

Lombard Park District  
Board of Park Commissioners  
Regular Board Meeting  
Sunset Knoll Recreation Center  
Tuesday, August 23, 2011  
7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by President Mills at 7:00 pm.

Commissioners:           Janice C. Mills, President  
                                  John Bielenda, Vice President  
                                  Kathy Hogan, Commissioner  
                                  David Kundrot, Commissioner  
                                  Gregory Ludwig, Commissioner  
                                  Peter Nolan, Commissioner  
                                  Char Roberts, Commissioner

Staff:                       Paul W. Friedrichs, Executive Director  
                                  Rick Poole, Deputy Director  
                                  Jason S. Myers, Superintendent of Finance and Personnel  
                                  Dean Styburski, Assistant Superintendent of Parks  
                                  Kevin Ingram, Superintendent of Golf Operations  
                                  Jacquelynn C. Brzezinski, Administrative Assistant

Guests:                   Holly Anderson, Resident  
                                  Jim Bachman, Resident  
                                  Iggy Colella, Resident  
                                  Marissa Colwell, Resident  
                                  Sara Colwell, Resident  
                                  Joe Cuppino, Resident  
                                  Stefano Durdic, Resident  
                                  Muriol Erguven, Resident  
                                  Matthew Kirsh, Resident  
                                  Molly Kirsh, Resident  
                                  Mona Konrath, Resident  
                                  Lori Leifheit, Non-Resident  
                                  Molly O'Toole, Resident  
                                  Michelle Petersen, Non-Resident  
                                  Glenn Petersen, Non-Resident  
                                  Lindsay Petersen, Non-Resident  
                                  Bailey Reese, Resident  
                                  Dolores Tilton, Resident  
                                  Todd Tilton, Resident  
                                  Zach Wallerstedt, Resident

President Mills requested approval of the August 23, 2011 Agenda.

**Vice President Bielenda made a motion to approve the August 23, 2011 Agenda. Commissioner Ludwig seconded the motion. On a call for the vote seven ayes; (Bielenda, Hogan, Kundrot, Ludwig, Mills, Nolan, Roberts). Motion carried.**

President Mills requested a motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2011 Regular Board Meeting.

Commissioner Ludwig revised page 3 of the minutes to state: Commissioner Ludwig suggested the Infinity group affiliate themselves together with the Firebirds.

**Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the revised minutes of the July 26, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Vice President Bielenda seconded the motion. On a call for the vote seven ayes; (Bielenda, Hogan, Kundrot, Ludwig, Mills, Nolan, Roberts). Motion carried.**

### **Correspondence**

Executive Director Friedrichs received a correspondence from Carol Nolan regarding Terrace View flooding

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Executive Director Friedrichs received a correspondence from the Food Pantry thanking the District for it's donation from the Lilac 5K Mutt Strut and Pancake Breakfast.

Executive Director Friedrichs received a correspondence from the Montgomery Family thanking the District for a "summer of great fun".

Executive Director Friedrichs received a correspondence from Mary Lehman complimenting Lilacia Park.

### **Citizens Wishing to Address the Board**

Iggy Colella was present to convey his dissatisfaction with the District's decision regarding soccer fields. He wants to know why the Board did not overturn staff's decision. He feels that the situation is ridiculous.

Stefano Durdic was present to address the Board regarding the Infinity Soccer Club's request for fields. To begin he wanted to address facts, observations and opinions. He dispersed handouts to the Board of Commissioners. The first was a spreadsheet showing soccer field usage. The usage rate was shown at 25%. A handout was also distributed regarding the resting of fields for turf maintenance. Mr. Durdic was also questioning the timeliness of the approval of the Board of Park Commissioners Policy Manual and the rate increases. Finally, Mr. Durdic made an analogy comparing the Lombard Park District Board of Park Commissioners as "parents" and the Lombard Park District Staff as "children" who are "misbehaving" while the parents are away.

