



President Cohen called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:31 p.m. Upon a roll of Commissioners being called, the following were present: Cohen, Coleman, Venouziou and Kranz. Absent: Mahoney. Staff present: Adams, Knitter, Ritter, Webber, Romano (via Zoom).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cohen opened his report sharing that at the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election he was re-elected for a six-year term and is looking forward to serving the residents of Woodridge.

President Cohen reported that the official dedication ceremony for the Jefferson Junior High School Athletic Facility was April 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and there was good turnout. He recognized what a great job all the active parties did throughout the entire building process, especially Woodridge School District #68 ("SD #68").

President Cohen then reminded the Board that the District and the Village of Woodridge, in partnership with Jewel-Osco Pharmacy, are hosting a Pfizer COVID Vaccine Clinic on Friday, April 23, 2021 at the ARC. Executive Director Adams noted that the Village is focusing on the registration side of the clinic while the District is overseeing facility logistics including set-up and volunteer coordination. He added that volunteers are still needed if anyone is available to assist. Commissioner Coleman offered to assist.

President Cohen then reported that IAPD recently decided that due to the current limitations on holding large scale events in Illinois, they are not able to offer an in-person Legislative Reception, Legislative Conference, or Parks Day at the Capitol. IAPD is currently considering a virtual option, which would occur at a later date.

President Cohen shared that the annual Woodridge Rotary Recycling Extravaganza will be held May 8, 2021, 8 – 11 a.m. at Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Park.

President Cohen then asked Executive Director Adams about the status of the annual Woodridge Rotary Mini Triathlon. Adams confirmed the event will be held on Sunday, August 8th, but there will not be the KiDs event this year in order to limit the number of people at the event in accordance with DCEO Covid-19 mitigations. He said the race will be open to those aged 14 years or older, and there will be three heats throughout the morning. Each meet will include 100 racers - 50 people for each pool – who will start every 30 seconds. There will be no post-race festivities afterward. Racers will receive their participation medal at the finish line and the to racers will be able to pick up their awards at a later date.

STAFF REPORTS

Finance/HR/IT

Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Chris Webber, via Zoom, opened his report sharing that the Auditors will be providing the draft of the FY2020 (Stub-year) audit by the end of this week for staff to review with the plan to present in May. To date, the District has not received the GFOA comments from the prior year audit which could move the presentation to June. Staff will keep the Board apprised of any changes.

Regarding tax distributions, Webber reported that the District received the distribution schedules for both DuPage and Will Counties and the District will begin receiving tax distributions around May 20th. He added that DuPage County is not providing tax relief like Will County is so regular distributions start May 21st.

Webber stated that Human Resources continues to work through Covid related issues as well as monitoring vaccinations. Currently, 52% of full and part time staff have received at least one vaccination shot. NeoGov onboarding system is moving along and should be going live by the end of the month.

Webber than shared Staff contracted with Sterling Network Integration and Advanced Data Technologies to upgrade the Maintenance Building WIFI which was needed for the new task management system the District is utilizing. The total cost to rewire the building and add access points was \$4,462.93. While the upgrade was not specifically budgeted, the District budgeted \$10,000 annually in Technology for unforeseen IT expenses.

Webber closed his report congratulating to Marie Markatos on her three-year anniversary on April 9th and shared that his 4th anniversary is on April 24th.

Parks, Planning & Development (“PPD”)

2.a. Director of Parks, Planning & Development Jenny Knitter opened the report with her first action item - Meadowview School As-Built Survey, CA #21-02pc

Knitter reported that following project discussions with representatives from SD #68 Staff determined that further detail would be required to complete design work for the proposed site improvements. Staff issued a RFP for surveying services to six local surveyors to complete an as-built/topographic survey. Unfortunately, a number of the companies were unable to meet the requested timeline for producing the survey and declined to submit a proposal.

Surveyor Proposals Received

Webster, McGrath & Ahlberg, Inc. \$ 4,608.00

Webster, McGrath & Ahlberg, Inc. (WMA) previously completed survey work for the District including that of a ComEd easement at Orchard Hill Park in 2011, related to the field lighting project. On March 23rd the Executive Director approved a contract with WMA, and a notice to proceed was issued. The field work was completed the week of March 29th during SD #68’s spring break, and the completed survey was issued to the district on April 9th.

Staff recommended the Board ratify the Executive Director’s approval of Webster, McGrath & Ahlberg, LTD. as the low qualified proposal and approval of a contract in an amount not to exceed \$4,608.00, for the project Meadowview School As-Built Survey, CA #21-02pc.

MOTION by Coleman and seconded by Kranz to ratify the Executive Director’s approval of Webster, McGrath & Ahlberg, LTD. as the low qualified proposal and approval of a contract in an amount not to exceed \$4,608.00, for the project Meadowview School As-Built Survey, CA #21-02pc.

President Cohen requested a roll call. Upon roll being called:

AYES: Coleman, Kranz, Venouziou and Cohen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mahoney

MOTION CARRIED

2.b. Knitter moved on to the next action seeking approval for the Meadowview School Playground Equipment Purchase, CRP #21-01pc-0.

Knitter reported that using the information collected in an online survey of the Meadowview School community, Staff tailored a request for proposals to playground designers based on the preferences expressed with a focus on inclusive, accessible amenities including ramped access directly onto the playground structure. Staff received a total of 12 perspective designs from six different manufacturers, and after an internal review staff narrowed the list to three designs.

Knitter added the design finalists were given a short window in which to make minor revisions to their submittals before they were presented to the school community for final selection via an on-line survey. She then reviewed the project timeline.

Staff recommended the Board accept Cunningham Recreation, an authorized dealer of GameTime playground equipment, as the low qualified bid secured from Omnia Partners (formerly US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance) and approve a purchase order in the amount of \$72,001.32 for the purchase and delivery of the Meadowview School Playground Equipment Purchase, CRP #21-01pc-01.

MOTION by Coleman and seconded by Venouziou to accept Cunningham Recreation, an authorized dealer of GameTime playground equipment, as the low qualified bid secured from Omnia Partners (formerly US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance) and approve a purchase order in the amount of \$72,001.32 for the purchase and delivery of the Meadowview School Playground Equipment Purchase, CRP #21-01pc-01.

President Cohen asked if the District worked with Cunningham Recreation before. Knitter said they worked with them on the Ide's West Park playground and Staff was satisfied with their previous performance.

President Cohen said, without objection, the Motion will be adopted. There were no objections and the Motion was carried and adopted.

2.c. Knitter moved on to her last action seeking approval for the Contractual Turf Fertilizing Services, MSP #21-05pc.

Knitter said Staff requested proposals from turf care companies for the purpose of fertilization & weed control at select parks on a regular basis as well as the option for Grub control at Cypress Cove and Administration Center. Staff continues maintaining 20+ other Park sites in house. Work includes three applications of fertilization & weed control at all sites.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
True Green	\$9,932.00	\$9,932.00
Spring Green	\$10,211.06	\$10,211.00
Lawn Doctor	Declined to submit	Declined to submit

Knitter added the term of this contract shall be the 2021 season (April 20, 2021 through September 30, 2021) and the contract will then terminate. The parties, however, shall have the option, but are not required to renew this contract for one additional one-year term under the same terms, conditions and obligations as set forth herein, provided however if the contract is renewed for the term of April 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022, the total cost for all weed control in all the parks identified in the proposal in Woodridge Park District shall not exceed \$9,932.00.

Staff recommended the Board accept True Green as the low qualified proposal and approval of a contract in the amount of \$9,932.00, for the 2021 season only for Contractual Turf Fertilizing Services, MSP#21-05pc, subject to Attorney review of terms.

MOTION by Coleman and seconded by Venouziou to accept True Green as the low qualified proposal and approval of a contract in the amount of \$9,932.00, for the 2021 season only for Contractual Turf Fertilizing Services, MSP#21-05pc, subject to Attorney review of terms.

President Cohen said, without objection, the Motion will be adopted. There were no objections and the Motion was carried and adopted.

Knitter then moved on to informational items:

- The Cypress Cove Slides Restoration Project began Monday, April 12th. Substantial completion for the project remains as scheduled for May 21st.
- The ARC, Falconridge and Janes Ave Park Split Rail Fencing Project began at Falconridge Park on March 22nd and continued through April 2nd with the contractor moving to the ARC Soccer Fields then to Janes Avenue Park. The 40 banner poles were delivered and pole installation will be complete by staff throughout the year as staff availability allows.

- Staff has received a proposal from Nutoys Leisure Products (Surface America) for the installation of new poured-in-place rubber safety surfacing for the playground and swing areas at Forest Glen Park; however, the proposal is exclusive of the removal and disposal of the existing rubber surfacing. Staff will be issuing an RFP this month to complete the removal and disposal of the existing surfacing and to regrade and prepare the aggregate subbase for installation of the new surfacing.
- On April 5th, Staff met with local pickleball players to discuss their user needs. They expressed the need for additional space for seating for both users and spectators and the need for surfaces to set and organize gear such as tables in addition to the need of a racking system to better organize and manage order of play. Planning staff has begun design work to implement a solution to be considered based on their input.
- On April 5th a crew from American Leak Detection worked with PPD staff at Sunnydale Park to map the existing drainage system for the playground spaces. The drain tile extending toward the tot-playground appears to have been compromised during improvements completed in 2012. This spring planning staff will design a new drainage solution for the tot playground area that will tie into the existing/functioning system in the adjacent playground area. This work will be issued as an RFP to be completed with similar work at the Falconridge Park playground and miscellaneous, minor concrete work at other sites.
- With Earthwerks indicating their intention to return this spring to complete the installation of the access walk at the Sled Hill Staff authorized the removal of two trees to facilitate this work.
- The District prescribed burn contractor, Tallgrass Restoration, LLC., completed burns at Vicente Outlot A, Heritage Parkway and Orchard Hill Park. In house Staff completed prescribed burns at Hawthorne Hill Woods, Village Greens Golf Course, Ides Grove West, Mending Wall and the Cypress Cove pond. Burns were suspended for the season on Friday, April 9th.
- The Community Center HVAC re-commissioning project began April 9th. AMSCO, the engineer, worked with Integrated Control Technologies to monitor and adjust the computer components while Greener Engineering a division of AMSCO attended to the mechanical components of the HVAC system to ensure proper adjustments, operation and provide recommendations about their findings. The next step is to set a date when temperatures are consistently above 70 degrees to continue with their work. The complete project should take a few days.
- The Maintenance Facility Garage Door Project was completed.
- Park Clean Up Day was held Saturday, April 17th from 9-11:30. More than 240 people helped to clean up 19 park sites.
- Managers completed interviews for the Facility Maintenance Technician position. Staff received 38 applicants and conducted seven interviews. Staff narrowed it down to the top candidate and are checking references prior to making an offer.
- The Village Greens Maintenance Building tuck-pointing and block replacement was completed on March 25th.
- Staff starting using and is rolling out the FMX Task Software. The site is still being built to meet the District's needs and Staff is learning as they go along.

Executive Director Adams closed the report sharing that the District as well as other park districts and municipalities are struggling to find seasonal labor. Staff is monitoring the situation and brainstorming solutions to include but not limited to: unique advertising, increasing wage rates, considering a signing bonus (payable at end of work term), etc..

Golf Course

Executive Director Adams reported that the Village Greens opened on March 30, 2021. He added that this season the Membership Program is following its original parameters – which means the public/non-members can book seven days in advance, and members can only book three days in advance.

Adams added that they continue to train new Staff and they are working on a new food & beverage inventory system.

