Minutes of a Workshop Session of the Board of
Park Commissioners of the Downers Grove Park
District held on November 1, 2018 at Lincoln Center,
935 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515

Call to Order
President Gelwicks called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

PRESENT: Commissioners Gelwicks, Livorsi, Mahoney, McDonnell and Salaba; Executive
Director, Bill McAdam; Director of Operations and Development, Geoff Penman; Director of
Recreation, Dave Haring; Director for Finance & Technology, Erik Brown; Director of Human
Resources, Marian Olund; Superintendent of Planning, Paul Fyle; Superintendent of Parks, Kevin
Rozell; Clerk, Adine Lenon

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Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Changes to the Agenda: None

Visitors: Mr. Goodman attended the workshop meeting to discuss how pleased
he was to hear about the donation to the 1846 Blodgett House. He thanked the Board for sticking
with the plan and would like to donate a suitable recognition display when the time comes for the
Blodgett House. He hopes that the community will come out to visit the Blodgett House. President
Gelwicks thanked Mr. Goodman for all the efforts he and Charlie started with the Blodgett House.
The Board thought it would be a great idea for the recognition to be added once the Blodgett House
is completed.

Also discussed was an email received by a resident (Mr. Baker) of Downers Grove. The issue was
the tile project and locker rooms at the Rec Center. Mr. Baker brought up a series of issues in the
email. The Board would like a timeline on what items have been taken care of, who's responsible
and a due date for when all the issues will be completed. The Staff is already working on a plan
and will keep the Board updated in the process.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2019 Park Board Meeting Schedule

Executive Director McAdam discussed the 2019 Park Board Meeting Schedule and asked the Board for
their input. He mentioned that this will be on the consent agenda for the December 6th Board Meeting.

2019 Goals

The Board was presented with a list of goals from staff for 2019. The Board discussed the proposed
goals and thought that some interchanged with each other. The Board thought the goals were not
encompassing the entire organization and that some goals were tied into each other. The consensus was
to have 3 or 4 goals and have the organizational goals we all want to achieve under these 3 or 4 main
goals. Commissioner Livorsi was concerned about the Walnut property and wants to have a
conversation at a later date on what will happen with that property. President Gelwicks stated that is what the Master Plan is about and the envisioning process for the Downers Grove Park District. Executive Director, Bill McAdam stated he will have the updated goals to present to the Board at the next meeting.

Thor Guard

Staff discussed with the Board about purchasing a new Thor Guard system for Fishel Park. President Gelwicks would like staff to look into a mobile app and thinks that the Rainout system should be working with Thor Guard. Commissioner Salaba asked if we have the same as other park districts and staff answered that every Park District is different and they either have Thor Guard or WeatherBug. President Gelwicks wants consistency and the Board agreed to have Thor Guard at Fishel Park.

Fitness Leasing Equipment

Staff brought to the Boards attention the leasing equipment at the Rec Center. Some questions and concerns came up as to whether we should lease or buy the equipment. Erik Brown stated that if we purchase the Park District can get 20-30% buy back and if we lease the Park District will require new equipment every 3-4 years. The best scenario is to lease the cardio equipment and purchase the strength equipment. Commissioner Mahoney asked who is responsible for the repairs of the equipment if it is leased? The response was, if something breaks is it part of the warranty that comes with the lease. Director McAdam stated that most cardio machines now are computers and are very expensive to replace and thinks it is worth it to lease the equipment. Director of Finance and Technology, Erik Brown stated that with leasing the equipment, it will free up the MR&R to purchase bikes downstairs. President Gelwicks asked if we had the right mix of equipment and Staff responded that the Rec Center does an evaluation of equipment each year. The Board agreed for Staff to proceed with the lease equipment.

Miscellaneous

Executive Director, Bill McAdam stated that the Village of Downers Grove is preparing a budget for Prince Pond. As soon as Bill McAdam knows the numbers he will inform the Board.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

None

Commissioner Gelwicks announced that the next Park District Board meeting will be held November 5, 2018 at the Administration Building and on November 15, 2018 at the Village Hall Council Chambers.

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FINAL ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm following a motion made by Commissioner Mahoney and seconded by Commissioner Salaba

Roll Call:  
Ayes: Commissioners Mahoney, Salaba, Gelwicks, McDonnell, Livorsi  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Livorsi  
Secretary
WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA

A. CONVENING THE MEETING
   1. Call to Order
   2. Roll Call
   3. Pledge of Allegiance
   4. Changes to the Agenda

B. COMMUNICATIONS
   1. Recognition of Visitors

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS
   1. 2019 Park Board Meeting Schedule
   2. 2019 Goals
   3. Thor Guard
   4. Leasing Rec Center Equipment
   5. Miscellaneous

D. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

E. THE NEXT DOWNERS GROVE PARK DISTRICT PARK BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2018 AT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

F. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION (If needed)
   1. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussion whether a particular parcel should be acquired, pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act
   2. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act

G. RECONVENE THE WORKSHOP MEETING

H. ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF DUPAGE  

CERTIFICATE

I, Frank Livorsi, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I am the Secretary in and for the Downers Grove Park District, DuPage County, Illinois; that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes from the November 1, 2018 Workshop Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners. Said Minutes were duly passed by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Downers Grove Park District at a regular meeting on the 15th day of November, 2018, and said Minutes are to become a part of the official record of said Park District.

DATED THIS 15th DAY OF November, 2018

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Frank Livorsi, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Downers Grove Park District