

MINUTES
Mundelein Park & Recreation District
Committee of the Whole
May 20, 2024

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Mundelein Park & Recreation District, Mundelein, Lake County, Illinois, was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

He then directed the secretary to call the roll. Present were Commissioners BURTON, FRASIER, McGRATH, ORTEGA, and President KNUDSON.

Staff present included Director BERG, Director FOSTER, Director KARL, and Executive Director SALSKI.

Executive Director SALSKI started the discussion of the Comprehensive Master Plan – Walking & Biking Paths, Outdoor Program Space, and Indoor Facilities agenda item. He mentioned that Board Members would get a printed copy again at the next meeting to discuss updates. He stated the Board and staff have discussed the challenges with accessing some of the District parks via walking and biking paths over the past several years and accessibility within the parks. He introduced Gail Becke, a Resident and Advisory Committee Member, to share her data and feedback regarding Mundelein walking and biking paths as she walked Mundelein extensively. She described her background and history of living in Mundelein. She explained that she was presenting to the Village of Mundelein. She explained her presentation would focus on data and three routes to District facilities, Regent Center, Keith Mione Community Park and Diamond Lake Recreation Center, and understanding of the lack of connectivity and safe access. She provided data on the health benefits of walking. She presented mortality rates in specific areas, intersections and/or crossings with the primary conclusion, without signalization, accidents, deaths, and pedestrian accidents increased. She mentioned the concerns of crossing Midlothian Road to get to the Regent Center. She explained the difficulty of not having specific crossing signalization and areas which limit people from visiting the site. She stated there was good bike and pedestrian access to the Mundelein Community Center, but it was very difficult to walk or bike in Community Park due to lack of walking/biking paths. She suggested developing a loop to access all amenities. She explained the difficulty of crossing Rt. 60 as well as the paths that do not exist on Rt. 60 by Diamond Lake. She said there are no sidewalks in the Diamond Lake area making it difficult to walk or bike safely. She said the northeast quadrant was a big challenge. She stated the flashing lights are not always working especially with people driving newer cars versus older cars. Commissioner McGRATH asked if the important thing was to add more lights. Ms. Becke responded that lights and sidewalks are important. Commissioner ORTEGA added that those are under the control of the Village. Ms. Becke agreed and mentioned that Rt. 45 is a statewide road. Commissioner ORTEGA said the Board needed good data and appreciated her presentation. Commissioner McGRATH asked if walking and biking concerns were the same. Ms. Becke replied yes, they were. The Board thanked her for presenting the data, observations and feedback. She thanked the Board for allowing her to present. Executive Director SALSKI stated his concerns as his son bikes throughout the community. He thanked Ms. Becke for taking time to share feedback.

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President KNUDSON asked if there was discussion on specific Regular Meeting agenda topics. Executive Director SALSKI suggested discussing the Diamond Lake Master Plan. Director BERG said Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Request for Proposals (RFP) had been submitted for the Diamond Lake Master Plan Services. He said engagement will occur in June. Commissioner BURTON asked what the difference was between Phase One and Two. He said Phase One was focused on gathering input while Phase Two focused on community engagement and more specific concepts. President KNUDSON asked what the District gets for \$35,000. Executive Director SALSKI stated it was important to get initial feedback and some concepts as it would be crucial for grant applications.

President KNUDSON asked if there were staff reports.

Executive Director Salski stated he extended the bid date for the Kracklauer Bid. He reminded the Board about NRPA.

Director KARL said golf was off to a good start in May compared to last year at this time. He explained Bill Brolley's retirement event was successful and Bill appreciated the Board and staff providing the event. President KNUDSON asked if the golf simulators were rented for 15 minutes at \$10 would anyone like it. Director KARL replied that only a couple people responded positively. He started the discussion of the water coolers and explained the reasons behind the operational decision.

President KNUDSON asked to finish the staff reports in the Regular Board Meeting.

Visitors: Gail Becke and Ron Greenberg

There being no further business, Commissioner ORTEGA moved to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. second by Commissioner McGRATH. A voice vote was taken with all voting yes.



Secretary

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Regular Board Meeting
May 20, 2024

The Regular Board meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Mundelein Park & Recreation District, Mundelein, Lake County, Illinois, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President KNUDSON and he asked the assemblage to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

He then directed the Secretary to call the roll. Present were Commissioners BURTON, FRASIER, McGRATH, ORTEGA, and President KNUDSON.

Staff present included Director BERG, Director FOSTER, Director KARL, and Executive Director SALSKI.

President KNUDSON requested a motion to approve the minutes of the Committee, Regular, and Executive Session meetings on May 13, 2024. Commissioner BURTON moved to approve the minutes of the Committee, Regular, and Executive Session meetings on May 13, 2024, second by Commissioner ORTEGA. President KNUDSON repeated the motion, asked if there were any additional corrections or additions. None were raised. A voice vote was taken with all voting yes.

