



Minutes of a Workshop/Special Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Palatine Park District, Cook County, Illinois, held in the Palatine Township Senior Center, in said District, at 505 S. Quentin Rd, Palatine, Illinois on March 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Call to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present

Susan Gould, President

John Cozza, Vice President

Terry Ruff, Treasurer

Nicholas Sawyer

Jennifer Rogers

Staff Present

Mike Clark, Executive Director

Elliott Becker, Supt. of Finance & Personnel

Joshua Ludolph, Asst. Supt. of Facilities

Trish Feid, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Greg Sammons

Barbara Heller, Hitchcock Design Group

Tom LaLonde, Hitchcock Design Group

Bill Inman, Hitchcock Design Group

Steve Konters Hitchcock Design Group

Andy Dogan, Hitchcock Design Group

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Rogers moved and Commissioner Ruff seconded that the agenda for the special meeting be approved. By a voice vote, the agenda for the workshop/special meeting of March 9, 2015 was unanimously approved as submitted.

AYE: Jennifer Rogers, Nicholas Sawyer, Terry Ruff, John Cozza, Susan Gould

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Director Clark said that the Hitchcock Design Group will present the results of community wide needs assessment, focus and user group interviews with thoughts as they begin to formulate alternate strategies based on the input received throughout the connect phase of this project. Clark turned the floor over to Bill Inman, Mr. Inman mentioned that Barbara Heller, Steve Konters, Tom LaLonde and Andy Dogan, the other members of the Hitchcock Design Group, are joining him tonight to present the next phase of the process to the Board. As we connect, we start the envisioning and prioritizing stages of the process, then we will plan and implement. The planning process of connecting with community thoughts, comments, judgments, ideas, and suggestions has many levels of information to consider and analyze; he explained the method of calculating input based upon variable components of the users and their prerequisites. Some of the results highlighted include that a high percentage of users visit our parks, higher than the state average; senior fitness awareness is growing and there is need to expand programming; existing community facilities improvements marked as needed; next stage of Falcon Park Recreation Center is essential; another new facility is desired; indoor pool needed; and, improvements to sport fields and the stables favored. Biking and walking trails are very important to users and ranked high as priority; recreational programming is in demand; the Community Center shows as the top most important facility in the District; and just less than half of the respondents, who participated in the various public outreach methods, agreed to support facilities improvements and upgrades. Overall the results show support of the District with high percentage of users expressing the benefits of higher values for the community.

The next time Hitchcock Design Group meets with the Park Board there will be opportunity for discussion of

the District's envisioning and prioritizing. The Park Board will be provided with the detailed assessment results in preparation for the next special meeting. The Park Board and staff thanked the group for their presentation.

A copy of the presentation showed to the Board of Park Commissioners during the special meeting is attached to the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

President Gould asked for a motion to close the meeting, Commissioner Cozza moved that the special meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Ruff seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 6:42 p.m.

AYE: Jennifer Rogers, Nicholas Sawyer, Terry Ruff, John Cozza, Susan Gould

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Feid, Secretary

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Trish Feid
Secretary

/s/ Susan Gould
President

Next scheduled Park Board meetings:

March 24, 2015
April 14, 2015
April 28, 2015