## LINDENHURST PARK DISTRICT REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING LIPPERT COMMUNITY CENTER September 10, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Lindenhurst Park

District was called to order by President Solbrig at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Solbrig led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: President Todd Solbrig

> Victoria McCabe Vice President **James Stout** Treasurer Sean Smith Commissioner Sheri Chapman Commissioner

Park District Staff: Dave Mohr, Jr. **Executive Director** 

> Kate Kotloski Director of Recreation Dir. of Finance & Personnel **Iake Kohler**

Kathy Kohler Director of Marcom

Others Present: Lauren Schulz Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner McCabe seconded the motion. President Solbrig declared the motion

unanimously carried on a voice vote 5-0.

**REVIEW OF** MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners Minutes of August 13, 2024 Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of August 13, 2024; Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. President Solbrig declared the motion unanimously carried on a voice vote 5-0.

Local Government Efficiency Committee Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2024. Commissioner Stout made a motion to approve the minutes of the Local Government Efficiency Committee of August 13, 2024; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. President Solbrig declared the motion unanimously carried on a voice vote 5-0.

Joint Special Meeting between the Village Board of Trustees and the Board of Park Commissioners Minutes of August 26, 2024

Commissioner Stout made a motion to approve the minutes of the Joint Special Meeting between the Village Board of Trustees and the Board of Park

Commissioners Minutes of August 26, 2024; Commissioner McCabe seconded the motion. President Solbrig declared the motion unanimously carried on a voice vote

5-0.

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PARTICIPATION: None

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

## Discussion and motion to approve bills presented for this meeting.

Commissioner Stout presented the bill list for August 1 through August 31 in the total amount of \$252,106.12. Commissioner Stout made a motion to approve the bills presented for this meeting; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Solbrig Aye
McCabe Aye
Stout Aye
Smith Aye
Chapman Aye

President Solbrig declared the motion unanimously carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

# <u>Discussion and motion to approve Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for F.Y.E. April 30, 2024</u>

No discussion needed.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for F.Y. end April 30, 2024; Commissioner Stout seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Solbrig Aye
McCabe Aye
Stout Aye
Smith Aye
Chapman Aye

President Solbrig declared the motion unanimously carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Presentation, discussion and motion to approve independent auditing from Sikich LLP, Annual Financial Report and Auditor's Communication to the Board of Park Commissioners for year ended April 30, 2024.

Martha with Sikich presented audit for F.Y. ended April 30, 2024. Will be submitting audit and financial report with state comptroller. AFR-highlighted independent auditor's report-pages 1-3, opinion clean unmodified opinion, highest level of assurance. Highlight, thank you for amount of effort on behalf of LPD, grateful for timeliness of reports and information. Overall governmental funds saw a decrease in funds due to construction. General fund and recreation fund saw an increase in revenues. Board communication – no significant estimates to be reported, no difficulties throughout the audit, no disagreements. There were two adjustments correcting opening balances and escrow accounts; related to escrow agents and the construction of community center-adjusted for this activity. Due to level of staffing capacity, limitation to how duties can be segregated, she let the board know that capacity served the reviewing monthly financials and reports had addressed the risk and thank you for following suggestions made in the past.

Commissioner Stout made a motion to independent auditing from Sikich LLP, Annual Financial Report and Auditor's Communication to the Board of Park

Commissioners for year ended April 30, 2024; Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Solbrig Aye

McCabe Aye Stout Aye Smith Aye Chapman Aye

President Solbrig declared the motion unanimously carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

#### STAFF REPORTS:

#### **Business Department**

Jake Kohler, Director of Finance and Personnel, introduced himself to the board. He has met with some vendors, preparing for upcoming open enrollment, and continuing to get acquainted with staff.

## Parks Department

Dennis Carroll, Jr., Director of Parks and Facilities, reported beaches and splash pad have been closed for the season; will de-winterize facilities. Playground inspection showed rust in a few spots; fixed rust and ordering new handles for some parks. Soccer is underway, fixed turf damage at Slove Park. Cold storage units have been primed and painted to match buildings; working on getting maintenance garage area set up.

