

MINUTES
Mundelein Park & Recreation District
Committee of the Whole
August 12, 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: Executive Director SALSKI

Statement of Visitors: Ron Greenberg and Bruce Ponsaran

President KNUDSON asked if any visitors wanted to make a comment. None were made.

Executive Director SALSKI started the discussion regarding Rt. 60/83 expansion project and potential opportunities to utilize Diamond Lake Sports Complex slough. He shared the options. He outlined his meetings and collaboration with Alicia Dodd, Fremont Highway Township Supervisor, and there have been meetings with elected officials and Gewalt Hamilton. Executive Director SALSKI stated he contacted IDOT's Project Manager but had not received a response. He said the District would need to use Gewalt Hamilton's expertise to assist with the process and Commissioner BURTON asked if IDOT would reimburse. He said that he was waiting for an email or phone call back. Commissioner ORTEGA requested to keep moving forward and try to get reimbursed through the process. Board Members agreed to reduce environmental impacts to Diamond Lake by using the slough.

Executive Director Salski discussed the various initiatives in the Financial Sustainability Plan. Executive Director SALSKI stated the District held a Community Input Meeting and obtained over 422 responses from an email survey. He said the priorities were walking/biking paved trails throughout Keith Mione Park which included the soccer, softball and baseball fields. The second priority was bathrooms. He said it was terrific information.

Executive Director Salski explained the Kracklauer Park project and he outlined the dimensions of the donor wall and process to correctly display donors.

Executive Director SALSKI explained the dance company has grown and needed more space. The most logical space was the Regent Center. He said staff will provide a memorandum to complete two phases by the end of year. He spoke with President KNUDSON who suggested trying to complete as many phases as possible. Executive Director SALSKI stated that Phases 1 or 2 were the highest priorities and other Phases required more time. He said board meetings would need to move into Kracklauer Dance Studio or Dolan Recreation Center if the board approved the construction.

Executive Director SALSKI mentioned that he had been working with Gewalt Hamilton regarding Wetland Banking Credits who will provide a presentation in September. He mentioned the Health and Fitness Center was looking outdated and needs a refresh. He shared another Dolan Recreation Center expansion option, pole barn, and presented some pictures. He said staff would continue to complete the project with due diligence. Commissioner BURTON suggested checking with the Village if pole barns were allowed on property.

Executive Director SALSKI stated he had Steeple Chase improvement costs but needed to ask more questions. He said the clubhouse was outdated and it was difficult to see out of the windows. He mentioned staff would wait to determine next steps or ideas with the Kracklauer Dance Studio but there were opportunities for cultural arts. He mentioned that the Board will need to find another date for the Diamond Lake Master Plan meeting. He said the Village will be meeting in September. Executive Director SALSKI explained the process for Strategic Goals, Objectives and Initiatives and he suggested revising the goals and objectives for 2025 based on the feedback from a few meetings prior. Board Members agreed.

President KNUDSON asked if there were topics from the Regular Meeting agenda to discuss. None were provided.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ron Salski", written in dark ink. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Secretary

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Mundelein Park & Recreation District
Regular Board Meeting
August 12, 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 was Executive Director SALSKI.

Visitors present were Ron Greenberg and Bruce Ponsaran.

President KNUDSON asked if any visitors wanted to make a comment. None were made.

President KNUDSON requested a motion to approve the minutes of the Committee and Regular meetings on July 22, 2024. Commissioner ORTEGA moved to approve the minutes of the Committee and Regular meetings on July 22, 2024, second by Commissioner McGRATH. President KNUDSON repeated the motion, asked if there were any 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 FRASIER move to approve Warrants: 072624, 073124, 080224, 080424, 080724 and 081224 = \$1,455,462.86 second by Commissioner BURTON. President KNUDSON repeated the motion, asked if there were any questions. None were raised. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners FRASIER, BURTON, McGRATH, ORTEGA, and President KNUDSON voting yes.

President KNUDSON asked if there was any correspondence. Executive Director SALSKI presented an article from the Daily Herald about board policy. Commissioner ORTEGA discussed the article and recommended the Board evaluate its policy on resigning. Commissioner FRASIER stated it depends on what the problem was. President KNUDSON asked if the other park board had “kicked out” that Commissioner. The Board suggested Executive Director SALSKI contact the District’s Attorney and report back at the next meeting. President KNUDSON acknowledged the positive comments of the Health and Fitness Center employee. In a letter from Fremont School District 79, Director BERG was commended for his leadership in planning the volunteer appreciation event in July.

President KNUDSON stated there was no Old Business.

President KNUDSON requested a motion to approve Museum Operating Agreement with Village of Mundelein, Commissioner McGRATH moved to approve Museum Operating Agreement with Village of Mundelein, 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 requested a motion to approve Resolution 24-08-01-R – Kevin M. Dolan Recreation Center, Commissioner ORTEGA moved to approve Resolution 24-08-01-R – Kevin M. Dolan Recreation Center, second by Commissioner FRASIER. President KNUDSON repeated the motion, asked if there were any questions. None were raised. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners ORTEGA, FRASIER, BURTON, McGRATH, and President KNUDSON voting yes.

President KNUDSON requested a motion to approve Rules and Regulations – Section 3.25 Designated Activity Areas – Amendment – Pickleball – Section 3.25 (C). Commissioner ORTEGA moved to approve Rules and Regulations – Section 3.25 Designated Activity Areas – Amendment – Pickleball – Section 3.25 (C), second by Commissioner McGRATH. President KNUDSON repeated the motion and asked if there were any questions. Commissioner BURTON had a resident suggest notifying players of lessons on leagues on website. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners ORTEGA, McGRATH, BURTON, FRASIER, and President KNUDSON voting yes.

President KNUDSON requested a motion to approve Ordinance 24-08-01-O – Declaration of Surplus Personal Property and Authorization for Sale, Trade-In or Disposal, Commissioner McGRATH moved to approve Ordinance 24-08-01-O – Declaration of Surplus Personal Property and Authorization for Sale, Trade-In or Disposal, second by Commissioner BURTON. President KNUDSON repeated the motion, asked if there were any questions. None were raised. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners McGRATH, BURTON, FRASIER, ORTEGA, and President KNUDSON voting yes.

President KNUDSON requested a motion to approve Deed of Gifts – Mundelein Heritage Museum, Commissioner BURTON moved to approve Deed of Gifts – Mundelein Heritage Museum, 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 asked if there was any board business. President KNUDSON mentioned that he would like the Board to consider an increase in 2025 golf prices as expenses were increasing and high demand. He would like staff to present recommendations for 2025. He said that has been a focus over the years on improvements and demand and it was the right time to discuss pricing. Board Members agreed. Commissioner McGRATH stated he appreciated staff comparing other courses on a spreadsheet and requested staff to complete the necessary research. Commissioner ORTEGA asked about credit card fees and whether that should be included in the pricing. Commissioner BURTON suggested staff evaluate the district-wide senior rate and apply consistency to all facilities. Executive Director SALSKI asked if the Board had an opinion of a two-year rolling period or a big jump. Board Members agreed a two-year period would be the preferred option.

President KNUDSON asked if there were any staff reports. None were provided.

President KNUDSON requested a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. Commissioner ORTEGA moved to go into Executive Session for Purchase or Lease of Real Estate 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5), second by Commissioner FRASIER. President KNUDSON repeated the motion, asked if there were any additional corrections or additions. None were raised. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners ORTEGA, FRASIER, BURTON, McGRATH and President KNUDSON voting yes.

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There being no further business, Commissioner ORTEGA moved to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. seconded by Commissioner McGRATH. A voice vote was taken with all voting yes.



Secretary