

HUNTLEY PARK DISTRICT
Board Workshop Minutes
February 9, 2022

President Keith Wold called the meeting to order at 7:01p. Commissioners present: Keith Wold, Melissa Kellas, Jerry Nepermann, William Awe, and Jim Blasky. Staff present: Scott Crowe, Laura Pisarcik, Paul Ostrander, Joe Patterson, Matt Szytz, and Rick Walrath

Committee of the Whole: Keith Wold; Chairperson.

Chuck Balling presented a proposal for Strategic Planning

Neelay Bhatt from PROS Consulting presented a proposal for a Comprehensive Strategic Master Plan

Board and staff discussed strategic plan options and the Board gave staff further direction to obtain quotes from another all-inclusive consultant and a master plan package for comparison purposes.

Scott Crowe and Rick Walrath gave an update on the gaming status. A machine would not be ADA compliant to the left of the bar so all machines must go in the proposed new gaming areas. Projected costs for solid wall construction remain the same, about \$50,000 and a new concept for more modular walls available from a local commercial office supply company is being explored. Board instructed staff to find out the cost of the modular wall option and present more information at the February Board meeting.

Three concepts for an updated Stingray Bay Sand Play area with presented and discussed with the board. Board instructed staff to pursue option 1, with additional shade over the play space which could be achieved by moving the existing funbrella.

Scott Crowe presented two concepts for playgrounds from MI Homes for the incoming subdivision known as Fieldstone. Staff reviewed the current implications to the Master Plan and reviewed the options within the Developer Donation Policy. MI Homes goes in front of the Village Planning Commission on Monday, February 14 to further discuss. Executive Director Crowe will follow up with both the developer and the Village at the conclusion of that meeting. Board instructed staff to wait and find out more details after the builder and Village discussion before deciding on what to do with the space.

Scott Crowe updated the board that the Emeritus Status will need to be considered again at the next meeting. As two commissioners were absent from the last meeting, this item will need to be considered again as our policy requires an affirmative vote of at least 4 commissioners to grant this status.

There are three pieces of fitness equipment that will be on the February Board Meeting to consider for surplus. Staff intends to dispose of items.

We are anticipating that we will have three affiliate agreements to review at the February Board Meeting.

Scott Crowe and Laura Pisarcik presented the draft capital budget to the board. This will be in the upcoming proposed operational budget which the board will see a preliminary version in February and consideration of approval at the March Board Meeting. The preliminary budget notice will be posted on February 11, 2022, in the newspaper and will be available for public review beginning after February 21, 2022.

Scott Crowe reviewed with the board that since our previous Treasurer was elected by the board as our President, a new Treasurer must be appointed as certain documents require the President and Treasurer to sign and they cannot be the same person. The board can appoint another board member or a staff member to this appointed position and this will be on the February Board Meeting for consideration.

Scott Crowe updated the board on recent COVID-19 mask requirements in schools and the impacts on the district. Per our Risk Management Agency and our Corporate Counsel, this ruling is specific to schools and Park Districts were advised to continue following all current IDPH COVID-19 Mitigations including requiring use of masks at all indoor facilities. Today, February 9, the Governor announced that he will lift the indoor mask mandate on February 28. At this time some restrictions may still be in place for certain venues, activities, or age groups. Notably "day care" operations were outlined as potential programs that would still require mask use indoors. This would impact Beyond the Bell and Preschool. More details from DCFS are expected by February 28.

Staff or commissioner comments: Parks and Facilities Director Paul Ostrander announced he will be retiring on March 31, 2022.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wold and seconded by Commissioner Awe. All ayes, Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Szytz, MBA, CPRP
Recording Secretary of the Board

<u>Signature on file</u> ¹	<u>2/23/22</u>	<u>Signature on file</u> ¹	<u>2/23/22</u>
Keith Wold, President	Date	Scott M. Crowe, Secretary	Date