

**MINUTES
BUFFALO GROVE PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012**

Commissioners Present: Richard Drazner, Adriane Johnson, Larry Reiner and Jack Schmerer
Absent: Scott Jacobson

Staff Present: Executive Director Dan Schimmel, Director of Recreation and Facilities Ryan Risinger, Superintendent of Parks Bill Heider, Business Manager John Short, Superintendent of Recreation Greg Ney, Superintendent of Recreation Kim Cashmore and Administrative Assistant Martha Weiss

Attorney Steve Bloomberg was present.

Guests: Tom Chapman of Raymond James and Associates, Brian Lefevre of Sikich, LLP, Joe Trnka and Dan Burrows from Trane, Inc., Supervisor of Facilities Bob Shiel, Ted Haug from Legat Architects and fall intern Allison Christopoulos. Buffalo Grove residents Tejal Sheih, Diane Hornstein, Zofia Szamabajko, Aneta Pizzebylska, William and Patricia Kiddle, LaVerne Mikell, Larry Hill, Mariusz Szarabajles, Tom Wroblewski, Tim Groark and Preeti Sivaramakrishnan. Members of the BG Singers attended for the presentation of their Resolution. Realtor Josh Altman from NelsonHill, JV Springman, Treasurer of Congregation Beth Am and Michael Schwartz, President of Congregation Beth Am were present.

CALL TO ORDER

President Reiner called the Board Meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called and Commissioners Schmerer, Johnson, Drazner and Reiner answered present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Commissioner Drazner moved to approve the Board Meeting agenda, seconded by Vice President Schmerer and passed with a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The residents were present for Topics from the Floor will introduce themselves at that time.

RECOGNITION OF HONORED GUESTS

Resolution 12-9-1 to the BG Singers on their 20th anniversary

President Reiner read Resolution 12-9-1:

***BUFFALO GROVE PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 12-9-1***

CONGRATULATING THE BG SINGERS

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Grove Park District BG Singers have achieved an incredible milestone with the celebration of their 20th Anniversary Concert in September of 2012: thus singing over 400 songs,

WHEREAS, through the leadership, professionalism and dedication of staff members Linda Rosen, Charla Silver and Jeannie Workman, the Chorus members continue to learn, grow and challenge themselves musically each year, thus creating spectacular performances for the community to enjoy:

WHEREAS, through the commitment, enthusiasm and generosity of the BG Singers Chorus, the group has established itself as a local leader and role model for other organizations in regards to their community service projects and charitable giving:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Park Commissioners of the Buffalo Grove Park District, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois as follows:

- 1. That the BG Singers Chorus, Director Linda Rosen, Assistant Director/Choreographer, Charla Silver, and Accompanist, Jeannie Workman be congratulated on behalf of the citizens of Buffalo Grove for their outstanding tradition of excellence in both the creation of choral music and for their exceptional record of community service and philanthropy over the past 20 years.*
- 2. That this Resolution be presented to the Artistic Staff and Choral Members of the BG Singers with best wishes for future endeavors.*

President Reiner then asked Linda Rosen, Charla Silver, Lynne Schneider, Gayle Pervos, Barbara Quinlan, Ilene Heyman and Mary Naughton to come forward to accept the Resolution. The Board then congratulated each of them.

Commissioner Drazner moved to approve Resolution 12-9-1, seconded by Vice President Schmerer and approved by a voice vote.

Resolution 12-9-2 to Greg Ney for 15 years of service to the Park District

President Reiner read the resolution:

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING GREG NEY ON
15 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
BUFFALO GROVE PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 12-9-2**

WHEREAS, Greg Ney was first employed by the Buffalo Grove Park District in 1991 as a part time employee working in maintenance and athletics and because of his efforts, was hired as a full time Athletics Supervisor on August 18, 1997;

WHEREAS, Greg's passion for sports and dedication to Buffalo Grove, the town he grew up in, led to the success of many athletic programs such as: Sports Camp, Youth and Adult Basketball, Travel Basketball, Tennis, Ice Skating and more;

