

The Workshop Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Cohen at 7:30 p.m. in the Administrative Offices of the Deerfield Park District located in the Jewett Park Community Center. Attendance was taken and the following were:

Present: Antokal, Caron, Patinkin, Stryker, Cohen (5)

Absent: None (0)

Also in attendance was Linda Gryziecki, Secretary/Director of Parks and Recreation; Don Bott, Linda Anderson, and James McCormick, staff members.

Discussion began with a recap of Summer Camps from 2008 and subsequent recommendations for 2009. Overall it was a successful summer accommodating 2,291 campers.

Discussion followed on communication with parents during the camp season especially in regard to swimming. While information on the different skill levels and children's progress is available, parents don't always get it. Staff will continue to work on this.

This past summer, lifeguards were not required to instruct. Separate swim instructors were hired. The quality of lessons was impacted by this as most instructors were younger and not as experienced. This will be reevaluated for 2009.

It was suggested that in the future we may want to put the evaluations on-line. This may encourage more parental participation.

All camp fees that will not utilize bus services for 2009 will be raised by approximately 3%. All other camps that utilize our bus services will be raised by 4% as we anticipate higher transportation costs and also need to plan for another increase in the minimum wage. Even with these proposed fee increases, we are still very competitive with surrounding park district camp programs and lower than private camp fees.

Upon completion of discussion, Commissioners directed staff to incorporate the proposed fees into the budget for FY2009 and authorized publication in the Winter / Summer Camp brochure to be distributed in November.

Discussion followed on the proposed Preschool Budget for the 2009-2010 school year. Review followed on the materials / reports submitted by staff. Commissioners accepted staff recommendations which will also be incorporated into the District Budget for Fiscal Year 2009.

Discussion followed on golf course related items. Staff had prepared a report GPS Golf Course Management Systems based on discussion and input from the Golf Advisory Committee.

The Golf Advisory Committee is recommending installation of the Pro Link GPS Course Management System for the 2009 season. The Pro Link Solution is a full-blown Course

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Management System. The system features include real time cart tracking, the ability to manage and even shut off golf carts from the golf shop, food and beverage ordering, pace of play management as well as many other features.

The golf staff is presenting this item now due to a favorable financing program that will save the park district close to \$25,000 over 6 years, and ownership following the lease program if we install the system this fall. No payments will be due until February or March of 2009 and would be included in the golf course budget.

The Golf Advisory Committee will be recommending a \$3.00 per cart rider increase in 2009 to cover the cost of the GPS system and bring us in line with our competition.

After review of the materials, Commissioners directed staff to proceed with arrangements for the recommended GPS system. Additional discussion on the Golf Advisory Committee recommendations will be held at the Budget Workshop Meeting.

Commissioners proceeded to briefly discuss the materials submitted relative to the former Multiplex / New Recreation Center. It was agreed that the Workshop Meeting schedule for Thursday, November 6, be dedicated to discussion on membership fees, marketing etc. for the facility.

Commissioners reviewed the calendar for remaining meeting dates scheduled for 2008 with no changes made.

There being no additional discussion, motion made by Treasurer Antokal, seconded by Commissioner Caron, to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:10 p.m. re: Section 2 (c) (1) Personnel.
Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Antokal, Caron, Patinkin, Stryker, Cohen (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

The Workshop Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 9:21 p.m. and was subsequently adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gryziecki, Secretary