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Mundelein Park & Recreation District
Special Meeting
April 10, 2025

The Special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Mundelein Park & Recreation District, Mundelein, Lake County, Illinois, was called to order at 1:03 p.m. at the Diamond Lake Recreation Center, 1016 North Diamond Lake Road, Mundelein, Illinois.

President KNUDSON directed Executive Assistant KAUFFMAN to call the roll. Present were Commissioners BURTON, FRASIER, ORTEGA and President KNUDSON. Commissioner McGRATH was absent with prior notice.

Staff present: Executive Director SALSKI, Directors BERG, KARL, LAWRENCE, FOSTER and Executive Assistant KAUFFMAN.

Visitors: Tom Ryclik, Janet Cherbak, Eli Lechter and Anezka Golova.

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

Executive Director SALSKI reviewed a Land Water Conservation Fund grant opportunity. He said that the District retained Gewalt Hamilton to assist with the grant project. He said there were many unanswered questions to the criteria that needed to be answered in a short period of time.

Director SALSKI announced that the Mundelein Park & Recreation District Leadership Team met recently to review and provide feedback on Diamond Lake Master Plan Phase 2. He stated this interactive process combined staff and commissioner feedback for a concept to be presented to residents in June or July. He then introduced the panel from Gewalt Hamilton including Tom Ryclik, Janet Cherbak and Lamar Johnson Collaborative including Eli Lechter and Anezka Golova.


The Consultants provided goals and objectives for the project based on open houses held. Other background information presented included points of interest around Diamond Lake. The Consultants discussed a concept of a water trail for connections to specific points on the lake and grant opportunities for funding. Board Members and staff had various questions and provided positive comments on the uniqueness and realism of the concept.

Executive Director SALSKI suggested the consultants present all the concepts first and if necessary, board and staff ask clarifying questions. The consultants presented and reviewed three concept themes: "Community Lake: Gather, Learn, Play"; "Leisure Lake: Picnic, Promenade, Lounge"; and "Glacial Lake: Flourish Gather Carve." Each concept was placed in a theme to show types of ideas and amenities that fit the site. The consultants mentioned the concepts were of a high level allowing the board and staff to narrow down types of amenities and ideas such as walkways, street landscaping, parking, history, water features and seating areas.

Commissioners and staff had the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments about each concept. Discussion included finding more activities for children, unique types of features, event type and occupation limit for rentals, parking, food truck accessibility, outdoor pavilion or gazebo feature, uses for the existing building and permanent seating. Board Members and staff directed the consultants to narrow down to one concept to share with the community. The board and staff would meet again in late May and then the District would hold community meetings in June or July. The consultants agreed.

The consultants thanked the Commissioners and staff for input and said the comments would be incorporated into the concepts.

There being no further business, Commissioner ORTEGA moved to adjourn at 3:18 p.m., second by Commissioner FRASIER. A voice vote was taken with all voting yes.


Secretary