

Regular Meeting Minutes of the
Gurnee Park District Board of Commissioners
January 19, 2021

President Goshorn called the regular meeting to order at 7:01pm via Zoom video conferencing. The President led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for roll call. Commissioners present: Aaron Dalzot, Vicki Paddock, Michelle Klemz, and Jim Goshorn. Commissioners absent: Gerry Crews. Also present: Susie Kuruvilla, Executive Director; Mike Szpylman, Director of Business Services; Mike Wick, Director of Recreation; Kraig Owens, Director of Parks; Jennifer Gilbert, Director of Marketing and Community Relations; and Melissa Greenthal, Operations Analyst.

A motion was made by Vicki Paddock to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2020. The motion was seconded by Michelle Klemz. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Dalzot, Paddock, and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Crews. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the total bills, payouts and payroll in the amount of \$1,221,175.91 presented on January 19, 2021, was made by Michelle Klemz and was seconded by Vicki Paddock. Commissioner Crews asked about the \$14,000 payout for doors and the \$20,000 payout for demolition. Director Owens indicated the \$14,000 was for three garage doors at the Hunt Club Maintenance Facility and the \$20,000 for the demolition of the Bungalow at Viking Park. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Dalzot, Klemz, Paddock, and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Crews. Motion carried.

The financial report and treasurer's report were reviewed.

The President opened the floor to visitors; there were no visitors present.

Commissioners Crews joined the virtual meeting at 7:10pm.

Department Directors reviewed their written reports with the Board.

Director of Parks Kraig Owens reviewed the parks report. The parks team is busy with a variety of projects. 99.9% of the ash trees at O'Plaine Park have been removed. The Viking Park and Hunt Club ice rinks are ready and the Betty Russell hockey rink will be ready by the end of the week, weather depending.

Director of Recreation Mike Wick reviewed the recreation report. Region 9 shifted to Tier 2 COVID mitigations on the afternoon of Monday, January 18, 2021; this means several changes to our programs and operations. Effective Tuesday, January 19, FitNation will no longer require reservations, the locker rooms and some showers will reopen, towel service will begin, Group Exercise will begin Monday, January 25 with a maximum of 10 participants allowed per class. Karate will shift to in person sessions on Thursday, January 21. Dance, Basketball, and Swim Lessons will follow. President Goshorn commented on the 31 Silversneakers members who shifted to Senior members.

Director Mike Szpylman reviewed the Business Services report.

Director Jennifer Gilbert reviewed the Marketing and Community Relations report. A lot of changes are occurring quickly. Director Gilbert thanked the Marketing Team for working well under the changes and quick communication needs. A New Years Resolution GO Gurnee initiative is in development.

Executive Director Susie Kuruvilla reviewed her report. Executive Director Kuruvilla presented the 2020 highlights; while there were many challenges due to the pandemic the team came together and came up with alternative programs. By April 30th we will lose \$6 million in revenue but the fund balances will remain at target levels by the end of the current fiscal year.

ACTION ITEMS

No Action Items for the month of January 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS

A motion to adjourn was made by Vicki Paddock and seconded by Michelle Klemz. On voice vote, all voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

James G. Goshorn, President

Michelle Klemz, Secretary