Recreation

4.a Superintendent of Recreation, Don Ritter, opened his report with his first action item, the Aquatic Capital Replacement Fund (Fund 07) FYE2021 Splash Pad Fan Boat Slide Safety Pad Replacement, ACRP #21-03pc, Purchase Ratification of Executive Director's Expenditure Approval.

Ritter reported that the fan boat slide safety pad in the tot side of Bullfrog Bayou (spray playground) deteriorated and needs replaced. This pad protects from the abrasive anti-slip safety surface. Without this pad, patrons can get scrapes and cuts when sliding.

Staff recommended the Board ratify the Executive Director's approval of the purchase order for Playtime in the amount of \$3,844.66 for the Splash Pad Fan Boat Slide Safety Pad Replacement, ACRP #21-03pc.

MOTION by Coleman and seconded by Venouziou to ratify the Executive Director's approval of the purchase order for Playtime in the amount of \$3,844.66 for the Splash Pad Fan Boat Slide Safety Pad Replacement, ACRP #21-03pc.

President Cohen said, without objection, the Motion will be adopted. There were no objections and the Motion was carried and adopted.

4.b. Ritter moved on to his final action item the Ratification of Executive Director's Approval to Purchase New Hard Drive for ARC Surveillance Camera System, CRP #21-03pc'

Ritter shared that the ARC surveillance camera system appliance started to give out over the course of several days and cannot be repaired. The camera system is a critical operational tool of the ARC in order to manage the facility in a safe manner and to get the system back up in running and increase the amount of recording time for all the cameras, a new server is required. Ritter said the Executive Director vetted the proposal through SNI, the District's IT Network Administrator, and they confirmed the pricing to be satisfactory and acknowledged the price is discounted approximately 20%.

Staff recommended the Board ratify the Executive Director's approval of a proposal from Griffon Systems, Inc., dated April 16, 2021, in the amount of \$9,800.00 for a new hard drive/server upgrade for the ARC surveillance camera system.

MOTION by Kranz and seconded by Venouziou to ratify the Executive Director's approval of a proposal from Griffon Systems, Inc., dated April 16, 2021, in the amount of \$9,800.00 for a new hard drive/server upgrade for the ARC surveillance camera system.

President Cohen said, without objection, the Motion will be adopted. There were no objections and the Motion was carried and adopted.

Ritter then moved on to his informational items reporting that the WSA spring soccer season will begin games on May 1st. Registration is down 36% from spring 2019 season and teams from Lemont will be participating in the Junior and Intermediate divisions.

Ritter said Staff is also continuing discussions on the future of the Storm Soccer program. A meeting was held with a representative from Elmhurst City Soccer Association to determine if a possible merger with their program would be a good fit to help bolster the program. The ultimate goal is to be able to offer a travel team at each age group within Woodridge for our residents. Staff will continue to research other options and ideas moving forward.

Executive Director Adams added they are seeking feedback from WSA Board before moving forward.

Ritter shared that with the cancellation of the ever-popular Woodridge Lions Club Egg Hunt, the Park District came up with a couple of "Egg programs" to take its place. The Spring Drive-Up with the Woodridge Bunny held on April 2nd had 71 participants. On April 3rd, the "Egg Hunt at Home" reached 28 registrants as Staff drove to participants homes (along with the Woodridge Bunny) to deliver and hide eggs on the front lawn.

Ritter reported that with the annual Daddy/Daughter and Mom/Son Date Night special events approaching, a resident reached out to Staff with concerns about the names/titles of these events. For the children who may not have a mom or dad or may have two moms or two dads, she feels the titles/description should be more inclusive and welcoming. Staff has

started internal discussions and reached out to other agencies to see what direction they may take moving forward and what type of creative names may be appropriate.

Ritter said that after two consecutive years of cancellations (bad weather and COVID), the annual Road Rally special event is scheduled for April 24th. This year's event is being re-organized in accordance with CDC Covid-19 guidelines. Currently 33 teams have registered, with seven of them from Woodridge.

