

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting** of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Rolling Meadows Park District, REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM. Call in: 312-626-6799, ID: 870-7442-4932, Password 737494, on **January 12, 2021.**

President Bolash called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. After the pledge of allegiance the roll was taken.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Liz Bolash, President  
Christine Savino, Vice President  
Kimberley Meehan, Treasurer  
Donna Bisesi, Commissioner  
Bill Cooley, Commissioner  
Stephanie Ennis, Commissioner  
Emily Ford, Commissioner

**STAFF PRESENT**

Kevin Romejko, Executive Director  
Tim Klier, Supt. of Finance  
Conor Cahill, Supt. of Recreation  
Brian McKenna, Supt. of Parks  
Bob Veller, Supt of Ice Arenas  
Dominic Calderisi, Safety Coordinator & Project Manager  
Alison Reicher, Mgr. of Human Resources & Employee Engagement  
Connie Kubik, Recording Secretary

**VISITORS**

Courtney Gurion  
Adam Marton

**SPECIAL BOARD ACTION**

President Bolash declared due to Restore Illinois Tier 3 Mitigation guidelines tonight's Board meeting shall be conducted via audio and video Zoom platform and in accordance with SB 2135, Executive Director Romejko was participating in the meeting from the regular meeting location, Park Central, 3000 Central Road. There were no members of the public present at the Park Central location. To ensure all discussion, testimony and votes could be heard, President Bolash confirmed each member of the Board was able to hear her by roll call response as follows:

Ayes: Bisesi, Cooley, Ennis, Ford, Meehan, Savino  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

Comm. Meehan moved, seconded by Comm. Ennis the Board of Park Commissioners approve Ordinance 407; an Ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$3,800,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2021, for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the Park 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 said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote:

Ayes: Bisesi, Bolash, Cooley, Ennis, Ford, Meehan, Savino

Nays:

Absent:

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

President Bolash highlighted public participation guidelines then welcomed Courtney Gurion to the Board meeting. Ms. Gurion noted she is the Aunt of a deceased D211 Chiefs hockey player Andrew Marton and reviewed a timeline of information regarding her request to have her nephew’s memorial jersey displayed inside the rink area at West Meadows Ice Arena. President Bolash noted all of Ms. Gurion’s previous correspondence with Dir. Romejko had been shared with all Board members. Ms. Gurion referenced a petition that had been circulated and read a statement from Adam Marton, Andrew’s father. Ms. Gurion advised they wanted Andrew’s jersey to be prominently hung inside West Meadows Ice Arena so his younger brother can view it when he skates, rather than placed in the current lobby memorial case as offered by Dir. Romejko. Mr. Marton briefly addressed the Board and passed his remaining time to speak to Ms. Gurion; she reiterated they would like Andrew’s memorial jersey and the memorial case to be located in the ice rink area at West Meadows rather than placing Andrew’s memorial jersey in the existing memorial display case in the lobby or the additional options Dir. Romejko has offered them. President Bolash thanked the visitors for bringing their thoughts and concerns to the Board.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Comm. Meehan moved and Comm. Cooley seconded the Board of Park Commissioners approve the previously distributed consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote:

Ayes: Bisesi, Bolash, Cooley, Ennis, Ford, Meehan, Savino

Nays:

Absent:

**FINANCE**

The financial summary of the Park District is as follows: zero in the payroll account, \$25,000.00 in the administrative account, \$81,374.70 in the general fund. The Park District investment summary is as follows: \$927,822 in the BMO Harris Bank prime money market plus account, \$2,527,426 in the Evergreen Bank Group Cornerstone money market account and \$1,447,699 in the Illinois Park District Liquid Asset Fund and \$451,000.00 in the City of Marion GO Bond fund -Series 2020.

Comm. Meehan moved and Comm. Savino seconded the Board of Park Commissioners adopt the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE APPROVAL OF BILLS  
CHARGED TO THE GENERAL CORPORATE FUND**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE ROLLING MEADOWS PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that the following disbursements to the General Corporate Fund be approved for payment:

CHECK #	PAYEE	AMOUNT
13812	Alexander Equipment Co. Inc.	1,113.65
13813	Buck Brothers Inc.	2,572.15

