

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE

BERKELEY PARK DISTRICT

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Lind Park, Berkeley, Illinois

The regular meeting of the commissioners of the Berkeley Park District was held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at Berkeley Park District's Lind Park building. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Roll Call, Commissioners present: R. Sudduth, P. Smith M. Carpenter, and G. Sada.

Other Park District Officials present: Attorneys Scott Puma, Treasurer Art Schenone, Director P. Graham,

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Sudduth and second by Commissioner Sada to approve the February 7, 2024, regular board meeting. Voting "Aye" were commissioners Carpenter, Commissioner Sudduth, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Sada. Motion Carried.
2. A motion was made by commissioner Sudduth and seconded by commissioner Sada to approve the meeting of the regular meeting held on January 3, 2024, with the removal of item E under new business. Voting 'Aye' commissioner carpenter, commissioner Sudduth, commissioner smith, commissioner Sada. Motion Carried,
3. A motion was made by commissioner Sada and Second by Commissioner Sudduth to approve the payroll in the amount of \$513.45. Voting 'aye' were commissioners carpenter, commissioner Sudduth, commissioner Smith, commissioner sada. Motion carried.
4. A motion was made by commissioner Sada and seconded by commissioner Sudduth to approve the approval of disbursements in the amount of \$14, 320.90. Voting 'aye' were commissioners carpenter, commissioner Sudduth, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Sada. Motion Carried.
5. Correspondence received on bike path signage, documents not available, tabled.
6. Attorneys report – Attorney Scott Puma stated he had no report.
7. Commissioners' reports were presented as the following:
Budget & Finance: Commissioner Carpenter had no report.
Programs: Commissioner Sada had no report
Playground Equipment & Building/ Grounds maintenance: Commissioner Smith had no report.
Grants & Hiring: Commissioner Sudduth mentioned that she was able to renew GATA and reached out regarding IDNR.
Fundraising: Commissioner Sada working on bundles once spring/summer programs are up
8. Directors Report: Directo Peter Graham mentioned eater egg event for 3/31, easter paint day 3/10. He also mentioned he is working on centennial tournaments including wiffle ball tournament. He mentioned chalk the walk, Beach party at the sand, He is working on doing a seminar for seniors on health insurance. He mentioned Jiu Jitsu classes will start back again in the spring. He mentioned playdate at the park this summer, and that he will be getting for shelter rentals, Spring in the summer festival this June with the veterans and back to school bash event with the JSM PTO. Director Peter Graham mentioned that the bicycle Illinois will come the

prairie path to make a stop & will use picnic shelters to rest & use bathrooms. Director Graham also mentioned that he will be on vacation March 10th through the 15th.

9. Consulting Director report: Commissioner Smith stated that an email was sent out by consulting director Dan Schimmel regarding the bike path application the GATA needed to be updated.
10. Strategic plan discussion & Approval: tabled since no information regarding changes.
11. Discussion and Approval of Bike Path Grant Agreement: Attorney Scott Puma mentioned that the application needed to be resubmitted and he must make changes before anything. A motion was made by Commissioner Sada and second by commissioner carpenter to approve the bike bath grant agreement pending attorneys' changes and review. Voting 'Aye" Commissioner Carpenter, Commissioner Sudduth, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Sada. Motion Carried.
12. Appoint Commissioner Rolanda Sudduth as Board Secretary. A motion was made by commissioner Carpenter and second by Commissioner Smith to make Commissioner Sudduth board secretary. Voting 'Aye' Commissioner Carpenter, Commissioner Sudduth, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Sada. Motion Carried.
13. Discussion and Approval of the 2023 Financial Statement Engagement: Treasurer Schenone stated that the 2023 financial compilation of \$4,500 should be approved. He mentioned that Commissioner Carpenter asked about a full audit and the cost for a full audit will cost the park district between \$15k-17k, he mentioned that due to the size of the park a full audit was not necessary unless a big amount of funds is given to the park by the state. A motion was made by Commissioner Sada to approve the 2023 financial statement. Voting "Aye" Commissioner Carpenter, Commissioner Sudduth, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Sada. Motion Carried.
14. Discussion and Approval of the 2024 Budget and Appropriation ordinance #24-01: Bike path/work in the building appropriation is the funds spend from the levy. A motion was made by commissioner sada and second by commissioner smith to approve the 2024 budget and appropriation ordinance #24-01. Voting 'Aye" Commissioner Carpenter, Commissioner Sudduth, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Sada. Motion Carried.
15. Discussion and Approval of Bike Path IGA with Village of Berkeley: Updated last night by Commissioner Sudduth, application will then be open to the public. Baseball funds are the village so they will pay out their share, administrative funds from the tollway are still being held by the village and they have not released funds to the park district. \$125k the tollway paid went to the village when is park districts money not the village. Commissioner Sudduth mentioned that the money that was given from the tollway will be used by the village and there would be no money left over once the bike path is completed. A motion was made by Commissioner Sada and seconded by Commissioner Sudduth for the approval of the Bike Path IGA with Village of Berkeley. Voting 'Aye" Commissioner Carpenter, Commissioner Sudduth, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Sada. Motion Carried.
16. Commissioner Carpenter IAPD Conference report: Attended multiple seminars, including sportsmanship seminars, marketing communication sessions, and much more. Great experience and a lot of good information.
17. Public Comment:
Bob Lee – Mentioned the centennial and the ice rink. He gave a description of the cost of the ice rink in which \$1570 was tax dollars use to repair a park district light. Bob also mentioned that the centennial committee has sent out sponsorship to minimize the cost of the centennial events.

Kathleen Chmura: Gave update on centennial, mentioned she is working with Ryan from the library on centennial events. The possibility of hot chocolate event with all the centennial events coming up. She mentioned that the time capsule will be open in May. She also mentioned that the library is doing a lot of centennial events.

Angela Sevick: Asked about the strategic plan results from the strategic planning at both meetings. Commissioner Smith mentioned that the consultant will be sending those over to board for approval and Commissioner Sada added that once approved they will be posted on the park district website. She also asked where the park district was at with the OSLAD application and Commissioner Smith stated they didn't proceed with that application at the time since we don't have the staff to manage the cash flow project, he stated that the park district would've have gone into a negative stage if we took on a job bigger than expected so that is why the board decided to apply for the bike path grant. Angela asked if the playgrounds will be updated, Commissioner Smith stated that yes, in the future the park district will be redoing tennis courts, pickleball courts, new playground and equipment will also be added.

Laura Graham: Asked if the park district is going to be presenting a budget and finance report or a report which shows the cost and expenses of the park district. Commissioner Smith stated that the board didn't have that now as the park district is currently looking to get maintenance done at Lind Park and updates. He mentioned that the park district is trying to do as much as possible. She also mentioned that the park district needs a soccer field.

Denise Pikes: asked if the park district can post updates on the website of changes being made so that the community can know what changes are being made.

18. A motion was made by Commissioner Sada and second by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:06PM. All commissioners voted 'aye'. Motion Carried