

DeKalb Park District
April 20, 2006
Study Session

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Mason, Mike Teboda, Joan Berkes-Hanson, Matt Volk (Dave Male was absent)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Josephine Knoble, Brad Garrison, Lisa Small, Jane Holdridge

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Rasmussen, Roger Hopkins

President Dave Mason called the April 20, 2006 study session to order at 6:10 p.m.

1. Intergovernmental tax Abatement Agreement-Paul Rasmussen, City of DeKalb

Paul Rasmussen, City of DeKalb summarized the Intergovernmental Tax Abatement Agreement by listing the criteria and terms for abatement. Rasmussen also explained the new language added by the City explaining the recapturing of the abatement in the event that the applicant ceased their operation.

Mike Teboda inquired about the reasons a taxing body would choose to terminate their abatement. Rasmussen replied that a taxing body could terminate their respective abatements due to financial reasons.

Rasmussen inquired when the Park Board would approve the Abatement Agreement. Lisa Small replied that the abatement agreement was only listed as a study session item, but would be added to the May 11, 2006 agenda for approval.

Rasmussen thanked the Board.

2. Executive Director Search update

Dave Mason reported that information for the Executive Director search was submitted to the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD).

Mason also reported that the application deadline was May 12 and that the board anticipated reviewing applications on May 23 and conducting interviews for the position on June 3 and 4.

Mason explained that he was spoken to Ted Flickinger, President of IAPD, who explained that an interim executive director is eligible for a \$2,000.00 yearly stipend per search.

3. Comprehensive Plan

Matt Volk reported that he had met with Roger Dahlstrom of Northern Illinois University (NIU) to discuss the district's need of a Comprehensive Plan.

Volk reported that Dahlstrom was willing to attend the May 11, 2006 meeting to discuss how the Comprehensive Plan would be customized to meet the needs of the district.

Berkes-Hanson inquired if the board had made a commitment with Dahlstrom. Volk replied that the board had not made a commitment, but was interested in attending the meeting to explain how he would approach the project and also allow the Board to ask questions.

The board agreed that Roger Dahlstrom be invited to the May 11, 2006 park board meeting.

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Public Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Mason, Mike Teboda, Joan Berkes-Hanson
Matt Volk, (Dave Male were absent)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Josephine Knoble, Brad Garrison, Lisa Small,
Jane Holdridge, Roger Huber, Russ Robinson, Randy Hjelmberg, Mike Gibson,
Scott deOliveira, Colleen Belmont, Bill Ryder, Jeff Myles

OTHERS PRESENT: Duane Schmidt, Mort Carrel, Lawrence Knudson, Jay Elliott,
Lynn Blair

I. Meeting Called to Order

President Dave Mason called the April 20, 2006 public meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Mike Teboda made a motion to approve the April 20, 2006 agenda. Joan Berkes-Hanson seconded the motion. Matt Volk abstained from the vote. Teboda, Berkes-Hanson, and Mason voted in favor.

III. Election of Officers

Mike Teboda made a motion to approve the proposed slate as follows:
David Male, President; Matt Volk, Vice-President; Mike Teboda, Secretary; Joan Berkes-Hanson, Treasurer; and David Mason, Commissioner.

Joan Berkes-Hanson seconded the motion and all members voted unanimously in favor.

IV. Minutes from Previous Meetings

Mike Teboda made a motion to approve the March 16, 2006 study session and public meeting board minutes. Berkes-Hanson seconded the motion. Matt Volk abstained from the vote. Teboda, Berkes-Hanson, and Mason voted in favor.

V. Correspondence

There was none.

VI. Business from the Floor

Mort Carrel stated that he represented the cart owners who have stored their carts at Buena Vista Golf Course for many years and requested that the board continue to allow cart storage on the premises of Buena Vista.

Dave Mason stated that two years ago the board had discussed the issue and made the decision to stop the practice. Mason also stated that the cart owners were given a two year notice and that the issue was closed unless the board was interested in re-visiting the topic.

Mike Teboda explained that there were two issues that brought the board to their final decision.

Teboda explained that the space is needed to store golf course equipment and that a liability issue was also a concern of the board.

Carrel stated that all cart owners had provided the district with proof of insurance and again requested that the board reconsider.

President Mason again stated that the park staff would utilize the space in the fall to properly store its equipment.

Carrel stated that as a whole the group spends approximately \$6,000 to \$8,000 per year and would no longer attend Buena Vista if the board didn't change their decision.

The board thanked him and replied that the decision was final.

VII. Old Business

A. Approval of Ordinance 06-03, Budget and Appropriations Ordinance

Lisa Small reported that the figures in Ordinance 06-03 were as presented last month and that those figures were also represented in the Budget/Actual.

Mike Teboda made a motion to approve Ordinance 06-03. Berkes-Hanson seconded the motion. Matt Volk abstained from the vote. Teboda, Berkes-Hanson, and Mason voted in favor.