Sara Colwell spoke regarding her daughter who is a first year player and looks forward to playing. Mrs. Colwell relayed that she would very much appreciate the use of the soccer fields.

Lori Leifhart was present to speak in support of Infinity soccer. She did a surrounding area survey of field rental fees and the Lombard Park District was on the high end.

Matt Kirsch spoke to the Board of Park Commissioners questioning the Mission of the District. He felt everything is being done to prevent play. He hopes that something can be done as "procedures have trumps."

Molly Kirsch addressed the Board of Park Commissioners stating that all the players just want to play soccer.

Molly O'Toole spoke by informing the group that she has experience working with local governments and has attended many government meetings. She explained that the "old" Park District that her children grew up at and the present are not the same. She feels the Park District is being exclusive instead of inclusive. Ms. O'Toole concluded by saying she would like to see a win-win situation come out of this. She encouraged the Board to table the decision.

Marissa Colwell spoke on just wanting to play soccer.

Glen Peterson addressed the Board by asking if the Firebirds rent the fields. Deputy Director Poole responded that they make a donation. Deputy Director Poole clarified that the Board Policy Review was on the schedule for the District.

Mr. Peterson asked how a team can become an affiliate. Executive Director Friedrichs responded that a league has to apply to become an affiliate and meet the criteria of the Affiliate Guidelines.

### **Presentations**

Program Manger's Dvorak and Hooper recognized three volunteer coaches by presenting them a plaque and a short bio on each was followed by a photo op. The honored coaches were Jim Bachman-Youth Soccer, Chris Portera-Youth Basketball and Mona Konrath-Softball.

### **Consent Agenda**

None

### **Financial Reports**

Superintendent Myers presented the accounts payable and payroll for July 2011.

**Commissioner Hogan moved to approve payment of the July 2011 accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$532,341.22. Accounts payable checks #92462-#92636 in the amount of \$233,901.40 less voided check #92441 and payroll checks #59071-#59367 in the amount of \$51,816.40 and deduction checks #59368-#559377 in the amount of \$94,015.85 and payroll checks #59378-#59655 in the amount of \$45,983.90 and deduction checks #59656-#59675 in the amount of \$105,435.12 and payroll checks #59676-#59678 in the amount of \$1,188.55. Commissioner Bielenda seconded the motion. On a roll call vote six ayes; (Hogan, Kundrot, Ludwig, Mills, Nolan, Roberts) and one abstention (Bielenda). Motion carried.**

### **Staff Reports**

Commissioners briefly reviewed the Superintendent of Finance and Personnel's Monthly Report. Superintendent Myers asked that all Commissioners forward their Goals and Objectives to him by September 19<sup>th</sup>. Also, a 57% increase of viewers to the website has been noted.

Commissioners briefly reviewed the Deputy Director's Monthly Report. Deputy Director Poole reported that next month's meeting will include program evaluations and statistics of the Recreation Department. Summer registration is down 10% due to Spring Gymnastics, or low attended teen parties at Paradise Bay, and low enrolled Early Childhood programs.

Commissioners briefly reviewed the Superintendent of Parks Monthly Report. Commissioner Hogan complimented the prize sign at Paradise Bay.

Commissioners briefly reviewed the Superintendent of Golf Operations Monthly Report. Superintendent Ingram mentioned that Western Acres will advertise with GOLF NOW and that two time slots hourly have been reserved for the program at the course.

Commissioners briefly reviewed the Executive Director's Monthly Report. The hill and the ponds at Sunset Knoll were discussed. The Village of Lombard was notified that Paradise Bay has a wet spot that needs repair. The water will be turned off for 24 hours and the pool will shut down for the day. A copper pipe was apparently cracked during construction. In addition, there has been an additional \$26,000 cost for the Engineering/Environment study at Terrace View Pond. Commissioner Roberts commented that Terrace View pond is very low right now and unsightly. A discussion took place regarding the funding of Terrace View Pond. A consensus was made by the Board of Commissioners to hold off on any funding of the study for Terrace View Pond.