13814	Care Program	7,815.43
13815	City of Rolling Meadows	13,690.44
13816	Colley Elevator Company	1,525.00
13817	Collins Plumbing & Jetting Inc.	1,183.00
13818	Hitchcock Design Inc.	24,469.63
13819	Industrial Door Company	1,405.00
13820	Premium Plus Promotional	6,802.05
13821	RMC Mechanical Services	5,435.62
13822	Verizon Wireless	1,367.51
13823	Warehouse Direct Workplace	1,969.89

Total General fund Checks for January 12th, 2021	\$	69,349.37
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Presented the 12th day of January, 2021

AYES:  
NAYS:  
ABSENT:

Approved the 12th day of January, 2021

  
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 President, Board of Park Commissioners

ATTEST:   
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 Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

Motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote:

Ayes: Bisesi, Bolash, Cooley, Ennis, Ford, Meehan, Savino  
 Nays:  
 Absent:

Supt. Klier noted the previously distributed informational 2021-2022 Budget Development Calendar. He highlighted the dates for revenue and expense projections to be discussed with the Board.  
 Dir. Romejko advised he and Supt. Klier are working on their approach for the May 1<sup>st</sup> budget taking into account the continued financial challenges presented by COVID 19.

**COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS**

**Building and Grounds:**

Supt. McKenna updated the Board regarding the Cardinal Drive Park project. He discussed MWRD requirements & approvals, utilizing in-house skilled labor for some construction areas and existing OSLAD grant funding.

Dir. Romejko requested Board feedback regarding previously distributed Cardinal Drive Park playground equipment design drawings in two color palette choices. Topic discussion included graffiti removal, warmer versus cooler colors for play surfaces, turf color choice and what colors are best for those with a disability or sensory challenges. Dir. Romejko summarized: the lighter, brighter combination was preferred so long as Dir. Crawford of NWSRA could confirm this preference for children with disabilities or sensory challenges.

Recreation:

Comm. Ford noted December's holiday programming was a big hit in her house and the new January-February virtual catalog is out.

Supt. Cahill advised in-person programming is contingent upon any new Tier mitigation requirement changes. He discussed upcoming catalog programs and reported on December private open gym rentals and gymnastics private lessons.

Supt. Cahill updated the Board regarding negotiations with CCSD15 for the CARE program intergovernmental agreement expiring June 30, 2021. There was topic discussion.

Ice Arenas:

Supt. Veller advised there is no ice skating due to the current Tier 3 mitigation restrictions; we are waiting to see if the Governor announces a change this week. Comm. Cooley suggested we place a general advertisement in our catalog reminding residents that Skating and Hockey will come available as Tier changes occur.

Policy:

None

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

President – Comm. Bolash thanked Supt. McKenna for considering insourcing to aid in cost savings for our internal projects and the Cardinal Drive Park playground project.

Vice President – None

Treasurer – None

Secretary/Director–Dir. Romejko noted the PDRMA 2020 Risk Management Review Award of \$1,500 for our loss prevention efforts. He complimented Safety Manager Dominic Calderisi and staff for their work in the most recent risk management review.

Attorney – None

**MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Comm. Bisesi congratulated Safety Manager Calderisi and staff for their efforts in loss prevention review. She noted receiving a resident call regarding broken sled hill fencing and reported it was quickly fixed and inquired if there was any news on the electronic devices for the Board. Dir. Romejko advised the item is currently on backorder from the vendor.

Comm. Ennis inquired about COVID vaccinations for our staff. Dir. Romejko advised we have requested via Superintendent Dr. Laurie Heinz at District 15 for our preschool and CARE staff to be vaccinated with District 15 staff. She thanked Supt. Cahill for all of the activities available over the last few months and thanked Supt. McKenna for his work on the Cardinal Drive Park renovation.

Comm. Cooley reiterated Comm. Bolash's comment regarding insourcing for cost savings and congratulated staff on the PDRMA safety award; he noted a great job has been done by all.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION**

None

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

Regular Board Meeting	January 26, 2021	7:30 PM
Regular Board Meeting	February 9, 2021	7:30 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date Comm. Meehan moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Comm. Ennis seconded the motion at 8:43 PM. which was unanimously approved by a roll call vote:

Ayes: Bisesi, Bolash, Cooley, Ennis, Ford, Meehan, Savino

Nays: None

Absent: None

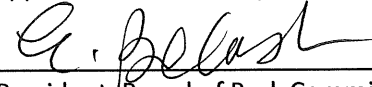
Presented this 26th day of January, 2021

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Approved this 26th day of January, 2021



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President, Board of Park Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners