



AQUATICS ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES
City of Aurora & Fox Valley Park District
June 9, 2020 10:00AM
Via Teleconference
Cole Administration Center 101 W. Illinois Avenue, Aurora

1.0 Call Meeting to Order

President O'Connor called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

2.0 Roll Call

President O'Connor directed the Board Secretary to take attendance by roll call. The following members of the Aquatics Administrative Board were present via teleconference: Al Broholm, MaryAnne Cummings, Roberto Saenz, and President Robert O'Connor. A quorum was present. Excused absent: Scheketa Hart-Burns, who joined the meeting at 10:21am. Also present: Executive Director Jim Pilmer, Department Directors Ijams, Kramer, Leahy, Michael, Palmquist, Santoria, and Summer, Assistant Director of Finance Jennifer Paprocki, and Interim Finance Director Annmarie Mampe.

3.0 Addenda to the Agenda

President O'Connor called for any addenda to the agenda. Executive Director Pilmer stated an endorsement from the board was needed for sealcoating at the outdoor aquatic parks. President O'Connor recommended it be placed under New Business.

4.0 Minutes

4.1 Approve meeting minutes from May 12, 2020.

Al Broholm made a motion to approve the May 12, 2020 minutes, seconded by MaryAnne Cummings. Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, MaryAnne Cummings, and President Robert O'Connor. Voting Nay: none, Abstaining: Roberto Saenz, and the minutes were approved.

5.0 Continued Business

President O'Connor called for any continued business. Al Broholm inquired about additional signage at the outdoor water parks, as was discussed in the past, to inform passersby about the parks. Director Pilmer agreed that he, Jeff Palmquist and Dan Leahy would work on this. Director Pilmer envisions this to be marketing signage versus directional. He also stated that at one time the COA was looking at marquee signage at Phillips Park. President O'Connor said he would check on this to see if it is still being considered for the COA 2021 budget.

6.0 Financial Reports

6.1 Approve Statement of Revenues & Expenses for Period Ending December 31, 2019.

Al Broholm made a motion to approve the revenues and expenses for period ending December 31, 2019, seconded by MaryAnne Cummings. Director Pilmer confirmed with Jennifer Paprocki that although the statement is shown as Unaudited, the audit is complete and has been filed with the State of Illinois and all four counties and will be presented when the board meets again in person. President O'Connor requested that the information be sent prior to the next meeting.

Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, MaryAnne Cummings, Roberto Saenz, and President Robert O'Connor. Voting Nay: none, and the statement was approved.

6.2 Approve Statement of Revenues & Expenses for Period Ending April 30, 2020.

Roberto Saenz made a motion to approve the revenues and expenses for the period ending April 30, 2020, seconded by MaryAnne Cummings. Director Pilmer stated and John Kramer confirmed that the security system at Splash Country has been installed and is operational. Director Pilmer also stated that the horticulture displays have been kept up on only the outside of the parks. President O'Connor asked about capital expenditures at Phillips Park, Director Kramer stated that it included a boiler replacement and repairs to the plunge pool. MaryAnne Cummings asked about the excess in funds for outdoor aquatics and what would happen with them. Director Pilmer explained that both FVPD and COA are required to keep a \$200,000 surplus on hand and further reserves would be kept on hand to offset future budget deficits to potentially offer relief to taxpayers. He noted that every day the outdoor aquatics parks are closed, FVPD and COA are not losing \$10,000 per day.

Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, MaryAnne Cummings, Scheketa Hart-Burns, Roberto Saenz, and President Robert O'Connor. Voting Nay: none, and the statement was approved.

6.3 Approve List of Bills for period October 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020 totaling \$294,780.83.

Scheketa Hart-Burns made a motion to approve the list of bills for October 2019 through April 2020, seconded by MaryAnne Cummings. Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, MaryAnne Cummings, Scheketa Hart-Burns, Roberto Saenz, and President Robert O'Connor. Voting Nay: none, and the bills list was approved.

6.4 Approve List of Bills for Month Ending May 31, 2020 totaling \$30,636.08.

Scheketa Hart-Burns made a motion to approve the list of bills for period ending May 31, 2020, seconded by Roberto Saenz. President O'Connor asked about the May Health Insurance expenses. Jennifer Paprocki stated that previously FVPD had paid for health insurance out of 2 funds: the employee retirement fund and the employee health insurance fund. Now that FVPD is fully insured, we are working on depleting the health insurance funds and recognizing the expenses on the District side. This represents 5 full time employees from Operations who are currently working. This will be a recurring expense going forward.

Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, MaryAnne Cummings, Scheketa Hart-Burns, Roberto Saenz, and President Robert O'Connor. Voting Nay: none, and the bills list was approved.

7.0 New Business

Item 7.1 was added per Addenda to the Agenda

7.1 Approval to Shift Funds from Planned Capital Improvements and Authorize Sealcoating and Pavement Markings in the Estimated Amounts of \$17,500 for Phillips Park Family Aquatic Center and \$14,000 for Splash Country.

Director Pilmer asked for approval to shift funds to complete the parking lot work at both outdoor aquatic centers. John Kramer advised that the current condition of both lots require that the work be done to extend the life of the asphalt and repaint markings as they are nearly non-existent for parking and ADA purposes. Al Broholm asked if this should be delayed until Fall to extend the life, John Kramer replied that now is the ideal time with the facilities being closed and the warm weather allows for a better curing process.

Scheketa Hart-Burns made a motion to approve the parking lot work, seconded by Al Broholm. Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, MaryAnne Cummings, Scheketa Hart-Burns, Roberto Saenz, and President Robert O'Connor. Voting Nay: none, and the bills list was approved.

Before the meeting adjourned, items of discussion included:

- The recent changes to Phase 3 of Restore Illinois which allows for access to indoor swimming facilities in the form of lane swimming, therapy pool use, lap swimming for swim team practice, diving, and swim lessons. FVPD staff has met and has prepared a plan to restore these services in a modified format. Staff is making adjustments, training lifeguards, and complying with the guidelines provided by the State to begin providing services as early as the week of June 14.

- No drinking fountains or splash pads will be open in Phase 3.
- Waterparks and recreational swimming are still not allowed.
- FVPD is using the opportunity while the aquatics facilities are closed to reassess and reinvent District processes.
- MaryAnne Cummings suggested that we start a discussion with local schools to offer swim lessons as part of the school curriculum at the outdoor aquatic parks. Director Pilmer explained that Splash Country is far more expensive to operate than Phillips Park, therefore, if the board were to consider keeping an outdoor park open for extended dates for this purpose or for recreational purposes, it would be more feasible at Phillips Park. Director Pilmer pointed out that the District does offer a free swim lessons program to second graders that has been funded in part by several community partners. Scheketa Hart-Burns mentioned that although the programs are in place, the children that are most in need of the free lessons do not participate. President O'Connor stated the conversation will continue and at the end of the current season there will be much to discuss in terms of the future of aquatics.

8.0 Adjourn

Scheketa Hart-Burns made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Roberto Saenz. Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, MaryAnne Cummings, Scheketa Hart-Burns, Roberto Saenz, and President Robert O'Connor. Voting Nay: none, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:03am.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Kim Nooncaster
Board Secretary*