

Regular Meeting Minutes of the
Gurnee Park District Board of Commissioners
September 15, 2020

President Goshorn called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 pm via Zoom video conferencing. The President led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for roll call. Commissioners present: 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; Jeff Reinhard, Director of Parks; Jennifer Gilbert, Director of Marketing and Community Relations; Kraig Owens, Construction and Risk Management Supervisor; and Melissa Greenthal, Operations Analyst. Please see attendance sheet for additional attendees.

A motion was made by Vicki Paddock to elect Michelle Klemz as secretary until May 18, 2021. No further nominations were offered. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Paddock, Klemz, and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Crews. Motion passed and Michelle Klemz was elected Board Secretary.

A motion was made by Vicki Paddock to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 18, 2020. The motion was seconded by Michelle Klemz. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Klemz, Paddock, and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Crews. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Michelle Klemz to approve the minutes of the executive session of August 18, 2020. The motion was seconded by Vicki Paddock. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Paddock, Klemz, and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent: Crews. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the total bills, payouts and payroll in the amount of \$403,776.25 presented on September 15, 2020, was made by Michelle Klemz and was seconded by Vicki Paddock. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: 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; David Jonatis of Wadsworth, IL commented to the board regarding the cancellation of Silversneaker, Renew Active, and AARP memberships at FitNation at the end of 2020 and asked the board to request staff reconsider this decision.

Department Directors reviewed their written reports with the Board.

Director of Parks Jeff Reinhard reviewed the parks report. The brick pathway at Hunt Club is complete. The Chittenden Park playground equipment installation is in progress.

Director of Recreation Mike Wick reviewed the recreation report. E-learning pods are going well with 10 enrollments at Viking Park and 27 at Hunt Club. Fall sports are in progress. Soccer is down to 218 compared at 309 from last year, but this is a great enrollment number under the circumstances.

Director Mike Szpylman reviewed the Business Services report. He mentioned that Macy's is appealing their property taxes and we are currently working with the school district and communicating with the assessor's office and the county.

Director Jennifer Gilbert reviewed the Marketing and Community Relations report.

Executive Director Susie Kuruvilla reviewed her report. There are some struggles in programming due to COVID but the recreation department is doing a great job coming up with some alternative ideas. Membership at FitNation is still at less than 50%. Staff from other areas are helping at the Front Desk at

FitNation. Childcare and locker rooms will reopen with modifications on October 1st. Hunt Club and Viking Park offices will likely remain closed through the remainder of 2020.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Vicki Paddock to approve the lowest responsible bid from Total Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$61,449.00 for paving improvements at South Park, Prairie Oaks and Hunt Club Park as presented and was seconded by Michelle Klemz. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Paddock, Klemz, and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent. Crews. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

A motion to adjourn was made by Vicki Paddock and seconded by Michelle Klemz. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Paddock, Klemz, and Goshorn. Nays: none. Absent. Crews. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

James G. Goshorn, President

Michelle Klemz, Secretary