

MINUTES
DeKalb Park District
Public Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
December 17, 2020
Hopkins Community Center, DeKalb, IL

Public Meeting
6:00 p.m.

I. Meeting Call to Order:

President Phil Young called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Board members present: President Phil Young, Commissioner Dean Holliday, Commissioner Gail A. Krmeneč, Commissioner Doug Eaton, and Commissioner Dag Grada.

Staff Members Present: Superintendent of Parks & Development Mat Emken, Superintendent of Recreation Greg Bruggeman, Accounting & Administrative Assistant Jennifer Anderson, Dave Kesson.

II. Action on the Agenda

Commissioner Krmeneč made a motion to amend the agenda to move item C under new business to item A, seconded by Commissioner Holliday. Motion carried by voice vote.

III. Consent Agenda

All items appearing below are considered routine by the Board and shall be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired, that item shall be removed and discussed separately.

- a. Minutes of the Public Meeting of November 5, 2020
- b. Minutes of the Public Meeting of November 5, 2020
- c. Minutes of the Public Meeting of November 19, 2020
- d. Executive Session Minutes of November 5, 2020
- e. Executive Session Minutes of November 19, 2020

Commissioner Krmeneč made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Eaton. Motion carried by voice vote.

IV. Public Comments

V. Old Business

a. Discussion of Hopkins Pool

George Deines from Counsilman-Hunsaker and Stephen Nelson from Larson & Darby Architects presented the results of their study of Hopkins Pool as well as the findings from the community input and survey. They also presented concepts for a remodel of Hopkins Pool and for a new facility.

Commissioners Krmeneč and Eaton, as well as President Young thanked the presenters for incorporating all of the changes they asked for. President Young said this was a great starting point.

VI. New Business

- a. Action on Ordinance 20-08: Providing for the issue of approximately \$1,331,285 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2020B, of the DeKalb Park District, DeKalb County, Illinois, for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of said Park District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, authorizing the sale of said bonds to purchaser thereof.**

Commissioner Grada made a motion to adopt Ordinance 20-08: An Ordinance providing for the issue of approximately \$1,340,250 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2020B, of the District, for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on the bonds, and authorizing the sale of the bonds to the purchaser thereof, seconded by Commissioner Eaton.

Motion carried by roll call vote. Aye: Eaton, Grada, Krmeneč, Holliday, Young. Nay: None. Absent: None. (5-0-0)

- b. Discussion of Easement for City of DeKalb at Welsh Park for Light Pole**
City Engineer Zac Gill presented on the easement for the light pole at Welsh Park.

Commissioner Holiday asked if this is all in writing. President Young said it has been submitted for review. Commissioner Holiday said it sounds like a win-win to me. Commissioner Krmeneč disagreed. She asked the staff why this wasn't brought to the board before the project was started. She also said it is her understanding that we don't light the interior parks after night because they are closed. She stated if the basketball and pickleball courts are lit at night, we would be inviting people to come use them. Mr. Emken said we have a few with lights. Commissioner Krmeneč asked Zac if wifi was installed on those lights and if they have security cameras. She also asked if the Police Department was involved in this decision. Mr. Gill said that is not part of this program. He mentioned police and public works approved the lighting. It was going there already- but this would just be moving the lighting over toward the benches.

President Young said most parks close a half hour after sunset. He agreed with Commissioner Krmenech that lighting would be inviting people to think they can use it. He was also concerned how much light would shine and disrupt the residential area across the street. He asked Mr. Emken if any other playgrounds or structures have lights at night. Mr. Emken said several playgrounds and shelters do. President Young asked Zac what the time frame would be. Zac said the first week of January given the weather is okay. He also said some of the lights also had motion sensors for night and could be on timers as well. He said he would take the ownership of this being installed. He gave a written promise to the staff that if not approved, they will remove at their expense. President Young said it affects us directly one way or another- for the taxpayers' dollars. He requested staff to look into the policy for opening and closing of the parks and bring it back to the first meeting in January.

Commissioner Grada appreciated the concerns of lighting, but Welsh Park has a history of nighttime usage and Police enforce it. He suggested that the security provided by lighting would offset any loitering, etc. Commissioner Eaton concurred.

c. Action on Ordinance 20-07: Tax Levy Ordinance for 2020 Property Tax Levy in the amount of \$3,040,029

Commissioner Eaton made a motion to approve Ordinance 20-07: Tax Levy Ordinance for 2020 Property Tax Levy in the amount of \$3,040,029, seconded by Commissioner Grada.

Motion carried by roll call vote. Aye: Eaton, Grada, Krmenech, Holliday, Young. Nay: None. Absent: None. (5-0-0)

d. Action on Seasonal Staff Rates for FY2022

Commissioner Grada made a motion to approve the Non-Collective Bargaining Unit seasonal/part-time staff pay scale for FY2022, seconded by Commissioner Eaton.

Motion carried by roll call vote. Aye: Eaton, Grada, Krmenech, Holliday, Young. Nay: None. Absent: None. (5-0-0)

e. Superintendent Reports

Greg Bruggeman announced that with the tier 3 mitigation extended, all indoor recreation is cancelled except for one-on-one trainings. Our Out of School care program is still running. District 428 is looking to go hybrid on January 19th. We also received a \$5000 grant from Northwestern Hospital and are working with the hospital to figure out how we can best serve the children. President Young asked

if we are using a lot of the scholarship money. Mr. Bruggeman said that has fallen back. There have been fewer attendees at camp and we are working with 4c which helps subsidize some of the costs to families as well. Staff are working on a better way to get the word out for scholarships.

Mat Emken said the first 8 golf carts are prepared to go to auction. Based on those results, staff will determine to auction the rest or do trade ins. Staff have been removing wallpaper and installing drywall at the River Heights clubhouse. A window should be replaced. The final inspection of Welsh Park was completed, the new ADA lift is scheduled for Monday, the Ice rink will be put in this week, and staff are replacing all LED lighting at Hopkins. Once Hopkins is complete, we will order more no cost replacements for other buildings.

VII. Financial Reports

No motion was made on this agenda item. Carried over to the next board meeting.

- a. Monthly Paid Bills Listing**
- b. Monthly Financial Summary**
- c. IT Summary**
- d. Board & Staff Travel Expense Summary**
- e. FOIA Report**

VIII. Executive Session

- a. Personnel 2(c)(1)**

Commissioner Krmenek made a motion to go into executive session under 2(c)1 Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Eaton. Motion carried by roll call vote.

IX. Reconvene Open Meeting

The open meeting reconvened at 7:28 pm

X. Adjourn Public Meeting

Commissioner Eaton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Holliday. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.