VIII. New Business

A. Appointment of Attorney

Mike Teboda made a motion to appoint Gary Cordes as park district attorney. Berkes-Hanson seconded the motion. Matt Volk abstained from the vote. Teboda, Berkes-Hanson, and Mason voted in favor.

Gary Cordes thanked the board.

B. Community Service Award

President Dave Mason stated that on behalf of the DeKalb Park District he was honored to present Gary Cordes with the IAPD Community Service Award for all his years of service.

President Mason reported that Gary Cordes has been the district's attorney since 1965 and that his father in law Mr. Boyle was the district's attorney prior to that date.

Gary Cordes thanked the board and staff for the great honor.

C. Appointment of Representative to DSASR board

Matt Volk recommended that Brad Garrison be appointed to the DSASR board and that Colleen Belmont be appointed as an alternate.

Joan Berkes-Hanson made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mike Teboda seconded the motion. Matt Volk abstained from the vote. Teboda, Berkes-Hanson, and Mason voted in favor.

D. Approval of Ordinance 06-04, Disposal of Unneeded Equipment

Matt Volk explained that on page 20 of the board packet was a list of unneeded equipment and that the staff was proposing the items be placed on auction in early May.

Volk stated that the 1996 12 foot Woods rough mower would be utilized by the maintenance department and would be removed from the list of unneeded equipment.

Russ Robinson reported that the equipment was very old and would be too costly to repair.

Joan Berkes-Hanson approved Ordinance 06-04 with the removal of the 1996 12 foot Woods rough mower. Mike Teboda seconded the motion. Matt Volk abstained from the vote. Teboda, Berkes-Hanson, and Mason voted in favor.

E. Approval of projects over \$10,000

Brad Garrison recommended that the board approve the \$19,800.00 quote submitted by Indevcon, Inc. for abatement work to be performed at the Ellwood House.

Mike Teboda inquired if the work would be paid by the City's TIF program.

Garrison replied that he was not certain, but would research if it were eligible.

Teboda made a motion to approve the \$19,800.00 proposal by Indevcon, Inc. Berkes-Hanson seconded the motion. Matt Volk abstained from the vote. Teboda, Berkes-Hanson, and Mason voted in favor.

IX. Financial Reports

A. Payroll and Contractual

There were no questions.

B. Purchase Orders

There were no questions.

C. Vouchers

Teboda inquired about the Lely trail spreader. Robinson replied that the spreader was purchased for Buena Vista.

Teboda also inquired about a voucher to DeKalb Iron and Metal. Garrison replied that the voucher was for work performed on the water slides in preparation for the upcoming pool season.

The board reviewed and approved the voucher list totaling \$206,821.92.

D. Budget/Actual

There were no questions.

X. Committee and Staff Reports

A. IAPD-Dave Mason

President Mason reported that on April 23, 2006 he attended Park Day in Springfield and met with various park administrators and board commissioners.

B. Ellwood House-Dave Male

No report.

C. Plan Commission- Mike Teboda

No report.

D. Nehring Center-Matt Volk

Matt Volk reported that the Nehring Center Steering Committee was in the process of finalizing the events to be held at the Nehring Center Gallery for the remainder of the year.

E. Staff Reports

Colleen Belmont reported that the Park District would not be a recipient of the HUD grant this year. Belmont explained that the HUD grant awarded to the park district by the City in the past several years helped support summer camps.

Belmont reported that City Staff that the City had looked at the financial situation of all agencies requesting grants, and felt that the park district was one of the agencies that could absorb the loss of the grant.

Belmont also reported a continuous problem with the water temperature at the DeKalb High School pool. Belmont stated the water was always cold and that the issue had negatively affected the park district's swim lessons program.

Belmont reported that customers were leaving the park district to attend more reliable programs with warmer pool temperatures.

Mason inquired if the water temperature had improved. Belmont replied that the pool water was warmer, but that the water is usually extremely cold.

Garrison reported that the staff was in the process of discussing the Intergovernmental Agreement with the school district and would be discussing multiple problems.

Bill Ryder reported that Unlimited Performance would no longer be providing athletic training coverage at the Sports and Recreation Center.

Jane Holdridge reviewed the golf surveys and expressed that she was pleased with the results for River Heights Golf Course.

Huber reported that multiple issues were being addressed.

Mike Teboda inquired if a ranger was hired for River Heights. Huber replied that a ranger was hired for weekends.

Scott deOliveira reported that golf guides were implemented for Buena Vista and River Heights Golf Course and that he was in the process of working on golf cards.

Russ Robinson reported that he had mixed feelings about the criteria of the survey, but was interested in providing surveys in the clubhouse.

XI. Move to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues

Mike Teboda made a motion to move into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

Berkes-Hanson seconded the motion. Matt Volk abstained from the vote. Mason, Berkes-Hanson and Teboda voted in favor.

