

Lombard Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Park Board Meeting
Committee of the Whole-Ad Hoc
Lombard Community Building
August 11, 2009
7:00PM

The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 7:02 pm. Upon roll call the following commissioners were present:

Commissioners: John Bielenda, Commissioner
 Kathy Hogan, Commissioner
 Mike Kuderna, Commissioner
 Jan Mills, Commissioner
 Char Roberts, Commissioner

Absent: Keith Giagnorio, President
 Tim Gunn, Commissioner

Ad Hoc Committee: Kim Angland
 Val Corrado
 Ron DeFalco
 Sammie Ream
 Nancy Schukat

Staff: Paul W. Friedrichs, Executive Director
 Rick Poole, Deputy Director
 Jason S. Myers, Superintendent of Finance and Personnel
 Jacquelynn C. Brzezinski, Administrative Assistant

Commissioner Kuderna welcomed the committee and introduced the showing of the Gold Medal DVD. After the DVD Executive Director Friedrichs explained the requirements of the award and expressed that it is a honor to be chosen as a Gold Medal finalist.

Next, Executive Director Friedrichs mentioned that ever since Paradise bay had opened, the district had been flooded with compliments regarding the facility. Also, the IPRA Lifeguard Games will be hosted at Paradise Bay on August 1 with 36 competing districts. To date there has been 55,000 in attendance averaging 800 per day. Capacity of 1029 had been reached three times. On hot days, free water is offered on the pool deck for visitors.

Superintendent Myers then informed the committee that most capital projects are completed in the second half of the year. He touched upon the projects that have been accomplished.

Ron Defalco asked what type of construction is remaining at Paradise Bay. Executive Director Friedrichs responded contingency projects. He also mentioned that the parks have been busy and that Western Acres has seen a drop in business. Val Corrado suggested offering a free soda after a round of golf.

Deputy Director Poole gave an overview of the recreation department. To date, participation is 17,488 which is down 55 from 2008. Kiddie Campus participation is down 17 for fall. Adult programs are doing well and youth seem to be struggling. During the fall, programs will be offered at different price points to help meet the needs of the districts patrons. Teen Nights at Paradise Bay are doing well.

Sammie Ream inquired as to why the gymnastics fees were increased. Deputy Director Poole responded that the district has increased facility usage charges.

Kim Angland questioned why the district does not utilize the GWMS fitness area. Deputy Director Poole answered that the facility was used in the past with requirements of utilizing a GWMS staff for supervision.

Executive Director Friedrichs mentioned that the staff is preparing for Budget 2010 and that the CPI is only .01%. The budget will be very conservative.

Commissioner Kuderna stated that Vista Pond looks good and Val Corrado asked if the district had found any harmful beetles.

Superintendent Myers reminded everyone to RSVP for the Staff/VIP Appreciation Party on August 20, 2009.

There being no further business, Commissioner Bielenda made a motion to adjourn the Ad Hoc Committee meeting at 8:02 pm. Commissioner Hogan seconded the motion. On a call for a vote five ayes; (Bielenda, Kuderna, Mills, Roberts, Ware). Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul W. Friedrichs,
Secretary
PWF/jcb