidelines on whether or not to open playgrounds. The District has received a lot of feedback from residents with no guidance, hoping there will be more by Friday. Exec. Dir. Fullerton stated at this time the pools at ARC are not being filled until it is known that they can be used.

**MOVED INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Comr. Nesvacil moved, seconded by Vice President Gelinas to hold Closed Session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the AHPD – 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1), appointment of public official 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3), and potential acquisition of Real Estate 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) at 8:49 p.m.

Roll was called with:
Ayes – Gelinas, Ploger, Owen, Nesvacil, Leno
Nays – None
Absent – None
Ayes – 5; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

**RECONVENED TO REGULAR MEETING**

At 9:45 p.m. the Regular Meeting was reconvened and the following were present:

Board: Leno, Gelinas, Owen, Ploger, and Nesvacil.

Staff: Fullerton, Meyer, Myers, Rea, Maher, S. Neill, McCann, Robertson, Divello, Terzaghi, Rogers, and Hartwig.

Residents: Jen Kim and Melissa Cayer.

**Suspension of Longevity Incentive**

Comr. Ploger moved, seconded by Comr. Owen to approve the suspension of the Longevity Incentive in accordance to Section 12.01.A. of Chapter IV of the Personnel Policy Manual until further notice and as presented.

Roll was called with:
Ayes – Nesvacil, Ploger, Owen, Gelinas, Leno
Nays – None
Absent – None
Ayes – 5; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

Park Foundation Report
Dir. Myers shared the Foundation continues to discuss the logistics on how to hold a
golf outing during the current times, but hoping to still hold perhaps at a reduced
number of participants for fundraising.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
Comr. Nesvacil thanked Dir. Rea and his staff for their assistance to his son and his Boy
Scout project planting trees at Frontier.

Vice President Gelinas asked about men’s softball start date. Dir. Meyer stated that games
will begin the week of July 13th.

President Leno thanked staff for their continuous efforts as guidelines change and the time
and effort it takes to keep up with all these changes.

The consensus of the Board was to hold the July 14, 2020 via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT
Comr. Nesvacil moved, seconded by Comr. Owen, to adjourn at 9:51 p.m.

Roll was called with:
Ayes – Nesvacil, Owen, Ploger, Gelinas, Leno
Nays – None
Absent – None
Ayes – 5; Nays – 0; MOTION CARRIED

Maryfran H. Leno, President
Board of Commissioners
Arlington Heights Park District

Carrie A. Fullerton, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
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Date Approved