

**MINUTES
BUFFALO GROVE PARK DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012**

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

Absent: President Reiner

Staff Present: Executive Director Dan Schimmel, Director of Recreation and Facilities Ryan Risinger, Superintendent of Parks Bill Heider, Business Manager John Short, Superintendent of Revenue Facilities Kristy Vik, Superintendent of Recreation Kim Cashmore, Public Relations and Marketing Manager Mike Terson and Administrative Assistant Martha Weiss. Attorney David Bloomberg was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Schmerer called the public hearing to order at 7:03 p.m. The roll was called and Commissioners Drazner, Jacobson, Schmerer and Johnson answered present.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Resident Larry Elman introduced himself.

TRUTH IN TAXATION NOTICE

Executive Director Schimmel read the published public hearing notice:

NOTICE FOR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR BUFFALO GROVE PARK DISTRICT

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Buffalo Grove Park District for 2012 will be held on December 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at 530 Bernard Drive, Buffalo Grove, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the Public Hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Daniel Schimmel, Secretary, 530 Bernard Drive, Buffalo Grove, Illinois at (847) 850-2109.

- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2011 were \$5,998,296.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2012 are \$ 6,328,526. This represents a 5.51% increase over the previous year.

- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2011 were \$1,546,349.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2012 are \$1,562,738. This represents a 1.05% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2011 were \$7,544,645.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2012 are \$ 7,891,264. This represents a 4.59% increase over the previous year.

Daniel Schimmel
Secretary
Buffalo Grove Park District
Board of Commissioners

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Elman commented that he recently found out that there are 50 parks owned by the Park District and asked whether there were plans to obtain any more. He also wanted to understand why the Park District has two superintendents of recreation and seven supervisors in the recreation and facility sections which he thought was a lot of management. Executive Director Schimmel replied that the Park District has over 700 part time employees during the course of the year and this necessitates the number of staff. The two superintendents of recreation have different responsibilities to allow for ease of supervision and are assigned to the areas they supervise that match their particular skills sets. He noted that the recently completed community survey showed that our community is happy with the Park District services more so than other Illinois and national communities. He also noted that the developer donation ordinance guaranteed that each new neighborhood would have park space. Executive Director Schimmel offered to meet with Mr. Elman to answer any further questions he had. Commissioner Jacobson noted that the tax portion is only approximately 1/3 of the Park District budget, so that the Park District does a great job of keeping taxes low and receiving revenue from other sources. He also mentioned that the Park District's debit rating is AAA. Vice President Schmerer noted the cooperation between the Park District and school districts to share costs that is a win/win for the community. Mr. Elman was happy to hear about the joint cooperation between the districts and said that his questions had been satisfactorily answered.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jacobson moved to close the public hearing at 7:20 pm, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and passed with a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary