

Round Lake Area Park District
Regular Board Meeting
July 8, 2021
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 Paul Hollingsworth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners in attendance were Sarah Green, Timothy Pasternak, Nick Metropulos and Christine Gentes. Staff in attendance included Executive Director Bob Newport, Business Services Director Carl Hauser, Superintendent of Recreation Katie Gamroth, Finance Department Manager Jennifer Baker and Superintendent of Parks Ane Olivares.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

No changes to the posted agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Pasternak moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of July 8, 2021, as presented.
SECOND: By Commissioner Green.
VOTE: By roll call. All ayes. Motion passed.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

A. Round Lake Area School District #116 Presentation

Executive Director Newport introduced School District #116 Chief Operating Officer Dr. Mary Lamping. Dr. Lamping provided an overview of the new playground that would be replacing the existing structure at the Early Education Center (EEC) the use of which had expanded beyond the kindergarten program that had been offered at the facility. She added that drainage issues with the EEC facility, which go through the park district's ball field, needed to be addressed as part of the project. Dr. Lamping introduced Jeanette Metzger, the principal at the center who reviewed in detail the playground features to be offered. Principal Metzger stated that one of the existing kindergarten aged play pieces would remain and that new features would cover a wider range of age groups and be an extension of the learning curriculum. Executive Director Newport asked if the playground surface would be mulch or poured-

in-place surfacing of which Principal Metzger stated mulch and that grant funding would aide in the construction of the playground. Commissioner Hollingsworth asked about the drainage impact and Dr. Lamping responded that both agency's engineers were reviewing those plans and would report back respectively with the hope of an approval of the proposed solution so that an inter-governmental agreement could be approved in August. Superintendent of Parks Ane Olivares would provide information to the school district about the Kids-Around-The-World program for re-using the removed old playground equipment.

B. 1st Reading of 2021-2022 Operating Budget

Executive Director Newport read the introduction section which explained the budget's purpose in achieving the overall goals of the park district and how property taxes are used as one of the sources of funding. Commissioner Gentes asked if the park district has realized any gains in the equalized assessed valuation from the Alter Group project area and Executive Director Newport said not yet. Commissioner Gentes then asked about the Child Development Center hours being extended back to a 6:00 p.m. closing and Superintendent of Recreation Gamroth stated that currently there is not enough demand at this time to stay open that late or to open at 6:00 a.m. Commissioner Gentes next asked about having a digital sign for advertising and Executive Director Newport stated that as previously discussed the corner of Hart Road and Route 134 is an angle and would not be a good site and that Gateway Park in Round Lake Beach already has two digital signs close by. Superintendent of Recreation Gamroth added that the park district in the past did have advertising on one of the signs in Round Lake Beach in the past with no success. Executive Director Newport added that there could be a better location for a digital sign in the future in partnership with another area governmental agency. Commissioner Hollingsworth asked Executive Director Newport to have departmental staff attend the August 12, 2021, Regular Board Meeting for any additional questions the Board may have with the second reading of the budget. Executive Director Newport stated that the budget included \$400,000 for golf course capital improvements and additional funding for park and facility projects.

C. Draft – Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2021-2022

Executive Director Newport stated that the draft figures were based on the 2021-2022 operating budgets and was presented to meet the public posting time requirements prior to adoption at the September Regular Board Meeting.

D. Schedule Budget and Appropriation Hearing for September 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Executive Director Newport proposed establishing the public hearing for September 9, 2021, prior to the adoption of the ordinance.

MOTION: Commissioner Metropulos moved to approve the scheduling of the Budget and Appropriation Hearing for September 9, 2021.

SECOND: By Commissioner Green.

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Commissioner Comments

The commissioners stated that they liked the fireworks show held on July third.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2021.
- B. Approval of Cash Expenditure Transactions for the Month of June 2021.

MOTION: Commissioner Pasternak moved to approve the Consent Agenda of July 8, 2021, as presented.

SECOND: By Commissioner Green.

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

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance

1) Monthly Statements

Finance Department Manager Baker provided the monthly financial statements for June 2021. The board thanked Jennifer Baker for her work in compiling the budgets and running the monthly operations of the Finance Department.

B. Program and Facility Monthly Reports

1. Recreation Report/CDC Report/Marketing/Facilities Report

Recreation staff provided written reports. Commissioner Gentes wanted to compliment Kathy Paczynski on the number of Nature programs offered and running.

2. Parks Report

Superintendent of Parks Ane Olivares provided a written report. Ane added that the BMX track was complete, and work was being done on plantings, that the North Shore Skate Park renovation would be completed around then end of August or in September, a pickleball court is replacing the basketball court at Whitewood Park after meeting with residents in the area, and that work had begun on the Kristina Park playground.

3. Renwood Report

Golf course staff provided written reports. The Board liked the drone aerial videos of the golf course hole layouts that were recently completed. Executive Director Newport stated that the new golf simulator was operational in the pro shop and early users like the system and have even asked about getting standing tee times.

4. Safety Report

Staff provided a written report. Executive Director Newport added that two juveniles were arrested for torching a playground slide at Bright Meadows Park.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Pasternak moved to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of July 8, 2021.

SECOND: By Commissioner Metropulos.

VOTE: By Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Park Board President Hollingsworth adjourned the Regular Board Meeting of July 8, 2021, at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

/s/Paul Hollingsworth
Paul Hollingsworth, Park Board President

/s/Carl Hauser
Carl Hauser, Board Secretary

August 12, 2021
Date Approved