Lombard Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Special Board Meeting
Zoom Online Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Scalzo at 6:30 p.m.

Upon roll call being taken, the following commissioners were present:

Commissioners: Jim Scalzo, President

Bob Bachner, Vice President Margie Fugiel, Commissioner Mike Kuderna, Commissioner Dave Lemar, Commissioner Greg Ludwig, Commissioner Peter Nolan, Commissioner

Staff: Paul W. Friedrichs, Executive Director

Joe McCann, Director of Recreation

Andrea Chiappetta, Director of Finance & Personnel Kevin Ingram, Superintendent of Golf Operations

Dean Styburski, Superintendent of Parks Leah Touzios, Recording Secretary

Guest: Nicole Kapala, Employee

Nathan Kinsinger, Employee Katy McKinnon, Employee

Robert Perez, Ad Hoc Committee Member Nancy Schukat, Ad Hoc Committee Member

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Scalzo requested approval of the June 9, 2020 Agenda.

Commissioner Kuderna made a motion to approve the June 9, 2020 Special Board Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Fugiel seconded the motion. On a call for the vote, seven ayes (Bachner, Fugiel, Kuderna, Lemar, Ludwig, Nolan, Scalzo). Motion carried.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

None.

Park District Operations Update

Executive Director Friedrichs explained current Park District regulations that are in effect, such as, one personal trainer per trainee and outdoor fitness classes are open to ten participants or less. Executive Director Friedrichs discussed phase four projections and what the future of the District may

look like. There are no guidelines currently, but phase four would have groups of fifty or less people, playgrounds could open, and the District may have the July board meeting at Sunset Knoll. Executive Director Friedrichs explained that there could be a bill passed with restrictions to Open Meetings Act and online zoom meetings. During the June regular board meeting, Director Chiappetta will have the financial forecast for the Board, with estimates going through June 2021. Lastly, Executive Director Friedrichs explained PDRMA restrictions on insurance liability.

Superintendent Ingram gave the Board an update on the condition of the golf course. Superintendent Ingram explained that with multiple closures of the course and restrictions of only twosomes allowed, until May 29, and the three times the course closed due to rain, the golf course is remarkably ahead 282 rounds compared to this time last year. Twice this season, the course had every cart being rented out. Lastly, Superintendent Ingram reported several areas on the course that have sustained damaged from flooding, but staff continues to keep up with mowing and top seeding.

Director Chiappetta gave the Board an update on the financials of the District. Director Chiappetta discussed out of the eighty employees who filed unemployment, only sixty-nine qualified. Of the sixty-nine employees, seven have returned back to work. Director Chiappetta explained the forecasted expense of the August invoice for unemployment. Lastly, Director Chiappetta announced that property taxes went up two percent from 2019, and the District received the first June payment. During the June 23 board meeting, Director Chiappetta will present the Board with the second portion of property tax totals for June.

Superintendent Styburski gave the Board of Park Commissioners an update on the status of park operations. Superintendent Styburski reported that both disc golf courses have been reinstalled at Madison Meadow and Lombard Common. Superintendent Styburski discussed that ballfields at Sunset Knoll, Madison Meadow, Southland, and Lombard Common are being used for practice, so staff is maintaining the fields by dragging, weed control, applying infield mix, and screenings. Superintendent Styburski told the Board that both ponds at Lombard Lagoon and Madison Meadow received their first treatment of the year, to control weeds. Lastly, a citizen called the parks department to commend staff on doing a great job at Lilacia Park.

Director McCann gave the Board of Park Commissioners an overview on the recreation department's programming status. Director McCann explained Sunset Knoll Recreation Center is closed to the public, but open for classes. Various programs began; virtual programs, early childhood camps, piano lessons, outdoor tennis lessons, fitness classes, trivia night, and family camp-in. Kiddie campus wrapped up with students being able to pick up their yearbooks and scrap books. Two recreation staff are assisting the parks department with ballfield maintenance. Sports teams are beginning, such as: travel softball, travel baseball, and travel soccer. Director McCann discussed the dance floors at Sunset Knoll Recreation Center have been refinished. The Meadowlark Quilt Club has made face masks for District employees. Lastly, Director McCann announced the golf course has seen an increase of golfers during the 11-2 special.

Commissioner Nolan raised two questions regarding baseball practice, per State guidelines, and if there are fees associated with virtual classes, Director McCann responded with the following: the District informed teams to follow DCEO guidelines and require teams to provide specific practice plans, and there are various virtual programs that require a fee to attend.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Ludwig commended staff on doing a great job, and the golf course looks great.

Commissioner Kuderna thanked staff for their hard work.

Vice President Bachner said it is great seeing kids playing baseball, he's happy camps are being provided, and the District seems to be going in a positive direction.

Commissioner Nolan said keep up the good work.

Commissioner Lemar said great job to staff on putting together programming, good job with the golf course, and thanks to Leadership and the Board for getting together twice a month.

President Scalzo is glad that staff is increasing, looking forward to normal, he's thankful, and tells staff to keep focused.

There being no further business, at 7:07 p.m. Commissioner Ludwig made a motion to adjourn the Special Board Meeting of June 9, 2020. Commissioner Kuderna seconded the motion. On a call for the vote, seven ayes (Bachner, Fugiel, Kuderna, Lemar, Ludwig, Nolan, Scalzo). Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul W. Friedrichs

Secretary

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