#### Recreation Department

Kate Kotloski, Director of Recreation, reported fall programming has begun. Soccer has started; combined Kindergarten and First grade teams. Dylan held soccer coach meeting that was successful. Touch-a-Truck was a successful event; change of location to Heritage was a bigger space. LPD participated in the Lindenfest parade; happy that participants joined in. Before/After school started; registration remains open. Engle Junction Preschool is open, 106 total. Camp Exploration was successful, with a 14% increase in participation, 29% increase in total revenue, and overall decrease in supplies/materials and field trip expenses. LPD saw an increase in staff wages due to minimum wage increase; increase in camper participation of younger ages, and the need for a 1:1 support staff. This year's change to a true camp site director provided more structure. Looking into options for next summer to provide daily lunch.

## Safety and Risk Management

Kate Kotloski, Director of Recreation Safety Coordinator, had nothing to report.

Incident/Accident Reports - None

#### Marketing Department

Kathy Kohler, Director of Marketing and Communications, reported Engle Junction preschool hallway has been streamlined with décor. Touch a truck was successful and happy to report that Stephen Colbert show mentioned the flyer. Active Adults flyers and out & about guide sent out to mailing list, registration for trips all increased. Sold gym sign to Antioch Advanced Dentistry. Thank you for the following sponsorships – Raymond Chevrolet, State Bank of Lakes, Old National Bank, Fulton

Grace Realty, Fisher Paper, Honey Orthodontics, Tom Lippert. Sweetwater Homes. Witches evening escapade coming up. Upcoming items; Haunted Trail, Cookies with Santa, & tree lighting,

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

<u>Discussion and motion to approve expanding existing utility easement (North side of Sprucewood Lane, near Witchwood Lane) at Linden's Landing, to ComEd, for Village of Lindenhurst improvements</u>

Director Mohr reported LPD gave easement rights to village to change storm water drains at Linden Landing. Utility poles need to be moved, following ComEd's standard easement, 17 feet from property lines. Looking at extending from 11ft to 17 feet.

Commissioner McCabe made a motion to approve expanding existing utility easement (North side of Sprucewood Lane, near Witchwood Lane) at Linden's Landing, to ComEd, for Village of Lindenhurst improvements; Commissioner Stout seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Solbrig Aye
McCabe Aye
Stout Aye
Smith Aye

Chapman

President Solbrig declared the motion unanimously carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

A Resolution of Association or Organization with State Bank of the Lakes to change/update power of authority granted due to change in Park Board organization or personnel.

Aye

Director Mohr reported last completed this in June 2022. Need to pass resolution to remove Linda and add Jake.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to change/update power of authority granted due to change in Park Board organization or personnel; Commissioner Stout seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Solbrig Aye
McCabe Aye
Stout Aye
Smith Aye
Chapman Aye

President Solbrig declared the motion unanimously carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

<u>Update on Mallard Ridge Park tennis/pickleball and basketball court improvements</u> Director Mohr reported Mallard Ridge is complete. Vandalism has been found, removing caps from fence posts, need to replace. Signs to not bike, skateboard, etc. are up, but there are black marks on courts; tried to remove black marks, but the finish was coming off. Asking contractor to provide special paint and LPD would have to paint touch up marks. Trying to clean up and fix it.

## Update on Lewis Park Redevelopment OSLAD Project

Director Mohr reported having a contract with Design Perspectives, need to bid playground, plans to start spring 2025. Playground was approved; Todd @ DP has survey, storm water drawings sent to county and village for approval – hoping to have designs ready for approval next month. Project sign is up for residents to view at park.

Update on Solar Farm and partnership with the Village of Lindenhurst Director Mohr reported he attended joint board meeting with village. If village moves forward, LPD needs to decide how the land can be used and financials. LPD would need to decide if solar panels would be purchased, eliminating delivery cost. There are many options if village decides to move forward. Waiting on village to decide how they are moving forward before LPD makes any decisions.

OTHER BUSINESS:

**Commissioner Comment** 

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Update of various administrative activities; capitol and safety improvements, legal updates, finance, and investments, planning and development, policies and procedures, personnel, intergovernmental, etc.

Director Mohr reported IEPD survey sent out for joint legislative committee – asking for any input from board members if applicable. Submit by 9/27. Efficiency committee meeting - have until December to submit, waiting to submit based on solar farm decision.

CORRESPONDENCE: LV Fire Dept open house Sat 9/14 @ 10-1

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Chapman made a motion to adjourn at 7:31PM; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. President Solbrig declared the meeting adjourned on a unanimous voice vote 4-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Lauren Schulz **Recording Secretary** 

David Mohr, Jr., CPRP **Executive Director** Park Board Secretary

Approved by me this 15th day of October, 2024.

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**Board of Park Commissioners**