



SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT
235 EAST BEECH DRIVE
SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS

September 26, 2023

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF THIS MEETING

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The meeting minutes reflect the means by which individuals participated in the meeting. Those physically present at the Schaumburg Park District’s Jerry Handlon Administration Building are denoted by “PP”. Those who participated via electronic means only are denoted by “EM”.

Commissioner Trudel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present at this evening’s meeting were Commissioners Berg (PP), Mayle (PP), Trudel (PP), Schmidt (PP), Committee members Marc Campbell (PP), Tiffany Greene (PP), Donna Johnson (PP), and Ritesh Shah (EM).

Commissioner Johnson, Committee members Brian Burke and Jason Mitchell were absent. Joint Advisory Committee members include Commissioners Trudel, Berg and Johnson, Mr. Burke, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Greene, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Shah.

Schaumburg Park District staff present were Mr. LaFrenere (PP), Executive Director; Mr. King (PP), Director of Parks & Planning; Mr. Sienkiewicz (PP), Director of Communication and Marketing; Ms. Gear (PP), Superintendent of Education and Enrichment; Mr. Gangler (PP), Superintendent of Recreation Facilities; Ms. Chapa (PP), Superintendent of Facility Operations; Ms. Simross (PP), Manager of Aquatics and Fitness; Ms. Johnson (PP), Manager of MRC; Ms. Schuld (PP), Manager of KASPER; Ms. Larsen (PP), Supervisor of Cultural Arts; and Ms. Riddle (PP), Executive Assistant.

Members of the public included Susie Mayle (EM).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2023 MEETING

It was moved by Commissioner Berg, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2023 meeting as presented.

Ayes: Commissioners Trudel and Berg, Committee Members Campbell, Greene, Johnson, and Shah
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Johnson, Committee Members Burke and Mitchell

The motion carried.

OPERATIONS UPDATE (MEMO #O23-145)

Mr. LaFrenere thanked all full-time and part-time staff for their hard work this summer and as we are moving into the busy fall season. Our numbers reflect that we are busier than ever. We appreciate staff working as diligently and efficiently as possible. As we build back after the pandemic, we are adding a couple more full-time positions to help manage the increase in participation.

Anna Schuld provided a summer recap of the KASPER program. KASPER camp was held eleven out of the twelve weeks this summer season. KASPER returned to District 54 schools this year after COVID. 58 summer staff serviced 372 individual campers including over 250 field trips to SPD amenities in addition to other destination field trips. KASPER training began with building a positive camp culture. The summer evaluations of the KASPER program produced 95% of responders finding their child's enjoyment of the program as "Excellent" or "Good". 99% of KASPER families "Strongly Agree" or "Agree" that their child was in a safe and supportive environment. Ms. Schuld gave credit to all of the KASPER staff for their hard work, passion and dedication. Commissioner Trudel asked if the survey comments allow for more specific feedback versus provided responses and Ms. Schuld explained there are areas for open-ended replies. This fall season's enrollment numbers are up over the past few years with 825 enrolled across 11 elementary schools. The District buses children from five elementary schools to our overflow locations at CRC and MRC where schools have reached their capacities. The 110 fall KASPER staff range in ages 16-85 years old! Commissioner Schmidt asked what the ratio of KASPER staff to students is and Ms. Schuld stated that we try to run an 8-1 ratio, lower than the State's standard of 20-1 for a school age program. Mr. LaFrenere added that elementary school

children are coming off of “screen only” education due to the pandemic and there are some behavioral challenges that have developed. These positive KASPER survey results are a testament to Ms. Schuld and all the KASPER staff.

Kari Larsen provided the update for Cultural Arts. Ms. Larsen stated that the dance program numbers have been building over the last couple years. The dance program is hosting “bring a friend” week this week to help expose new participants to what the district offers. The 2023 fall dance program currently has 640 dancers enrolled over 597 from 2022. The Expressions Dance company has 11 more dancers than last year, and Charmed Dance Company has almost doubled over last year. Both dance companies earned many awards during the competition season including two dances that qualified for National World Series of Dance. The spring recitals had 333 dancers in 6 different recitals. The dance program has expanded by offering diverse classes including Latin, Ballroom and Bollywood. Over the summer we co-hosted a handful of Summer Breeze concerts with the Village of Schaumburg at the Prairie Art Center’s outdoor stage which were well attended. We also collaborated with Arther Murray and hosted three Summer Dance series events at Town Square. The Cultural Arts department offers individual music lessons for piano, voice and guitar. This summer had 36 participants and 5 instructors, and this fall has 40 participants and 5 instructors. The summer musical was Wizard of Oz that had 7 performances with 1,200 tickets sold. This fall’s musical will be Seussical Junior during November 16-19.