Executive Director Friedrichs discussed a correspondence from a Paradise Bay renter that was cancelled due to inclement weather. A copy of the rental form will be forwarded to the Board.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

Deputy Director Poole presented the Investment Policy, Athletic Field Use, Affiliate Guidelines and Per Diem.

There have been no changes to the Investment Policy. All policies approved by the Board are subject to attorney review.

**Commissioner Bielenda made a motion to approve the Investment Policy upon attorney review. Commissioner Hogan seconded the motion. On a call for the vote seven ayes; (Bielenda, Hogan, Kundrot, Ludwig, Mills, Nolan, Roberts). Motion carried.**

The next policy reviewed was the Athletic Field Use. Commissioner Hogan gave input. She would like to see a more defined standard for damage to the fields. During inclement weather, Executive Director Friedrichs relayed that supervisors contact the affiliates if they cannot play and the ump's and refs cancel at game time.

**Commissioner Hogan made a motion to approve the amended Athletic Field Use and Concession Permit Policy upon attorney review. Commissioner Nolan seconded the motion. On a roll call vote seven ayes; (Bielenda, Hogan, Kundrot, Ludwig, Mills, Nolan, Roberts). Motion carried.**

After that the Sports Programming Policy was visited. A discussion occurred. The awards and recognition were clarified.

**Commissioner Hogan made a motion to approve the amended Sports Programming Policy subject to attorney review. Commissioner Ludwig seconded the motion. On a roll call vote seven ayes; (Bielenda, Hogan, Kundrot, Ludwig, Mills, Nolan, Roberts). Motion carried.**

Next discussed was the Affiliate and Sponsored Group Policy. A discussion was held regarding how many coaches per team require background checks. Executive Director Friedrichs will get legal advice on the amount of background checks per team that is recommended. Residency of rosters was also talked about. In order to be an affiliate team, the majority must be residents. The

Priority Use Ranking was also discussed. Discussion continued on proposed change of allowing only one affiliate per sport.

**Vice President Bielenda made a motion to approve the Affiliate and Sponsored Group Policy subject to attorney review. Commissioner Roberts seconded the motion. On a roll call vote five ayes; (Bielenda, Kundrot, Ludwig, Mills, Roberts) two nays; (Hogan, Nolan). Motion carried.**

Superintendent Myers presented the Per Diem Policy and explained its purpose.

**Commissioner Hogan made a motion to approve the Per Diem Policy. Commissioner Bielenda seconded the motion. On a call for the vote seven ayes; (Bielenda, Hogan, Kundrot, Ludwig, Mills, Nolan, Roberts). Motion carried**

Deputy Director Poole presented a new policy, Soccer Goal Safety and Education Policy also known as Zach's Law as a result of recent legislation.

**Commissioner Hogan made a motion to approve the Soccer Goal Safety and Policy subject to attorney review. Commissioner Ludwig seconded the motion. On a roll call vote seven ayes; (Bielenda, Hogan, Kundrot, Ludwig, Mills, Nolan, Roberts). Motion carried.**

Executive Director Friedrichs gave the Board of Commissioners two different Budget Meeting schedules. The Board of Commissioners were in favor of Option #2 in which Budget Books would be delivered October 25. Budget meeting #1 would be November 8, 6:30 pm and Budget meeting #2 on November 15 at 6:30 pm and November 22 will be reserved in case of any additional meetings required.

#### **Commissioner Comments**

There were no comments this month.

**At 10:41 pm Commissioner Hogan made a motion to adjourn the August 23, 2011 Regular Board meeting. Commissioner Kundrot seconded the motion. On a call for the vote seven ayes; (Bielenda, Hogan, Kundrot, Ludwig, Mills, Nolan, Roberts). Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul W. Friedrichs, Secretary  
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