WHEREAS, Greg's expertise and attention to detail led to other responsibilities and administrative projects such as: Phone System Administrator, Illinois Coordinator for Pitch, Hit & Run, First Choice Committee Leader, BGHS Turf Field Coordinator, Ordinance Book Revisions and currently coordinating the re-certification process for the 2013 Distinguished Leisure Service Award;

WHEREAS, Greg’s outstanding work both at the Buffalo Grove Park District and with the Illinois Park and Recreation Association led to Greg receiving the IPRA Recreation Section “Young Professional Award” and eventually a promotion to Superintendent of Recreation in 2010;

WHEREAS, as Superintendent, Greg has shown the patience and flexibility to successfully lead multiple full time staff and continues to strive to learn more and make the Buffalo Grove Park District better;

WHEREAS, the success of the Park District is dependent upon employees like Greg who have taken pride in the Buffalo Grove Park District and its accomplishments;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Buffalo Grove Park District, Cook and Lake Counties:

- 1) That Greg Ney be commended by the Board of Commissioners for his distinguished career at the Buffalo Grove Park District.***
- 2) That this resolution be presented to Greg with best wishes on his future.***

Commissioner Drazner moved to approve Resolution 12-9-2, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and passed with a voice vote. The Board members then congratulated Greg Ney.

Resolution 12-9-3 Awarding Bill Kiddle with the Designation of Board Member Emeritus
President Reiner read Resolution 12-9-3:

RESOLUTION 12-9-3

***AWARDING BILL KIDDLE
WITH THE DISTINCTION OF BUFFALO GROVE
PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER EMERITUS***

WHEREAS, Bill Kiddle served with honor and distinction as a Buffalo Grove Park District Commissioner for 12 years with the Buffalo Grove Park District from 1969 to 1981 ;

WHEREAS, in recognition of Bill’s Park District leadership, vision and contributions while serving as a Park District Commissioner that resulted in so many benefits to the community;

WHEREAS, Bill has continued to serve and represent the Park District with distinction since his retirement from the Board;

WHEREAS, the success of the District is dependent upon elected Commissioners like Bill who take pride in the Park District and its accomplishments;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the President and Board of Park Commissioners of the Buffalo Grove Park District, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois as follows:

***THAT BILL KIDDLE BE AWARDED THE DESIGNATION OF
BUFFALO GROVE PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER EMERITUS WITH THE
ACCOMPANYING BENEFITS BESTOWED UPON A COMMISSIONER
WITH HIS YEARS OF SERVICE***

President Reiner mentioned that former Commissioner Kiddle can be often found volunteering at the Raupp Museum. Commissioner Drazner moved to approve Resolution 12-9-3, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and passed with a voice vote. The Board members then congratulated Mr. Kiddle.

OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2012 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX PARK BONDS

Vice President Schmerer moved to open the Public Hearing for the 2012 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds at 7:54 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Johnson and approved with a voice vote.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Vice President Schmerer moved to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 7:57 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Drazner and passed with a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of August 13, 2012 Workshop Minutes

Commissioner Drazner moved to approve the August 13, 2012 Workshop Minutes, seconded by Vice President Schmerer and passed with a voice vote.

Approval of August 27, 2012 Workshop Minutes

Commissioner Drazner moved to approve the August 27, 2012 Workshop Minutes, seconded by Vice President Schmerer and passed with a voice vote.

Approval of August 27, 2012 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Drazner moved to approve the August 27, 2012 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Vice President Schmerer and passed with a voice vote.

TOPICS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Tim Groark stated he is attending the Park Board meeting with the treasurer of the Winchester Estates Homeowner Association, Mr. Tom Wroblowski. Winchester Estates adjourns Congregation Beth Am temple to the north. Mr. Groark stated that he did not see the sign on the property for the public hearing at the Village's Plan Commission until after the October 5th hearing. He and Mr. Wroblowski attempted to attend the Village meeting this evening but they were given the wrong time of the meeting so they are now attending this Park Board meeting.