President Cohen asked what the road rally is. Ritter said that it is basically a scavenger hunt that sends teams in their cars to 8-10 different surrounding park district parks to find clues. It is a very popular event with the District.

Ritter then reviewed the ARC rental and Fitness numbers.

Ritter then moved on to the Aquatics Report stating that the Aquatic Department continues to monitor the Illinois Department of Public Health's and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's updates for guidance regarding the aquatics industry. He said DuPage County Health representatives reported they were meeting with IDPH to evaluate the guidelines for the upcoming season, to include whether a percentage of capacity vs. the 50 people maximum per area would be considered. Updates are expected later this week.

Executive Director Adams then provided an update on the IDPH guidelines. He shared that some DuPage County area park district executive directors have been meeting regularly via Zoom. They reached out to DuPage County Health Department for more feedback on the current guidelines and where they are going. Current guidelines state that you cannot have more than 50 people unless they are separated by a space of 30 feet. The plan for Cypress Cove right now is to open three separate sections of the park (Bullfrog Bayou, Main Pool, Program Pool & Plunge Pool), each with a 50-person capacity, with a two-hour reservation window. Under this model it could serve up to 450 patrons a day.

Adams added that the districts together petitioned DuPage County asking that if amusement parks can accommodate higher numbers based on a percentage of total capacity, why can't swimming pools. The County acknowledged the merits to that argument but said no decisions would be made until metrics begin to go down and further guidance sought by IDPH.

Adams then reviewed two financial evaluations – one if the pool opens with the three sections, and one if the pool were to fully open at 25% capacity. Each scenario featured options with or without opening the lazy river. He noted that opening the lazy river just includes the river itself and not the slide going into the river. If the Lazy River opens it requires more Staffing and additional expense. He reviewed the different options and their financial impacts on Cypress Cove based on hypothetical attendance criteria:

<u>Scenario</u>	<u>Total Net/Profit Loss</u>
Three separate sections (450 people/daily) – no lazy river	(\$374,511)
Three separate sections (450 people/daily – with lazy river	(\$391,424)
25% Capacity (800 people/daily) – no lazy river	\$77,277
25% Capacity (800 people/daily) – with lazy river	\$13,586

Adams noted that that season passes will not be offered this year due to negative financial impacts and hardships in fairly securing reservations with daily admissions, and each of the three aquatic sections would have its own entry fee. Residents & non-residents will be charged the same rate.

- Bullfrog Bayou: \$9.00/person for 2.5-hour reservation
- Main Pool: \$10.00/person for 2.5-hour reservation
- Program Pool & Plunge Pool: \$10.00/person for 2.5-hour reservation

Adams then asked the Board for additional feedback on if the lazy river should be opened or closed taking into account the financial impacts. The Commissioners consensus agreed that it makes the most financial sense to keep the lazy river closed.

Adams then noted that when you reserve one section you are required to stay in that section and cannot go to other areas per mitigation guidelines. Temporary barriers will be placed to differentiate each aquatic section. Each section will also have its own entrance/exit.

President Cohen asked if Concessions would be open. Adams said no due to ongoing mitigations and patron safety. Commissioner Coleman asked if there would be vending machines or if people could bring food in. Adams said staff would look into the vending machines. Further discussion included the pros and cons of permitting of outside food into the facility.

President Cohen asked when opening day is. Adams noted it is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 5, 2021.

Marketing & Community Engagement

Superintendent of Marketing & Community Engagement, Megan Romano (via Zoom), opened her report reviewing the latest website and e-Newsletter data.

Romano shared that the Summer Activity E-Guide design is in progress and will be published digitally on Thursday, April 29th. She added that Staff is simultaneously designing a postcard to be mailed to residents to remind them that the Park District Activity Guides remain digital, push them to the website and highlight a few summer programs and events such as summer camp, summer concerts and sports camps.

Romano said Staff discussed whether moving forward if the District will stay with a digital eGuide or revert back to the printed brochure. She did research what other districts are doing and there is about 50/50 split between digital and traditional printed guides. For the fall guide, staff is considering remaining digital, but sending out a more robust newsletter, instead of a post card, that highlights programming and events.

