

The Workshop Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Cohen at 7:35 p.m. in the Administrative Offices of the Deerfield Park District located in the Jewett Park Community Center. The following were:

Present: Antokal, Patinkin, Cohen (3)

Absent: Caron, Stryker (2)

Also in attendance was Linda Gryziecki, Secretary/Director of Parks and Recreation; Don Bott, Linda Anderson, Rick Julison, and John Meredith, staff members.

Discussion followed on the auditor relationship status. We have just completed the end of a three (3) year contract with Knutte & Associates. In addition to the actual audit, the engagement has included preparation of additional financial reports required by the state, as well as the Deerfield Park Foundation audit and federal / state tax returns. As staff and Commissioners, as well as the Foundation Directors, have been satisfied with the services rendered by Knutte & Associates; staff was directed to solicit a proposal for renewal.

Staff provided Commissioners with an update on the Coho Swim Club. During the 2007-08 school year continuing through August, we have had 394 registered swimmers with 123 (31%) from Highland Park. Commissioners reviewed the reports on pool usage as well as specific schedules at #113 facilities and H.P. Recreation Center. Staff will continue to work on securing as much time as possible at current use facilities and will make contact with health clubs, the JCC etc. to inquire about possible use. The Jewish High School and Lake Forest College were also suggested should they have pool facilities.

Commissioners asked if enrollment numbers furnished earlier include Masters Swimmers and should they not, could they please be provided.

Staff provided an update on the status of the former Multiplex facility. Construction work continues on site. Meetings have been scheduled with Alter+Care regarding equipment layout and fitness component operation as well as the kitchen consultant and data, phones, internet, etc. consultant.

Staff distributed and briefly reviewed the Draft Multiplex Surveillance Cameras plan locating 29 cameras on the lower level and 5 on the upper level. Staff asked Commissioners if there was a preference between an analog CCTV System or IP CCTV System with the later recommended. It is anticipated that costs will range from \$75,000 to \$100,000. Recommendations for an audio system for paging and possible music in specific areas has also been received and is currently being reviewed. Commissioners indicated there was music in the lockerrooms and common areas when the facility was operated as Multiplex.

Commissioners asked if the safety deposit boxes were left on site. Patrons were handed a key and put in their wallet, keys etc. They were small and were located near the front registration area. Staff will look into.

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Staff reported that investigative work is still being completed on the well at the golf course. It is anticipated that the motor may have outlived its usefulness. The well was installed in 1994 with a 15 year expectancy on the motor.

Staff reported that we may have a proposal for an organic vegetable garden for discussion at the next meeting.

Treasurer Antokal suggested we look into a program such as Friends of the Park which could be comprised of representatives of our affiliate groups i.e. DYBA, Pegasus Soccer, AYSO etc. that would do a park clean up. While we have worked with Boy Scout / Eagle Scouts and corporations such as Baxter on one time events, this is something that could be done annually in conjunction with Earth Day. Staff will look into.

There being no further business, the Workshop Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gryziecki, Secretary