



Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 22, 2024
6:00pm

Call to Order	Commissioner Gramann called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance	Present: Commissioners Powers, Sokolowski, Bird, Gramann, and Witteck. Commissioner Del Preto and Jeffery were absent. Staff: Executive Director Rini attended via Zoom, Directors Bachewicz, Scumaci, and Quinn, Superintendent Adamson, Division Manager Kenny, and Executive Assistant Greninger.
Listening Post	None
Changes to the Agenda	None
Action Items	Commissioner Witteck made a motion to approve the Regular Minutes from January 8, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Powers. Voice Vote, none opposed. Motion Passes 5-0-2.
Discussion Items	<p>A. Capital Improvement Priority Project This topic was discussed at length at the last meeting and today Director Scumaci is leading the priority exercise. Staff prioritized the projects and they were discussed in that order.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pickleball at Armstrong Park Commissioner Sokolowski asked if there is shade and how we will administer courts. Director Bachewicz said there are lots of trees to provide shade. We are still considering logistics; first come/first serve and reservation system in addition to leagues and tournaments. Commissioner Witteck asked if there is lighting. Manager Kenny said yes, until 10pm. She also asked if we are concerned about security or vandalism. Director Bachewicz said the additional people at the park may cut down on crime at Armstrong Park. 2. Carpeting/Flooring in Fitness Center Commissioner Witteck asked if we plan to make the flooring more cohesive throughout the fitness center. Director Bachewicz said we are looking at a variety of options. Commissioner Bird wants to make sure it will last a long time. 3. Playground Replacements Commissioner Gramann said some of the parks on the list are small pocket parks that serve the immediate residents. Director Bachewicz suggested the parks on the list for replacement may change after the Commissioners complete their Parks Tour in the spring. 4. Fountain View Recreation Center - Lower Locker Room Flooring

Commissioner Sokolowski asked if the hallway and JEM office flooring will also be done. Commissioner Witteck asked if there are a lot of complaints. Director Bachewicz said all the flooring in the locker rooms and leading to the pool will be fixed by stripping the coating, sanding, and refinishing with an anti-slip finish. We get a lot of complaints from patrons.

5. New 39 Passenger Bus

Commissioner Sokolowski noted the plan is to replace the bus in 2026; won't the quote increase in two years? Can we buy now and get reimbursed with ADA funds in 2026? Commissioner Bird noted the trade in value will also decrease in two years. Executive Director Rini said we can't have a zero ADA fund balance, which is why we must wait two years. Commissioner Witteck said the Foundation is seeking suggestions for fundraising efforts and what we want them to focus on. Executive Director Rini said the Foundation would be willing to help support our high priority projects.

6. Benjamin School District Partnership

Commissioner Bird asked if we did not add lighting to the field, would it still be profitable. Commissioner Sokolowski asked when we would get a return on investment if we did put in lighting. Division Manager Kenny said the revenue would decrease without lighting. With lighting the ROI would probably be about 10 years. Commissioner Sokolowski is also concerned about parking. Director Bachewicz said we would have to enter into an agreement with the Church for parking. Commissioner Gramann said the turf will eventually need to be replaced. Director Bachewicz agreed there are still many unanswered questions about the potential partnership.

7. Coral Cove Water Park Bucket Feature Painting

Commissioner Witteck asked if the quote is just for the bucket. Director Bachewicz said it includes the entire feature.

8. Evergreen Shoreline Stabilization

Commissioner Gramann noted the quote from WBK Engineering is only to figure out what is wrong at Evergreen. The cost and priorities for stabilizing the shoreline is still unknown.

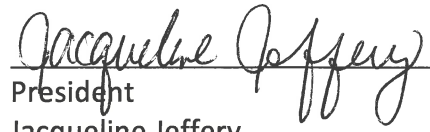
9. Simkus Recreation Center Marquee


Commissioner Gramann noted at the last meeting, there was an idea to move the marquee from Fountain View to Simkus. Executive Director Rini said that would not be possible, but when the marquee at Fountain View becomes obsolete, we would replace it with a regular sign because the traffic on Gary is too fast for people to read it. The marquee at Simkus sits at a traffic light so people have time to read it. Commissioner Witteck asked if it would be the same kind of sign. Executive Director Rini said it would be similar but with current technology.

10. Vehicle/Equipment Replacement

Commissioner Sokolowski asked if we can extend the life of the Park District vehicles. Director Scumaci said we conduct regular preventative maintenance and take very good care of our fleet.

	<p>Director Scumaci said when we determine the priorities, the projects will fall into place with responsible budgeting. Commissioner Gramann asked staff to query Commissioner Jeffery and DelPreto and then report the results of the exercise at the next meeting.</p> <p>B. Weekly Happenings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Witteck attended the Foundation Meeting. They plan on attending the 1st Regular Board Meeting each month. They also plan on presenting the scholarship donation to the Park District in March. • Commissioner Sokolowski remarked about the success of the Fitness promotion and the growth of the Theater program. Superintendent Adamson added that program has a great reputation and we expect to see more growth this year. Commissioner Sokolowski asked how winter registration is going so far. Director Bachewicz said enrollment is ongoing with an increase in Basketball.
Closed Session	None
Action Pertaining to Closed Session	None
Adjournment	Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bird. Voice Vote taken, none opposed. Motion passed 5-0-2. Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.


 President
 Jacqueline Jeffery


 Secretary
 Sue Rini

February 12, 2024
 Date