President KNUDSON read the Warrants needed to be approved. Commissioner McGRATH moved to approve Warrants: 051424 and 052024 = \$103,161.50 second by Commissioner ORTEGA. President KNUDSON repeated the motion, asked if there were any questions. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners McGRATH, ORTEGA, BURTON, FRASIER, and President KNUDSON voting yes.

President KNUDSON asked for an approval of April Financial Report. Commissioner FRASIER moved to place the April Financial Report on file, second by Commissioner McGRATH. President KNUDSON repeated the motion and asked if there were any questions. Executive Director SALSKI commented that the District has started in a positive direction. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners FRASIER, McGRATH, BURTON, ORTEGA, and President KNUDSON voting yes.

President KNUDSON requested a motion to file the April Police Report. Commissioner FRASIER moved to place the April Police Report on file, second by Commissioner McGRATH. President KNUDSON repeated the motion and asked if there were any questions. None were raised. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners FRASIER, McGRATH, BURTON, ORTEGA, and President KNUDSON voting yes.

President KNUDSON asked if there was any correspondence. There was none.

President KNUDSON stated there was no Old Business.

President KNUDSON requested a motion to approve StarGuard Elite Lifeguard Services Agreement. Commissioner BURTON moved to approve StarGuard Elite Lifeguard Services Agreement, second by Commissioner McGRATH. President KNUDSON repeated the motion, asked if there were any questions. None were raised. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners BURTON, McGRATH, FRASIER, ORTEGA, and President KNUDSON voting yes.

President KNUDSON requested a motion to approve Diamond Lake Master Plan Services – Gewalt Hamilton and Lamar Johnson Collaborative. Commissioner McGRATH moved to approve Diamond Lake Master Plan Services – Gewalt Hamilton and Lamar Johnson Collaborative, second by Commissioner ORTEGA. President KNUDSON repeated the motion, asked if there were any questions. None were raised. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners McGRATH, ORTEGA, BURTON, FRASIER, and President KNUDSON voting yes.

President KNUDSON requested a motion to approve Executive Director Compensation increase of 4.25%. Commissioner McGRATH moved to approve the Executive Director Compensation increase of 4.25%, second by Commissioner ORTEGA. President KNUDSON repeated the motion, asked if there were any questions. None were raised. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners McGRATH, ORTEGA, BURTON, FRASIER, and President KNUDSON voting yes.

President KNUDSON asked if there was any Board Business. There was none.

President KNUDSON asked for Staff Reports.

Director KARL continued the discussion about the water coolers. Commissioner McGRATH asked if the water coolers were sanitized. Director KARL replied yes, the water coolers were but it was more challenging as the coolers don't fit in the dishwasher. President KNUDSON commented that it seemed like a lot of work. Director KARL also said smaller water coolers can be washed. Commissioner BURTON asked if the staff would take out cabinets. Director KARL stated the structures would come out to avoid golfers having the perception staff was not doing his/her job. Commissioner BURTON agreed.

Director FOSTER said new posts and netting had been installed at Maurice Noll Park. President KNUDSON asked about lights at Memorial Park and if it was a good idea. Director FOSTER said several residents asked about lighting for basketball and tennis courts. Director FOSTER and Executive Director SALSKE stated their concern about lights being on late in the evening adjacent to homes. Board Members agreed. Commissioner BURTON commented on the potential for lighting at Keith Mione Community Park. Director FOSTER stated he told the residents that it was not in the immediate plans but appreciated the feedback.

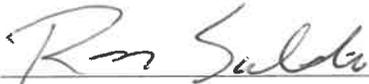
Director BERG stated it was the staff's busiest time of year. He said there would be final pickleball programming at Maurice Noll Park. He mentioned Cultural Arts programming was going very well. He added that the dance recital was approaching and dance company auditions were the highest ever. He said camps were all ready to go. He mentioned Barefoot Bay hours for the weekend. He explained how much time it takes to open Barefoot Bay and complimented the maintenance staff. He said there were positive revenues from Barefoot Bay membership sales. He mentioned the next meeting for the Recreation Advisory Committee. Commissioner ORTEGA asked about registration using the QR Codes. Director Berg stated the views had increased. President KNUDSON asked if families apply for financial aid. Director BERG said families do apply and if they submit documentation for free and reduced lunch, the process was easier and they are usually approved. He said families contribute 50% of the cost. Commissioner ORTEGA asked where the funding comes from. Director BERG replied the Foundation. President KNUDSON stated the Park Foundation has done well which was very helpful for the District. Commissioner ORTEGA asked about participation in the Freedom Classic 5K. Director BERG said fifty runners have signed up.

Commissioner ORTEGA asked if the registration software would round up like grocery stores. Director BERG said he would check if the software was capable.

President KNUDSON acknowledged the service anniversaries of Jon Karl 24 years, Nathan Neuwirth 15 years, Karyna Vickers 5 years, Ron Salski 4 years, and Joe Duffy 2 years.

Visitors: Ron Greenberg

There being no further business, Commissioner ORTEGA moved to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. seconded by Commissioner McGRATH. A voice vote was taken with all voting yes.



Secretary