

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS August 20, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Cohen at 8:04 p.m. in the Jewett Park Community Center. The Secretary called the roll and the following were:

PRESENT: Antokal, Caron, Patinkin, Cohen (4)
ABSENT: Lapin (1)

and there was a quorum in attendance. Also present were Linda Gryziecki, Secretary/Executive Director; Don Bott, Rick Julison, Linda Anderson, James McCormick and Megan Frain, staff members; Dorothy Andries, Ken Solof, Paul & Doe Davis, Dorit Weinberg, Vivian Crail, Andrea and Larry Crain, Joe Farley, and Michael Yellen, residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Vice-President Patinkin, to approve the Minutes of the July 16, 2009 Regular Meeting; the July 16, 2009 Closed Session; the August 6, 2009, Workshop Meeting. Voice vote as follows:

AYES: Caron, Patinkin, Antokal, Cohen (4)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Lapin (1)
Motion passed in a voice vote.

FINANCE REPORT

Approval of Disbursements

Motion made by Treasurer Antokal, seconded by Commissioner Caron, to approve the Voucher Listing dated August 20, 2009 in the amount of \$1,407,763.08. (Copy attached and made a part of these Minutes). Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Antokal, Caron, Patinkin, Cohen (4)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Lapin (1)
Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Bid Acceptance

Motion made by Treasurer Antokal, seconded by Vice-President Patinkin, to award a contract to Olson Transportation to provide Kinder Club shuttle service for the 2009-2010 school year at a daily cost of \$125.00 per bus and to provide buses for School's Out trips at a cost of \$48.00 per hour. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Antokal, Patinkin, Caron, Cohen (4)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Lapin (1)
Motion passed in a roll call vote.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

President Cohen welcomed visitors to the meeting. Residents presented a petition to the Park Board regarding lap swim hours as well as the length of the pool season.

The two (2) items cited on the petition (signed by 26 residents) are as follows:

1. "We want the pool to be available for lap swimming at all times at one pool or the other."
2. "We want the pool season to begin by May 30 and end no sooner than September 15."

Commissioners explained that a significant number of tax dollars are annually allocated to support the deficit in the swimming pool operations. Operational costs to extend the pool season at Mitchell Pool for limited hours only are estimated at \$7,216.00 per week. Deerspring Pool remains open this year through Labor Day, September 7.

Commissioners further explained that according to national standards, a community the size of Deerfield warrants one (1) outdoor pool, we have two. Not only do the attendance figures at the end of summer not justify keeping both pools open, staffing becomes a critical issue when college students leave mid August and high schoolers at the end of the month. We have a difficult time recruiting staff through Labor Day.

The following suggestions were made for acquiring additional lifeguards:

1. Set-up Ellis training program for adults
2. Look into Great Lakes for possible guards
3. Advertise for staff in areas where people need jobs and bus them to Deerfield

Annually the Pool Advisory Committee reviews pool schedules making suggestions for change. The request for additional time for adult lap swim will be referred to the committee for discussion at a future meeting.

Commissioners also suggested that lap swimming is now available year round with the addition of the Sachs Recreation Center.

President Cohen thanked those present for their attendance and comments.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Golf Advisory Committee

A packet from the August 12, 2009 meeting was included for Commissioner review. Discussion focused on fee structure and recommendations for the 2010 season.

Pool Advisory Committee

A packet from the July 28, 2009 was included for Commissioner review. The main topic of discussion was capital projects.

Deerfield Park Foundation

Minutes from the Monday, July 20, 2009 Foundation meeting were included in packets. Final plans are being made for the upcoming Moonlight Golf event scheduled for Friday, August 28, 2009.

Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association

Information on the upcoming annual fundraising golf outing SWING on Friday, September 18, 2009 was included should any Commissioners be interested in attending.

OLD BUSINESS

Briarwood Nature Area

Project Update

Staff met with the coordinators of the Village's lift station project. We are still waiting for our permits for the bank restoration project. Contact is being made with the Army Corp of Engineers regarding the delay.

Sachs Recreation Center

Update

To date we have 740 members. The Sachs Recreation Center brochure is due out in the mail the first week of September.

Payout Request Approval

Motion made by Treasurer Antokal, seconded by Commissioner Caron, to approve Payout Request #16 as follows: Ruffalo Painting, \$5,000.00; Shoreline Electric, \$15,000.00; Temperature Service, \$5,000.00; Tempus Construction, \$121,212.00; First Impression, Inc., \$1,305.00; W.B. Olson, \$56,552.00 for a total of \$204,069.00 for work completed to date on the new Recreation Center. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Antokal, Caron, Patinkin, Cohen (4)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Lapin (1)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Food Service Discussion

We have been handing out a survey on the food service operation at the Recreation Center but have only had 4 responses returned. Commissioners reviewed an on-line survey we would like to send out via email for the café in hopes of getting a better response. Commissioner's suggestions will be incorporated into the survey prior to distribution. Discussion followed on hours and menu options.

Motion made Commissioner Caron, seconded by Vice-President Patinkin, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:40 p.m. to Closed Session re: Section 2 (c) (1) Personnel. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Caron, Patinkin, Antokal, Cohen (4)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Lapin (1)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 10:34 p.m.

Motion made by Vice-President Patinkin, seconded by Treasurer Antokal, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:34 p.m. Voice vote as follows:

AYES: Patinkin, Antokal, Caron, Cohen (4)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Lapin (1)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. at the Jewett Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gryziecki, Secretary