




Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 14, 2020
7:00pm

Call to Order	Commissioner Gramann called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance	<p>Present: Commissioners Del Preto, Jeffery, Bird, Gramann, Powers and Sokolowski. Commissioner Jaszka was absent.</p> <p>Staff: Executive Director Reuter, Directors Bachewicz, Hamilton and Rini, Superintendents Scumaci and Quinn, Executive Assistant Greninger.</p>
Listening Post	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy Gbur, Director of WDSRA, presented the year in review. The annual fundraiser, WDSRA Bash, was a great success, earning over \$100,000 in donations. During the stay at home order, staff contemplated further fundraising and came to the conclusion people want to do something helpful. The summer fundraiser was launched and earned over \$62,000. Families embraced virtual programming and sent pictures and videos. We missed our participants as much as they missed us. Our office will be updated and improved thanks to Senator Laura Ellman for helping us receive capital funds to put in LED parking lot lights, update restrooms, office cabinets and counters and a patio. • Mike Ashby with the Carol Stream Parks Foundation spoke about the bike repair station that will be installed outside Coral Cove Water Park next year. The fundraising committee is considering options for 2021.
Changes to the Agenda	None
Consent Agenda	<p>Commissioner Powers made a motion to approve the Regular Minutes of November 9, 2020 Seconded by Commissioner Jeffery. Voice Vote, all in favor. Motion Passed.</p> <p>Commissioner Sokolowski made a motion to ratify the November 2020 Bills. Seconded by Commissioner Del Preto. Voice Vote, all in favor. Motion Passed.</p>
Discussion Items	<p>A. Park Analysis Presentation</p> <p>Director Hamilton introduced Bob Ijams, Patty King and Lara Remetz from Wight & Company. Over the past three months, staff and Wight visited each park and facility to review the amenities and condition of each location to develop a roadmap for future improvement and replacement over the next ten years. Community demographics and geographic distribution of population was reviewed first, then amenities were evaluated, park recommendations and an action plan was created. The recommendations are based on park score, age of amenities and park locations throughout the district. Executive Director Reuter added staff escalated some parks</p>




	<p>from a community need standpoint as well. The implementation strategy outlines specific action items. The target timeline for the improvements should be reviewed annually and reprioritized based on available funding. The good news is several parks could qualify for grant funding and will supplement capital funds necessary to make this plan attainable. Commissioner Sokolowski observed one of our strategic initiatives is to take care of what we have. Commissioner Bird noted that some of the recommendations could be applied right away like making fishing easier with outcropping stones added. Director Hamilton used this tool in the past and found it very helpful. All the commissioners agreed the analysis was very thorough and will require deeper conversations.</p> <p>B. Weekly Happenings – None</p>
Action Items	<p>A. Approval: Tax Levy Ordinance No. 548 By State Statute, the Board of Commissioners needs to file an annual ordinance with the County in order to levy taxes for the coming year. Since the levy is not more than 105% of the prior year’s aggregate levy, the Board did not need to publish a notice of a public hearing on such levy and does not need to hold that public hearing prior to approving the levy ordinance.</p> <p>Commissioner Sokolowski moved to approve Ordinance No. 548 levying and assessing taxes for the year 2020, to be collected in the year 2021, and to certify that the District levied an amount of ad valorem tax that is less than 105% of the final aggregate levy extension of the preceding year. Seconded by Commissioner Powers.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Commissioner Del Preto: Aye Commissioner Jaszka: Absent Commissioner Jeffery: Aye Commissioner Bird: Aye</p> <p>Commissioner Gramann: Aye Commissioner Powers: Aye Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye</p> <p>Motion Passes 6 - 0 - 1</p>
Closed Session	<p>Biannual Review of Closed Session Minutes Section 2(c)(21) Commissioner Del Preto made a motion to move to Closed Session at 8:30 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Sokolowski. Arose from Closed Session at 8:33</p>
Action Pertaining to Closed Session	<p>Commissioner Sokolowski made a motion to release closed session meeting minutes as discussed in closed session. Seconded by Commissioner Powers. Voice Vote. Motion Passes 6 - 0 - 1.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Del Preto. Voice Vote. Motion passed 7-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.</p>





President
Brenda Gramann



Secretary
Jim Reuter

January 11, 2021
Date