

HUNTLEY PARK DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
March 24, 2021
- Via Zoom -

President Jerry Nepermann called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Commissioner's present included; Bill Awe, Jim Blasky, Keith Wold, and Melissa Kellas. Also present were Thom Palmer, Laura Pisarcik, Paul Ostrander, Scott Crowe, Rick Walrath, John Cowlin, Matt Szytz, Nancy Sprouse, Scott Bigney and Bill Patrick.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Awe and seconded by Commissioner Blasky.

Roll Call: Yes - All. No - None. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the February 24, 2021 regular Board meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Wold and seconded by Commissioner Awe.

Roll Call: Yes - All. No - None. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Commissioner Wold and seconded by Commissioner Kellas.

Roll Call: Yes - All. No - None. Motion carried.

Laura Pisarcik submitted bills, additions, and purchase cards totaling \$151,386.90.

A motion to approve the submitted bills and additions listed above was made by Commissioner Blasky and seconded by Commissioner Wold.

Roll Call: Yes - Blasky, Wold, Kellas, Awe. No - None. Abstain - Nepermann. Motion carried.

Staff Reports - The following Department Reports were reviewed:

Finance & HR: In addition to Laura Pisarcik's submitted report, Commissioner Awe asked for feedback regarding our HMO health insurance plan. Laura stated that we have not received any complaints and that those who are utilizing the benefit seem to be pleased. Commissioner Awe asked how many full-time employees utilize the benefit. Laura answered that of our 19 full-time employees, 14 take advantage of the benefit.

Parks: No other comments were made in addition to Paul Ostrander's submitted report.

Golf Department Report: In addition to Rick Walrath's submitted report, Commissioner Awe asked about the simulator revenues for the month. Rick explained that the revenues reported are better than expected and can be

best described as a viable asset for the course. Following up on his original question, Commissioner Awe asked if there may be a possibility that the golf course no longer has to rent the equipment and instead own it. Rick replied that they are looking at options moving forward to determine where they can make investments towards the simulator.

Commissioner Nepermann talked about his experience witnessing golfers using the simulator while visiting Pinecrest, offering insight as to how much fun the golfers appear to be having with it.

Recreation: In addition to Scott Crowe's submitted report, Commissioner Awe followed up on the hiring process for the Youth Recreation Manager position. Scott explained that the position is not new, but that the department is simply filling a void that has been present for over the last 6 months.

Commissioner Awe specifically asked how the Among Us event has fared. Scott explained that it has been a very popular live event that follows the popularity of a trending video game with children. Additional dates have been added after the initial weekend sold out.

Scott explained that the month of March has seen the highest amount of registration that the Park District has had since the start of the pandemic.

Commissioner Awe questioned if the Park District is having issues with hiring lifeguards. Scott explained that there is no issue in hiring, there is just more work to hire this year than a normal year due to the pool not having been open last year and a lack of returning staff from the prior year.

Commissioner Wold asked if Scott believed that the rest of the year looks to be more on track with a normal year. Scott said it looks like that will be the case. With less restrictions than before, it is easier to anticipate and coordinate new and pre-existing activities.

New Business

2021 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

The combined annual budget and appropriation ordinance appropriates the monies that are necessary to cover the projected expenses and liabilities the district may incur in the next budget year. The ordinance must be passed and approved within or before the first quarter of each fiscal year.

A motion to approve the 2021 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was made by Commissioner Awe and seconded by Commissioner Blasky.
Roll Call: Yes - All. No - None. Motion carried.

Fireworks Agreement

The Village of Huntley approached the Huntley Park District six years ago requesting the use of Deicke and Warrington Parks for a public gathering place to view the annual fireworks display. The past events were successful and without incident.

A motion to approve the Fireworks Agreement variances request as presented was made by Commissioner Wold and seconded by Commissioner Kellas.

Roll Call: Yes - All. No - None. Motion carried.

Consider Disposal of Surplus Parks Dept. Equipment

Both the six-wheel Gator and Roller will be replaced and in doing so these units will need to be retired from the Parks Department fleet and disposed of properly. Please consider the ordinance. The 2006 6x4 gator has 4200 hours and will need quite a bit of work in the near future. The 1990 Caterpillar roller needs around \$6,000 worth of work to it and cannot operate until it is fixed. It is estimated it would still be an old roller with future problems popping up. It is being requested that the Gator and Roller be listed as surplus. (70 ILCS 1205/8/22)

A motion to approve the resolution as presented was made by Commissioner Kellas and seconded by Commissioner Wold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Yes - All. No - None. Motion carried.

A motion to authorize the Executive Director to distribute an increase not to exceed \$36,000 for fiscal year 2021 effective January 1, 2021 (or April 11, 2021) within the approved fulltime salary ranges, ranging from 0% to 5% per individual employee based on merit/CPI at his discretion. As part of the distribution, the Board also authorizes a 3% increase to the Executive Director was made by Commissioner Wold and seconded by Commissioner Blasky.

Roll Call: Yes - All. No - None. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Awe seconded by Commissioner Blasky. Roll Call: Yes - All. No - None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47PM.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular business meeting.
Respectfully submitted,
Matt Szytz, Recording Secretary