



Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 25, 2022
6:00pm

Call to Order	Commissioner Powers called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.								
Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance	Present: Commissioners Jaszka, Jeffery, Sokolowski, Powers, DelPreto, Bird, and Gramann. Staff: Deputy Director Rini, Directors Bachewicz and Hamilton, Superintendent Quinn and Scumaci and Executive Assistant Greninger.								
Listening Post									
Changes to the Agenda	None								
Consent Agenda	<p>Commissioner Gramann made a motion to accept the consent agenda as read. Seconded by Commissioner Bird.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A. Approval: Regular Minutes: April 11, 2022</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">B. Quarterly Treasurers Report</p> <p>Voice Vote. All in favor. Motion Passes.</p> <p>Commissioner Jeffery made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Seconded by Commissioner DelPreto.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Commissioner Del Preto: Aye</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Commissioner Gramann: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Jaszka: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Powers: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Jeffery: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Bird: Aye</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Motion Passes 7-0-0</p>	Commissioner Del Preto: Aye	Commissioner Gramann: Aye	Commissioner Jaszka: Aye	Commissioner Powers: Aye	Commissioner Jeffery: Aye	Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye	Commissioner Bird: Aye	
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Commissioner Jeffery: Aye	Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye								
Commissioner Bird: Aye									
Discussion Items	<p>A. 2021 Annual Financial Audit Presentation</p> <p>Superintendent of Finance Scumaci introduced Matt Beran, Partner from Lauterbach & Amen for the presentation of the 2021 Annual Financial Audit. Beran presented an overview of the Annual Comprehensive Audit Report. He highlighted key financial performance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District received the National Government Finance Officers Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2021 Audit. • The audit reflects our accounting practices are accurate, encompass firm internal control and compliance with regulations. • Several Commissioners asked questions about the effects of the bond refinancing and new bonds issued in 2021. Beran responded that we are within our debt limit, especially considering the specific legislation regarding our referendum bonds from 2010. Deputy Director Rini reminded the Board 								

the purpose of refinancing those bonds was to smooth out the repayment spikes. Our Bond Rating improved in 2021, resulting in a favorable interest rate.

- Overall, the audit shows we are improving our financial position and showing growth after the impact of COVID.
- Deputy Director Rini encouraged the Board to continue to review the audit at home and send questions. We hope to ratify the Audit at the May 9 Board Meeting.

B. Strategic Plan Update

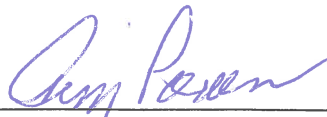
The District's Strategic Plan was written to guide us from 2017 through 2022. Progress on the goals and objectives were significantly slowed as we went on preservation mode during the COVID 19 pandemic. Staff recommends extending the plan through 2023 due to the impact the pandemic had on the District's operation, and allows us to better evaluate how the parks and recreation industry may change in a post pandemic environment. Commissioner Powers said we should start working on the new Strategic Plan now; don't extend it. Commissioner Bird would like to see what our new normal is; we lost so much time due to COVID. Commissioner Jeffery pointed out that we will likely have new Board members in 2023. She likes the idea of them helping to build the new Strategic Plan. She is in favor of extending the current plan through 2023. Commissioner Gramann and Jaszka were in agreement. Deputy Director Rini noted the majority of the Board is in favor of extending the Strategic Plan. We will watch how the field changes and catch up on the 18 months we lost. It will be good to have the new Board help with the next Strategic Plan. We will prepare a formal approval for the next meeting.

C. Water Park Update

The COVID 19 pandemic has caused multiple problems with supply chain and availability of certain goods and products across the country. This has caused a drastic increase on constructions projects as well. The renovations at Coral Cove Water Park will not be exempt from these problems. WT Engineering has informed us after talking with potential contractors for the CCWP project, our renovations may increase from the original budget of \$826,000 to approximately \$1,500,000 to \$1,600,000. Understanding how important CCWP is to our community and the Board, staff discussed this challenge and suggests we offset these increased costs by adjusting the District's Capital Improvement Plan. Adjustments could include eliminating synthetic turf from some parks, reducing the scope of various playground replacements, and altering the playground replacement schedule set forth in the Parks Analysis. There could be reductions in other areas of the Capital Improvement Plan we may have to consider moving forward. The Board expressed outrage at the price increases; this goes beyond inflation and cost of materials. Commissioner Bird suggested we buy some of the materials on our own now to reduce the impact of future inflation. Commissioner Gramann suggested WT over-estimates the increases. Commissioner Sokolowski asked if delaying the project another year would help. Director Hamilton said it would not be wise to do that. The Board consensus was to proceed with the bid process and see what comes in.



	<p>C. Weekly Happenings (oral)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Action Items	<p>A. Park on the Green Playground Equipment Purchase</p> <p>This project began in January with Director Hamilton meeting with the homeowner's association; they provided input toward the new playground equipment. We are not required to complete the competitive bidding process when purchasing through the cooperative HGAC. Purchasing through this program, not through the general contractor, will save the District approximately 7-10% of the purchase price. Commissioner Gramann asked if we plan to use synthetic turf at this playground. Director Hamilton said we do, it is included in the budget for this park. There are several children in the community with mobility challenges who would benefit. Commissioner Sokolowski made a motion to approve the purchase of new playground equipment for Park on the Green from Landscape Structures, Delano, MN through a national cooperative (HGAC) totaling \$65,125. Seconded by Commissioner Bird. Voice Vote. All in favor. Motion Passes.</p>
Closed Session	<p>Commissioner Sokolowski made a motion to enter into closed session at 7:15 to discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Section 2(c)(11) Pending Litigation B. Section 2(c)(5) Sale or Lease of Land <p>Seconded by Commissioner DelPreto. Arose from Closed session at 7:34</p>
Action Pertaining to Closed Session	None
Adjournment	<p>Commissioner Gramann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Jeffery Voice Vote taken. Motion passed 7-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.</p>



 President
 Tim Powers



 Secretary
 Jim Reuter

May 9, 2022
 Date