

MINUTES OF THE  
BERKELEY PARK DISTRICT  
BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION HEARING  
Wednesday, March 2, 2022

The Budget and Appropriation Hearing of the Berkeley Park District was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at Berkeley Park District's Lind Park building. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 P.M.

Roll call Commissioners present: J.Traina, D. Ditchfield, P. Smith, and K. Lowe

Commissioner Larem arrived at 7:33 p.m.

Others present: Attorney Stephanie Posey, Park District Director P. Graham, Treasurer A. Schenone, Secretary, A. Hord, and Lori Graham(resident)

Discussion of the Budget and Appropriations Hearing

Public Comment: none

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Traina and seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the Budget and Appropriation Hearing of Berkeley Park District for January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

Commissioners voting "aye": J. Traina, D. Ditchfield, P. Smith, T. Larem, and K. Lowe. Motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING  
IMMEDIATELY TO FOLLOW

The regular meeting of the commissioners of the Berkeley Park District was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at Berkeley Park District's Lind Park building. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Roll call Commissioners present: J.Traina, D. Ditchfield, P. Smith, K. Lowe and T. Larem

Others present: Attorney Stephanie Posey, Park District Director P. Graham, Treasurer A. Schenone, Secretary, A. Hord, and Lori Graham(resident)

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on February 9, 2022 by Commissioner Lowe and seconded by Commissioner Larem.

Commissioners voting "aye": J. Traina, D. Ditchfield, P. Smith, K. Lowe, and T. Larem. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Receipts for the month of February were \$36,747.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Ditchfield to approve the February payroll in the amount of \$115.20

Commissioners voting "aye": J. Traina, D. Ditchfield, P. Smith, T. Larem, and K. Lowe. Motion carried.

Disbursements for the month of February were \$9,219.26. A motion was made by Commissioner Lowe and seconded by Commissioner Larem to approve the disbursements.

Commissioners voting "aye": J. Traina, D. Ditchfield, P. Smith, T. Larem, and K. Lowe. Motion carried.

Correspondence: An email from resident, Ellen Collin stated her dissatisfaction in Berkeley Park District's programs. She is looking for more children's programs and Saturday programs. A discussion took place regarding programming. A question was asked: if we are a part time park district or only have part time employee. Commissioner Larem will send her an email to thank for her inquiry. Pete will forward Mrs. Collin's response to all the commissioners.

Council Report: she had received a FOIA request, and suggested for the commissioners to join in the Illinois Park, to refresh on the Freedom of Information Act. Governor Pritzker signed for \$54 million dollars for OSLAD grants, which means more money for park districts.

#### Report of Commissioners:

- A.) Commissioner Traina : No Report
- B.) Commissioner Larem: reported the dates of Playdates in the Park will be and the group that will host the event: May 28 (Safety- P.D. & F.D.), June 11 (Library), July 16 (public works), August 20 (Garden Club), and September 17 (Berkeley Park District). She also reported that Music Together has several participants signed up, but may have to combine with another new program if not enough interest. New program ideas include a child's tumbling class possibly a 2 hour workshop on a weekend, and that Elmhurst Park District has overbooked classes like these. New classes can be added to the online brochure.
- C.) Commissioner Smith: met with Mayor Lee and a company regarding the tennis courts. They were told they can do a Band-Aid repair. They would fix the cracks; power wash the concrete and paint new lines would cost \$10,500.00. To fix the blue court and the tennis courts, it would cost \$20,000.00 for both. Mayor Lee's Concrete Co. can reset the posts.
- D.) Commissioner Ditchfield: he spoke with Frank from Williams Architects stated there is more money for OSLAD grants, but last year's grants were never paid out as of yet. It was suggested to wait until after the OSLAD grants and bundle a package. Repairs and updates should be done. He will report on additional park staff during New Business.
- E.) Commissioner Lowe: No report.

Directors Report: no report

IT Report: Commissioner Ditchfield reported for IT Specialist Michelle Meyer: the on-line fee payment will begin on either Thursday or Friday. Commissioner Larem asked Pete to email her with registration numbers for programs. An idea of posting banners from lamp posts along the Prairie Path advertising the park district and programs. Commissioner Lowe suggested a banner along Taft Ave. to remind residents of upcoming programs.

#### Old/Unfinished Business:

- A.) Cell Towers: Nothing to update. Remove from next agenda
- B.) Baseball Field Work: Mayor Lee found it will be \$12,000.00 for the new fencing and \$2060.00 for 2 new dugout benches at the ball field at Berkeley Park. The money will come from the \$125,000.00 from IDOT given for moving of the ball field . Commissioner Ditchfield has several questions for Mayor Lee at the next Ad-Hoc meeting, and will remind the village that all decisions must be presented to the Board of Commissioners of Berkeley Park District for approval.
- C.) Renovations at Berkeley Park: a discussion took place regarding the progress of the renovations.

New Business:

- A.) New Business: Residential Survey Questions: Pete asked the commissioners to submit questions to post in the survey on the park district website.
- B.) Spring Programs: It was suggested to post new classes on the park district website. Some of the new ideas are, Music Together, Playdate in the Park, Music Classes .
- C.) Lind Park building improvements: The commissioners stated that it may be a good idea to remodel the Lind Park building for program use.
- D.) Class enrollment/attendance: Commissioner Larem would like a monthly data report to see how well a program is being attended.
- E.) Additional staff: Commissioner Larem stated they need more staff for new children's programs. The exercise instructors will be asked if they would teach children's classes and tumbling class.

Public Comment: Resident Lori Graham stated that new programs are needed for all ages, not just children's programs.

Next Meeting:

Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. to be held at the Lind Park.

Ad-Hoc Meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Berkeley Village Hall

Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lind Park building

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Ditchfield seconded by Commissioner Lowe to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Commissioner voting "aye" were: J. Traina, D. Ditchfield, P. Smith, K. Lowe, and T. Larem. Motion carried.

Ann Hord  
Secretary