

**March 2022
Board Briefs**

MARCH 9 FACILITY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Staff provided a phased approach to address 2022 and 2023 capital projects at the Recreation Center of Highland Park and Woodhouse Tinucci Architects presented two exterior concepts for the entry renovation, addressing function, operations, and long-term maintenance.

MARCH 9 WORKSHOP

The Park District received six bids for materials and labor to complete the 2022 Park Avenue Boat Launch Improvements Project. Lake & Rivers Contracting was the low bidder at \$2.5 million. The District budgeted \$2 million. Staff is working with SmithGroup and Lakes & Rivers to identify savings to keep the project within budget. The Park Board of Commissioners would have to approve the project at the April 27 Regular Board meeting in order to stay on schedule. If approved, construction begins after Labor Day.

Staff also reviewed the Park Avenue Site Summary Plan which includes observations, engagement efforts, comments heard, and an explanation of the preferred site plan and phasing to address access, boat storage and amenities, passive and active recreation, infrastructure repair and replacement.

MARCH 16 LAKEFRONT, PARKS, AND NATURAL AREAS COMMITTEE

Staff identified a renovation project at Fink Baseball Field which aligns with the District's Sports Field Master Plan efforts and received a proposal of cost of professional services from Gewalt Hamilton Associates. The Athletic Boosters were developed to help build awareness and raise funds to enhance the District's athletic fields and facilities and are working to raise \$1million for this project.

Also, the Weil Tot Lot playground at Moroney Park is scheduled for replacement in 2022/2023. Staff presented four replacement options.

MARCH 16 FINANCE COMMITTEE

Staff reviewed the District's Five-Year Capital Plan. Highlights include the contribution from the Highland Park Giants has helped reduced the overall cost of the facility renovations at Centennial Ice Arena and \$1million would be transferred from the 2025 capital fund into 2023 to fast track the completion goal for the athletic field renovation at Larry Fink Park.

MARCH 30 REGULAR

The Park Board of Commissioners approved the following items, the Illinois Mutual Retirement Fund (IMRF) Authorized Agent Appointment to Christine Rohr Kopka and Supporting Resolution, the Dynege Electric Service Agreement bid via Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC), the 2022 Preserve Ecological Management Bid, authorization for the Executive Director to enter into a professional services agreement with Gewalt Hamilton Associates for renovations to Larry Fink Baseball Field in the amount of \$84,900, the Executive Director's salary increase of 3% retroactive to January 1, 2022 to \$154,500, and the Highland Park Giants CIA Locker Room License Agreement contingent upon the recommended changes to include rules and regulations and that the Highland Park Giants provide half the funds upon commencing construction and half upon substantial completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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