

Round Lake Area Park District
Regular Board Meeting
September 12, 2024
6:00 p.m.

PLACE OF MEETING:

Robert W. Rolek Community Center
814 Hart Road
Round Lake, IL 60073

I. ROLL CALL

Park District Board President Nick Metropulos called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners in attendance were Tim Pasternak, Nathalie Alvarez, Lisett Secundino, and Sarah Wright. Staff in attendance included: Executive Director Katie Gamroth, Superintendent of Business and Finance Jenny Baker, Human Resources Manager Jennifer Ruehrdanz, Superintendent of Parks Ane Olivares, Superintendent of Recreation Karyn Nicholas, Marketing Manager Melissa Hollander, Superintendent of Facilities Matt Netrefa, and Golf Pro Manager Brad Rouse.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CONSIDERATION OF & POSSIBLE ACTIONS ON ANY REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING

None.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

None

V. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Roselie Larsen is a Round Lake resident who is disappointed the dance program that has changed. She feels that staff did not take the time to learn about the program before the supervisor was terminated. Rosie believes the previous dance supervisor ran a great program that won awards and offered private level instruction, and the new program is not of the same quality. Roselie shared she reached out to staff inquiring what the qualifications for the new supervisor are and what the plan is to replace participation in Chicago National Association of Dance Masters (CNADM). Roselie commented that the response received indicated the district was looking for basic dance experience and staff encouraged her to take her children on her own to CNADM if she was interested in higher skill level classes. Roselie noted that participants are being asked to pay the same for what she sees as a lesser program.

Russell Larsen is upset with the termination of the dance supervisor and the way he believes she had been treated by her supervisor. Russell commented that he believes a different staff member had quit because of Republican political views and comments by the Superintendent.

Kitty Larsen was a dancer of the dance program and stated she looked up to the dance supervisor as a role model and liked the opportunity the dancers had to compete. Kitty felt the program had the most experienced teachers at every level and is disappointed that those teachers are gone.

Megan Wentz has had children in the dance program since 2019. Megan is concerned that the current dance classes are being combined and the older kids will not be able to grow in the current program.

Jose commented on the group that cuts the grass at Greenview Park. Jose noted that the group does not blow the leave or trim the fence line and overall does not do as good a job as the previous group.

Maria Escatel is asking for Greenview Park to have more light at Cherokee Dr.

Lourdes Orizaba commented that there are no lights from Turnbull drive to Rollins and would like more there.

Juan Dominguez would like to see more stop signs in the Greenview Park area. Juan commented that cars speed through the area.

Gamroth encouraged the community members who were concerned about the lighting and stop signs in the Greenview Park area to contact the Village of Round Lake Beach to voice their concerns. She commented that she would contact Village staff as well to relay the message.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Gamroth stated that there were no changes to the agenda.

MOTION: Wright moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of September 12, 2024, as presented.

SECOND: By Secundino.

VOTE: By roll call. All ayes. Motion passed.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

A. Round Lake Area Park District Decennial Efficiency Committee Meeting

MOTION: Pasternak motioned to recess from the regular board meeting of September 12, 2024, to enter the Decennial Efficiency Meeting at 6:25 p.m.

SECOND: By Alvarez.

VOTE: By roll call. All Ayes. Motion passed.

MOTION: Wright moved to resume the regular board meeting of September 12, 2024, at 6:39 pm.

SECOND: By Secundino.

VOTE: By roll call. All Ayes. Motion passed.

B. Employee Classification Policy Changes and Review

Gamroth presented an updated Employee Classification Policy that includes accrued personal time hours for part time employees.

MOTION: Pasternak motioned to accept the updated Employee Classification Policy.

SECOND: By Wright.

VOTE: By roll call. All Ayes. Motion passed.

C. Master Plan Project Update

Gamroth provided an update on the ongoing Master Plan Project. Gamroth stated that staff and board focus groups will be conducted in September for the Strategic Plan. The Board decided to hold a focus group in a special meeting a directed Gamroth to set a date with BerryDunn.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Commissioner Comments

Metropulos congratulated staff on an excellent 50th anniversary event.

Alvarez encouraged the new audience members to follow the park district page and thanked them for attending.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2024.

B. Approval but not release of Executive Session Board Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2024.

C. Approval of Cash Expenditure Transactions for the Month of August 2024.

MOTION: Wright moved to approve the Consent Agenda of September 12, 2024, as presented.

SECOND: By Secundino.

VOTE: By roll call. All ayes. Motion passed.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance

1) Monthly Statements

Baker noted that the park district with ACH payments.

B. Program and Facility Monthly Reports

1. Risk Management/Human Resources

Staff provided a written report

2. Renwood Report

Staff provided a written report.

Rouse added that August had been the busiest month at Renwood.

3. Recreation Operations Report

Staff provided a written report.

Nicholas highlighted the golden golf ball promotion and the success of the Family Fishing Event.

Netrefa highlighted the job fair that Representative Faver-Dias and Senator Edly-Allen hosted. He noted that there were over 200 job seekers in attendance.

Hollander provided input on her use of different social media platforms.

4. Parks Report

Staff provided a written report.

Olivares provided an update on Hero Park construction and the completed drainage project at Shagbark Park.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Wright motioned to move into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. in accordance with the Illinois Open Meeting Act Chapter 5ILCS Section 120/2(c)(1) discussion on appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance review of an employee.

SECOND: By Alvarez.

VOTE: By roll call. All ayes. Motion passed.

The Executive Session adjourned at 8:43 p.m. and the Regular Meeting reconvened.

XII. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS AS RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT, DISCIPLINE, OR PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF AN EMPLOYEE.

None.

XIII. REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION: Pasternak motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2024.

SECOND: Alvarez.

VOTE: By roll call. All ayes. Motion passed.

Park Board President Metropulos adjourned the September 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

/s/ Nick Metropulos
Nick Metropulos, Park Board President

/s/ Katie Gamroth
Katie Gamroth, Board Secretary

10/17/24
Date Submitted