

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TINLEY PARK-PARK DISTRICT
TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS
HELD ON JANUARY 18, 2023

The committee meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Tinley Park-Park District scheduled to be held in the Rickerson Meeting Room of the Bettenhausen Recreation Center on January 18, 2023 was called to order by Commissioner Ryan at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Don Cuba
Bernie O'Boyle
Lisa O'Donovan
Ashley Rubino
Marie Ryan

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Shawn Roby, Executive Director
Ryan Veldman, Superintendent of Parks
Tom Leeson, Business Manager
Meghan Fenlon, Superintendent of Recreation
Sean Caddigan, Facilities Manager
Carol Bradtke, Marketing Manager
Sandy Ardolino, Board Secretary
Michael Hayes, Attorney
Stanley Zimla, Fitness Center Member
Diane Galante, Village Trustee/Resident

Public Comment

Fitness Center member voiced his safety concern that fitness center's pool outside door was not armed one day while he was in the pool area and youth entered through this door. This is something the board will address however incident seems to be insolated.

Agenda Items for Discussion

Fitness Center Door

Mr. Roby addressed the concern of the patron regarding the incident and thanked him for reporting the issue. The door was unlocked to accept a chlorine shipment and apparently not rearmed. The member reported the incident and the issue was fixed. The member who let the non-members in attempted it the following day as well and was caught and suspended for it.

Village Fuel Agreement Canceled

Executive Director Roby informed the Board of Commissioners that recently the Village of Tinley Park canceled the fuel agreement we had with them for the last two years citing capacity issues on their end. Superintendent of Parks Veldman has been seeking additional options for us to procure fuel. We are happy to report that we saved \$0.25 per gallon on our last fill up, compared to our Village agreement where we paid \$2.86 a gallon, but that will be subject to daily fluctuations in the market here on out. Also, by using this cooperative contract we gain a discount on off-road diesel which we weren't able to do before.

Commissioner O'Boyle also requested that Superintendent of Parks Veldman track cost of fuel and any savings based on our original agreement price.

Salt Canceled

The Village of Tinley Park has also instructed us to no longer get road salt from them which we have been doing for years (2014). Superintendent of Parks Veldman has been instructed to contact our surrounding community agencies and see if we may be able to procure our salt from them. Currently the parks department is buying salt in pallet form, which requires them to open each bag and dump it into the truck hoppers.

Fourth of July Celebration

The Village of Tinley Park is going to hold their own 4th of July (Independence Day) celebration on July 3rd according to their January 17, 2023 Committee and Village Board Meetings. They signed a contract with Mad Bombers to shoot off the fireworks on July 3rd for \$50K. Executive Director Roby had made attempts to communicate with Village Manager Carr regarding our continued partnership in the annual celebration. Whereas the Village provided EMA, Fire and Police and the Tinley Park-Park district ran the operation portion of this event. The first attempt to clarify our continued partnership with splitting the 31K cost of the fireworks between both agencies in Mid-December went unanswered. After a second email about a week and half back we were informed that they were going to discuss that at their upcoming meeting (January 17, 2023). That email did not mention anything about a new celebration.

Commissioners asked if staff had any indication of safety/security issues with the event, as cited by Village officials. Staff response was negative to any knowledge other than the Highland Park Shooting incident which occurred earlier in the day prior to last year's event. 80th Avenue was closed between 4pm and 10pm based on Tinley Park Police guidance. Additional question regarding whether a debrief occurred where these concerns were raised that have been cited to which staff indicated occurred in September 2022 and no indication was given.

There is no reason now for the park district to run this event as it would be a waste of taxpayer's money to have duplicate events.

8K Running of the Green

The Village of Tinley Park has rejected our original permit request to run the annual 8k Running of the Green event. The reason given is that they already have an event on that date and are unable to staff our event. The park district run has been on the same date as the Village Irish parade for years and this was never an issue. Residents have been able to attend our event in the morning and then bring their families to the parade later in the day.

Currently we already have several runners signed up for the race.

A secondary date was selected and supposedly approved but we need to resubmit a new permit which staff has already undertaken. Staff will not move forward with any additional notice to runners until we have an approved permit.

Board Meeting Time Change-Resolution 23-R-01 amending the board manual

It was recently asked if it would be of interest to move all of our board meetings from 7:00 pm to 6 pm as we move forward. Our board manual indicates that meetings are held at 7 pm on the first and third

Wednesdays of the month. It has been recommended that we consider a switch from 7 to 6 pm to make it easier of everyone to attend.

Drop Slide Replacement-Resolution 23-R-02

White Water Canyon's drop slide that plunges into the 12 feet deep water is in need of serious attention. If purchased new we should get 20 years out of the slide sections before needing to explore replacing them.

Commissioner Cuba moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m., seconded by Commissioner O'Donovan by voice vote.