President Reiner stated the Park District is open to hearing the concerns of the association and wants to be a good neighbor. Mr. Groark expressed concern that attendees of Park District events would be parking in the private parking spots in Winchester Estates. He was also concerned about increased traffic and asked what the cost would be to pave the grassy area and make it a parking lot. President Reiner said that the Park District has committed itself to evaluating the parking situation after one year of operation and is responsible for appropriate parking for its events. Executive Director Schimmel offered to meet with Mr. Groark and Mr. Wroblowski in the coming week to discuss the issues the residents are concerned about.

Mr. Larry Hill expressed concern about traffic, parking, the cost of the facility and whether his taxes would be increased. Executive Director Schimmel explained that the construction and operational expenses for the facility will be paid for through money levied for capital and from program fees. President Reiner stated that before the Board entered into the contract to purchase the building, staff investigated whether the Park District had the financing and monies to pay for the building and its upkeep. He also mentioned that the Park District represents less than 6% of each resident's tax bill.

Ms. LaVerne Mikell asked where the residents can see a rendering of the facility and what will be there. Executive Director Schimmel mentioned that the rendering has been on www.bgparkdistrict.org and has been in the local newspapers. President Reiner explained that the facility will be renovated with the

proper interior construction to make sure it is acoustical and sound proof. Executive Director Schimmel explained that there will be adult and children's musicals, the BG Singers' performances, possibly performances by the local symphony, dance recitals, and performances in the small black box theatre. Executive Director Schimmel mentioned that construction on the classroom section will begin on July 1, 2013 and there will not be any construction on the auditorium construction until fall, 2013.

Ms. Diane Hornstein expressed concern about the speed of the cars, the additional traffic and drivers who use Winchester Estates as a shortcut between Weiland and McHenry. President Reiner stated that the Park District will take that concern into consideration. Ms. Hornstein stated that there has not been overflow parking from Beth Am except during High Holidays. Executive Director Schimmel explained that the Park District is not expecting any overflow parking except for infrequent larger events and it will not be any different than the current situation. The Park District has access to shuttling overflow parking to Rylko Park. President Reiner stated that there will not be any greater impact in terms of everyday classes than what the temple currently experiences.

Ms. Preeti Sivaramakrishnan stated that she has looked at the plan on the website but that it does not indicate what will happen in the surrounding areas and asked if the website will be updated as the plans develop. Executive Director Schimmel noted that the Village is requiring the Park District to evaluate the parking situation after the first year of operation. He stated that the Park District is being proactive in obtaining parking spaces that will be adequate. The site has 131 spaces onsite and the adjacent bank has allowed the Park District to use 40 spaces during closed hours. Executive Director Schimmel is communicating with the owners of The Grove and Town Center and the Park District can hire off-duty police officers to help with pedestrians crossing McHenry Road to and from the Town Center. Also, the Park District has successfully used shuttle services for other events and can do the same for performing arts events. There is a plaque in the Beth Am auditorium stating that its capacity is 1,000 and the Park District's plan is to have a 450-seat auditorium. The Park District will be able to handle the parking situation as well as Beth Am did. Ms. Sivaramakrishnan asked whether updates regarding the facility will be posted online and Executive Director Schimmel answered that currently there are only conceptual drawings and as the plans are firmed up, they will be posted online.

Ms. Diane Hornstein stated that the Bank Lane and McHenry Road intersection is very hazardous and that is something to be considered. Executive Director Schimmel and President Reiner explained that the Park District would be willing to talk to Lake County about the problem. President Reiner assured the residents that the Park District would do everything it could to make sure that its events are as safe as possible. President Reiner thanked the residents for attending the meeting and for their understanding and willingness to work with the Park District.

Mr. Tom Wroblowski asked what governmental agency he should contact in order to request that a stop sign be installed where Brunswick and Bank Lanes meet. President Reiner replied that the Village should be contacted on that subject. Mr. Tim Groark asked the Park District to use its influence to persuade the Village and the County to address the dangers of the intersection.

