

Minutes of a Workshop Session of the Board of  
Park Commissioners of the Downers Grove Park  
District held on February 3, 2022 at the Recreation Center,  
4500 Belmont Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515

**Call to Order** Commissioner Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Bender, Dahlstrom, Kotula, McDonnell, Mahoney, Executive Director, Bill McAdam; Director of Human Resources, Marian Olund; Director of Recreation, Dave Haring; Director of Finance & Technology, Erik Brown; Superintendent of Facilities, Kevin Rozell; Superintendent of Planning, ADA Coordinator, Paul Fyle; Superintendent of Technology, Chris Kapus;

**ABSENT:** None  
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**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Changes to the Agenda:** None

**Visitors:** None

President Mahoney wanted to say something before the meeting started – “The Board of Commissioners would like to thank Bill on receiving the IPRA Professional of the Year award at the IAPD/IPRA Soaring New Heights Conference last week. With over 32 years as a Park and Recreation professional, Bill was recognized for his significant impact in the field and his exceptional service to the community. Thank you for your leadership here at the Downers Grove Park District and as well as your dedication to your profession and our community. Bill, congrats on this awesome achievement.”  
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**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**McCollum Park Sprayground Update** – Executive Director, Bill McAdam mentioned that the Park District has been working with Hitchcock Design to revisit and get ready to go out to bid for the park improvements... paths, playgrounds and basketball/pickleball. We want to talk to the board about the changes the Park District has been making. Tonight the presentation is in 3 pieces. The first is being led by Paul Fyle. Then Dave Haring will talk about operating and Erik Brown will talk about financing. Paul mentioned that Staff is providing a summary of the planning and design work previously completed, as well as, a review of the current designs, including graphics showing the proposed spray features. Paul showed the Board a Concept Plan that reflects the most recent design shared with the Board of Commissioners prior to the pandemic, but the presentation included discussion of revisions made following the 18-month project hold. Commissioner Dahlstrom asked if Miner Mikes will have the same square footage? Paul responded nothing is changing with Miner Mikes. Dave Haring mentioned that Staff is looking into greaseless fryers for concessions so Staff can do different things. Paul also mentioned that the lighting by the tennis courts will be LED lights with a push button to turn them on. Commissioner Dahlstrom asked if there will be lighted pathways? Staff has not looked into this but it can be a possibility. Paul mentioned that last fall the District applied for a \$400,000 Open Space Lands Acquisition & Development (OSLAD) grant from the State of Illinois. Grant awards are typically announced in January, but to date, we have not been made aware of any announcement or a timeline for when the announcement may occur. Over the next few months, staff and the consultants will be working hard to complete construction drawings, submit the drawings for permit review, prepare bid documents and be ready for construction later this year. Director of Recreation, Dave Haring gave a brief summary on how Staff is envisioning on the operation of the sprayground. Dave mentioned that Staff will be developing a comprehensive operations plan for the McCollum Park project that will include the operation, marketing and sponsorship plans for the sprayground as well as the opportunities for increased programming associated with the new tennis and pickleball courts. This plan will be presented to the Board of Commissioners in late spring/early summer. The basic operating parameters for the sprayground are as follows: operating schedule would be from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Residents are free. Non-residents will need to pay a fee. Private rentals will require a fee. President Mahoney asked about the hours. Dave responded that the times can change due to weather or events. Times right now are just a starting point. Commissioner Bender asked if younger kids wanted to go to the sprayground, what do they show to get in if they are a resident? Dave responded that they have to dive deeper into that but if Staff has an Ipad and the family is registered then that child should show up in the

system. Park District staff will be scheduled on site daily in order to supervise the operation and insure that cleanliness levels can be maintained. This area might be a great area for off-season events. Director of Finance and IT, Erik Brown mentioned that Staff continues to work behind the scenes on updates to the structure of this bond, specifically due to the impact of not refunding the 2015 issuance. Since the savings will no longer be available, we are working with Eric Anderson on adjustments to the payment schedule of the issuance. Staff recommends capitalizing the initial 2022 coupon payment to spread out over years two through six. This allows the District to remain within budget this year without refunding the 2015 issuance.

**Miscellaneous – None**

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – None**

Commissioner Mahoney announced that the next Park District Board meeting will be held February 17, 2022 at the Recreation Center, Multi-Purpose Room.

**FINAL ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. following a motion made by Commissioner Bender and seconded by Commissioner McDonnell.

Roll Call:                      Ayes: Commissioners Bender, McDonnell, Bender, Dahlstrom, Mahoney  
   Nays: None  
   Absent: None

  
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Robert E. Kotula, Secretary  
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