Heather Simross presented a summer aquatics recap. There is typically a 60% staff retention year-to-year, this year there was 40% presenting a staffing challenge. The aquatics department was able to hire, train and retain a full staff of 150 lifeguards for the first time in several years. Ms. Simross gave kudos to the aquatics department for creating a positive work culture. Atcher and Meineke pools opened for the summer season on Memorial Day weekend and closed on August 13. Bock pool opened June 12 and stayed open until after Labor Day weekend. Atcher Island admissions have increased 113% from 2019 reflecting our growth in participation. Group outings have increased post-COVID at both Atcher Island and Water Works. This was the first full year of Bock pool being open since the pandemic and was able stay open until September 10 due to the nice weather and flexibility of the aquatics staff. Meineke pool was used by Barracudas swim team which also hosted and won the conference meet! Meineke also hosted diving classes and water polo. Ms. Simross stated that the trend continues for Water Works to be a destination location as the number of non-residents exceeds resident admissions. The aquatics department offers Water Works for after-hours private pool rentals year-round which are currently sold out for the next 8 months. Staff have used 2019 as the benchmark for admission numbers due to the pandemic, but since the numbers have rebounded producing consistent numbers, this will be the last year 2019 is used for comparison. There has been a decrease in season passholder sales, even pre-pandemic, but residents are still visiting the pools as seen by the daily admission numbers, they just prefer not to commit to the season pass. Mr. LaFrenere added that hesitation to commit in advance is seen in other areas as well with families becoming busy during the summer months with various activities. In 2022, staff moved to a quality over quantity method for swim lessons reducing the student-instructor ratio based on patron feedback. The private and schedule-your-own lessons have been sold out the last two years. Our staff work very hard and diligently to reduce the wait lists when possible. Outdoor swim lessons were brought back this year with the reopening of Bock pool. Our lifeguards are audited by Jeff Ellis & Associates and our staff received three “Exceeds” evaluations! The aquatics culture is a driver of why are fully staffed. The department created an Aquatics Culture Committee that consists of part-time aquatics staff that meet regularly and plan and coordinate staff events. Commissioner Mayle commented that the STP pool is not part of lessons offered and Mr. Gangler replied that

the STP pool is an adult club for ages 18 and over but some classes and lessons are utilized at STP for adults.

Stacy Johnson provided the group fitness update. Ms. Johnson stated that we were able to offer over 300 more classes this recent fiscal year and serviced 3,000 more participants than last year. The average class size continues to grow with the addition of new formats and times and days offered. Each seasonal session offers trial weeks where participants can try out a variety of classes offered which has added to the attendance throughout the season. Utilizing GroupExPro for patrons to register allows staff to know what classes to run more efficiently. Staff have also added Saturday morning and lunchtime classes to reach more patrons.

PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. LaFrenere offered this time to take any questions on the current project update. Commissioner Trudel commented that the new Sport Center gym floor looks great and pickleball has resumed with great attendance. Commissioner Berg asked about the new carpet at SGC ballroom and Mr. LaFrenere stated that staff are currently in the process of working on that project with the hopes to present to the Board at the October board meeting. Commissioner Trudel asked for an update on the digital sign for Volkening Lake and Mr. LaFrenere stated that the project is still on hold as work continues on a grant, thanks to Senator Murphy, in conjunction with the Village on potential new property. Commissioner Schmidt added that he attended an IAPD meeting where the IAPD attorney complimented Mr. LaFrenere and Mr. Ward for their work with Senator Murphy. Mr. LaFrenere stated that both Senator Murphy and State Representative Crespo have been in great communication with different projects and staff appreciate their legislative support.

OTHER

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Mayle to adjourn the Joint Advisory Committee meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Ayes: Commissioners Trudel and Berg, Committee Members Campbell, Greene, Johnson, and Shah

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson, Committee Members Burke and Mitchell

The motion carried.



**SCHAUMBURG
PARK DISTRICT**

**Tuesday, September 26, 2023
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MEETING AGENDA

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Schaumburg, IL 60193

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A. Joint Advisory Committee Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of June 27, 2023 Joint Advisory Committee Meeting
3. Operations Update (Memo #O23-145)
4. Project Update
5. Other
6. Adjournment

Mission: The Schaumburg Park District is dedicated to serving the community by providing versatile leisure opportunities through enriching programs, quality facilities and environmental stewardship.



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