Romano reported that Woodridge Baird & Warner agent Jennifer Anteliz is advertising at the ARC's turf and gym for six months at a cost of \$1,600. She is a previous Jubilee sponsor and is interested in partnering with the District more often.

Romano then discussed "geofencing" technology and how the District can utilize it for advertising employment opportunities. Geofencing is a location-based service in which an app or other software uses GPS, RFID, Wi-Fi or cellular data to trigger a pre-programmed action when a mobile device or RFID tag enters or exits a virtual boundary set up around a geographical location, known as a geofence. For example, they could place a geofence around the local high school parking lots or around the apartments and homes near multi-family residential areas. She is waiting to receive a quote for doing a geofencing campaign. Because this is new to the District they will start with a smaller campaign. She added that they are also running social media ads for job openings.

Safety

Executive Director Adams said there is nothing to report for safety except the usual bumps and bruises obtained in programs.

CONSENT AGENDA

E.1.-5. MOTION by Venouziou and seconded by Kranz to approve Consent Agenda Item #1 for approval of the revised Regular Board Meeting Minutes from the July 21, 2020 Board Meeting, Agenda Item #2 for the March 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Agenda Items #3 through #8 for Vendor Payment, Payroll Ratification and Program Refunds for a total amount of \$910,555.49.

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes (Revised)July 21, 2020
2. Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 16, 2021
3. Vendor Payment & Payroll Ratification Report (3/12/21 – 4/15/21)..... \$910,555.49
4. Living Waters Consultants, Inc., Hawthorne Hill Woods Culvert Repair – Engineering Services CA
#20-02pc,

Payout #3	\$10,000.00
5. Webster, McGrath & Ahlberg, LTD., Meadowview School As-Built Survey, CA #21-02pc, Payout #1 (Final)	\$4,608.00
6. American Ramp Company., Janes Avenue Skate Park Ramp Replacement, CRP #20-12pc, Payout #1 (Final)	\$8,450.00
7. Western Remac, Inc., Meadowview School As-Built Survey, CA #21-02pc – Payout #1	\$109,300.00
8. Tallgrass Restoration, LLC., 2019 Contracted Prescribed Burns, MSP #19-13pc – Payouts #1 & #2	\$15,440.00

President Cohen requested a roll call approving consent agenda items #1 through #8.

Upon a roll being called:

AYES: Venouziou, Kranz, Coleman and Cohen
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: Mahoney
 MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

F.1.a. Executive Director Adams began his report with his first action item, the approval of Ordinance No. 21-6, An Ordinance Adopting Revisions to the WPD Comprehensive Policy & Procedurals Manual (8.3.37 - Park Maintenance Operations Mechanic Job Description).

Adams said in preparing for accreditation the District will complete a comprehensive review of all job descriptions. The Park Maintenance Operations Mechanic job description was previously approved in 2015 and is being updated to reflect current scope of work.

Staff recommended Board consideration to approve Ordinance No. 21-6, An Ordinance Adopting Revisions to the Woodridge Park District Comprehensive Policies and Procedures and Personnel Manuals.

MOTION by Coleman and seconded by Venouziou to approve Ordinance No. 21-6, An Ordinance Adopting Revisions to the WPD Comprehensive Policy & Procedurals Manual (8.3.37 - Park Maintenance Operations Mechanic Job Description).

President Cohen said, without objection, the Motion will be adopted. There were no objections and the Motion was carried and adopted.

F.1.b. Executive Director Adams moved to his next action item, the approval of Resolution No. 21-1, A Resolution of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Woodridge Park District, DuPage and Will Counties, Illinois, Supporting the DuPage Monarch Project to Improve and Increase Available Monarch Habitat.

Adams noted that various organizations including the Woodridge Rotary, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, DuPage Monarch Project, Conservation Foundation, etc. have approached the District to pledge its commitment to increase the amount of suitable monarch habitat throughout DuPage County due to the decimation of pollinators, including the North American monarch, which serves as an iconic species, has potential negative consequences for natural ecosystems as well as for human food production, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is currently studying the species to determine if it should be listed under the Endangered Species Act.

Adams added that the effort meets the District's Strategic Long-Term Capital Planning Goal to protect and conserve existing parklands, potential recreation areas, historic features, and natural scenic areas necessary to maintain and improve the

quality of the natural environment, which contributes to the improved health and welfare of the community and the District's Long-term Agency Strategic Goal #8: The Woodridge Park District will actively promote and implement strategies and actions to improve environmental quality and achieve sustainable results.

Adams noted the District will be partnering with the Woodridge Rotary to develop a Monarch Way Station in one of the parks.

Staff recommended Board consideration to approve Resolution No. 21-1, A Resolution of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Woodridge Park District, DuPage and Will Counties, Illinois, Supporting the DuPage Monarch Project to Improve and Increase Available Monarch Habitat.

MOTION by Kranz and seconded by Coleman to approve Resolution No. 21-1, A Resolution of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Woodridge Park District, DuPage and Will Counties, Illinois, Supporting the DuPage Monarch Project to Improve and Increase Available Monarch Habitat.

President Cohen said, without objection, the Motion will be adopted. There were no objections and the Motion was carried and adopted.

F.1.c. Executive Director Adams moved his final action item, the approval of a License Agreement with Woodridge Rotary, Inc. for Use of Park District Property for Recycling Extravaganza and Mini Triathlon.

Adams reminded the Board that each year the Board considers approving a license agreement with the Woodridge Rotary to utilize Athletic Recreation Center and Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Park facility & parking lot, other park parking lots, and grounds to host their Annual Recycling Extravaganza and Mini Triathlon.

Adams added the Rotary requests use of the Cypress Cove parking lot for the "Recycling Extravaganza" on Saturday, May 8, 2021 from 6AM – 1PM. For their "Mini Triathlon" they request use of Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Park & south parking lots from Friday, August 6, 2021 – 8PM to Sunday, August 8, 2021 – 1PM, and the parking lots at the Athletic Recreation Center (ARC), Orchard Hill Park, Falconridge Park, and Janes Avenue Park on Sunday, August 8, 2021 from 12AM to 1PM.

MOTION by Venouziou and seconded by Coleman to approve a License Agreement with Woodridge Rotary, Inc. for Use of Park District Property for Recycling Extravaganza and Mini Triathlon.

President Cohen asked if the District charges them. Adams said there is no charge and that it provides great exposure to the District's facilities and a portion of the Mini Tri net proceeds supports the funds Rotary raises for the District's recreation programs financial assistance program.

President Cohen said, without objection, the Motion will be adopted. There were no objections and the Motion was carried and adopted.

Executive Director Adams then moved on to informational items, sharing that The District received the preliminary levy extension from both DuPage and Will Counties and the District's projections were spot on. In summary, the District's total EAV Increased 4.29% compared to last year's increase of 6.07%. EAV excluding new growth decreased 3.48% compared to last year.

Adams said new growth (new construction and annexations) of \$10,069,696 decreased -56% compared to last year's new growth of \$24,027,475. If you exclude the Janes Avenue TIF EAV of \$7,952,880 from the \$24,027,475 EAV; the actual new growth decreased -37.4% compared to the previous year. The previous five-year new growth average is \$12,515,262. The overall tax rate decreased .0107 cents from .5445 to .5338 compared to the previous year's rate decrease of .0149 cents. The decrease in rate is due primarily to the increase in overall EAV and tax capped levy extension amount.

Adams then updated the Board on the Woodridge Center Unit IV HOA Adjacent Park District Property Maintenance issue and the cease & desist order sent to the HOA about performing landscape services on park district property. Adams provided the Board with background on the property and said a meeting is set with the HOA for the first week of May to discuss the property and possible resolutions. Board discussion ensued.

Adams then discussed the 3044 Hobson Avenue (Commercial Strip Mall) EPA Pollution Complaint Filing. He reminded the Board that on Monday, March 21, 2021 the District received a call from Lisle-Woodridge Fire District (LWFD) who was called by a concerned citizen regarding a 55-gallon drum that was leaking fluid (concrete sealer) behind the Hobson Road commercial strip mall at 3044 Hobson Road and adjacent to Hobson Corner Park property line. He added that LWFD notified the commercial property owner of the situation and to initiate a remediation plan based on the evidence that the container originated from the commercial property (e.g. leaking residue on asphalt from building to park property). The owner immediately told the Battalion Chief (BC) that the container was on park property and therefore not his issue. After further clarification and convincing by the BC that it was the owner's issue and definitely not the District's, he agreed to get the material removed. LWFD created an incident report and staff filed a police report for illegal dumping.

Adams said two days after the reporting of the incident, a remediation company secured the leaking drum into a sealed hazmat container as well as a second container for removal of contaminated soil. The containers were recently removed. Staff filed a pollution complaint with the ILEPA on 3/29/21 and have yet to hear back. Board discussion ensued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEASPAR

Executive Director Adams reported that SEASPAR is starting its new spring programs.

Jubilee

No report.

PDRMA

No report.

EX-OFFICIO REPORT

Plan Commission

Executive Director Adams shared the Village Planning report is included in the Board Report.

Chamber of Commerce

No report.

Affiliated Athletic Associations

Ritter reported that DCEO issued new youth sports guidelines April 12th regarding youth sports and masks. The guidelines stated that no masks were required for low risk sports which for the District includes softball, baseball and pickleball. For softball and baseball that means masks do not have to be worn on the field, but they must be worn in the dugout where social distancing is not possible. The coaches will need to wear masks on the field and the fans/parents will need to continue to social distance. He added that all participants and their families have been notified and are aware of the mask guidelines/requirements for both the players and the fans.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director Adams reported that three staff and one student contracted Covid, so Tot School will be shut down for at least one week and possibly two pending further guidance by DuPage County Health Department. All staff and student families were promptly notified. He reminded the Board that last year a revised policy was passed to continue to pay Staff during an emergency shutdown to unforeseen circumstances, so the teachers will continue to get paid for their normal

working hours during the shutdown. He added that the downside is that refunds may need to be issued to families for the time that Tot School was closed, unless the school season is extended, which is currently being considered. Adams shared his opinion of encouraging vaccinations.

President Cohen asked if the District made the vaccination shot mandatory. Adams explained based on risk management and legal guidance, mandatory vaccinations are not recommended for various reasons, but will continue to be strongly encouraged to protect the safety of both staff and patrons.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:18 p.m., MOTION by Coleman and seconded by Venouziou to adjourn to Executive Session 2(c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District.

President Cohen requested a roll call. Upon a roll being called:

AYES: Coleman, Venouziou, Kranz and Cohen.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney
MOTION CARRIED

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Regular Board Meeting of April 20, 2021, reconvened at 8:47 p.m. Upon a roll of Commissioners being called, the following were Present: Cohen, Coleman, Venouziou, Kranz. Absent: Mahoney. Staff: Adams.

FINAL ACTION

President Cohen asked if there was a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-2, A Resolution of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Woodridge Park District, DuPage and Will Counties, Illinois Approving and Authorizing the Execution of Addendum to the Employment Contract of the Executive Director of Parks and Recreation.

MOTION by Coleman and seconded by Venouziou to approve Resolution No. 21-2, A Resolution of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Woodridge Park District, DuPage and Will Counties, Illinois Approving and Authorizing the Execution of Addendum to the Employment Contract of the Executive Director of Parks and Recreation.

President Cohen requested a roll call. Upon a roll being called:

AYES: Coleman, Venouziou, Kranz and Cohen.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney
MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was requested. MOTION by Coleman, seconded by Venouziou to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:49 p.m.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted.



Jack Mahoney, Secretary