Mr. JV Springman, the treasurer of Congregation Beth Am stated that the Park District Executive Director and Attorney Bloomberg were great to work with during the purchase negotiations. Mr. Michael Schwartz, the President of Congregation Beth Am, inquired as to the closing date. Attorney Bloomberg stated that the debt certificates for the building will be sold on the 11th of October and the closing can then be scheduled. Mr. Springman stated that he is excited about the future of the building and what it holds for the community and knows that the building is in good hands with the Park District.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Drazner and President Reiner would like to attend the IAPD Legal Symposium.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Parking Space License Agreement and Facilities License Agreement

Vice President Schmerer moved to authorize Executive Director Schimmel to proceed with the parking space license agreement and the facilities license agreements and any other agreements needed to move the purchase of the Beth Am property forward, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and passed with a roll call vote.

Ayes: Drazner, Johnson, Reiner and Schmerer

Nays: 0

Absent: Jacobson

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

FINANCE

September Warrant 2012

Vice President Schmerer moved to approve the September Warrant 2012 in the amount of \$998,803.73, seconded by Commissioner Drazner and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Drazner, Johnson, Schmerer and Reiner

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Jacobson

Fiscal Year Audit 2011-2012

Vice President Schmerer moved to approve the Fiscal Year Audit 2011-12, seconded by Commissioner Drazner and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Drazner, Johnson, Schmerer and Reiner

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Jacobson

President Reiner commented that the entire Board commends Business Manager Short on the outstanding year as shown in the audit and for the Park District receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 14th consecutive year.

August Financial Statement

Vice President Schmerer moved to approve the August Financial Statement, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Drazner, Johnson, Schmerer and Reiner

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Jacobson

August Year to Date Statement

Vice President Schmerer moved to approve the August Year to Date Statement, seconded by Commissioner Drazner and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Drazner, Johnson, Schmerer and Reiner

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Jacobson

Parameters Ordinance 12-9-1 for Not To Exceed \$3,500,000 Debt Certificates for Purchase of Congregation Beth Am Property

Vice President Schmerer moved to approve Ordinance 12-9-1 for Not To Exceed \$3,500,000 Debt Certificates for Purchase of Congregation Beth Am Property, seconded by Commissioner Drazner and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Drazner, Johnson, Schmerer and Reiner

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Jacobson

Trane Agreement for HVAC Improvements to the Alcott Center

Vice President Schmerer moved to approve the Trane Agreement for HVAC Improvements to the Alcott Center, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Drazner, Johnson, Schmerer and Reiner

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Jacobson

Parking Space License Agreement

The parking space license agreement was covered under the Attorney Report.

Facilities License Agreements

The Facilities License Agreements were covered under the Attorney Report.

POLICY

Special Use Ordinance

Commissioner Drazner moved to approve the Special Use Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and passed with a roll call vote.

AYES: Drazner, Johnson, Schmerer and Reiner

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Jacobson

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT AND DEPARTMENT OPERATION REPORTS

Executive Director Schimmel asked that if there were questions regarding any issues that they contact him. The Park District made an offer to an individual for the risk manager position and is expecting an acceptance shortly.

Attorney Bloomberg noted that the Aquadome has been owned continuously by School District 214 since 1972 and only the renovated adjacent hallway was conveyed to the Park District. The original intergovernmental agreement contained a legal description of the hallway and the change of ownership of the hallway will continue as contracted.

Executive Director Schimmel noted that staff is meeting with School District 214 on their plans for reconstruction of their pool and that the school district had asked for Park District staff's opinions.

Director of Recreation and Facilities Risinger encouraged the Board members to attend the fundraiser cabaret on Oct. 1st for Big Deal Productions.

Superintendent of Parks Heider reported that work has started on the irrigation project at Willow Stream Park and the installation of the lights at Emmerich will start on November 4.

Business Manager Short reported that the Park District has received the \$125,000 for the DCEO grant for the parking lot at Twin Creeks Park.

Executive Director Schimmel reported that the fitness center is doing well on membership numbers. Vice President Schmerer inquired about member training on the new cardio equipment. Executive Director Schimmel stated that the fitness center floor attendants will be encouraged to introduce themselves and engage with the members.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for an Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Drazner moved to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:55 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Johnson and passed with a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary