

HANOVER PARK DISTRICT  
1919 WALNUT AVENUE  
HANOVER PARK, ILLINOIS 60133

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING  
COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD ROOM & CONFERENCING APP  
MONDAY, June 7, 2021 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Park Board of Commissioners Special Meeting of Monday, June 7, 2021 was called to order by President Elkins at 7:09 p.m.

Upon the roll being called, the following answered:

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:	5	Commissioners Fuentez, Grima, Reilly, Mustafa, and President Elkins
Commissioners Absent:	0	None
Staff Present:	7	Executive Director O'Brien, Superintendent of Recreation Cox, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Bessette, CCAC Manager Kress, Marketing & Communications Manager Gomez, Operations & Aquatics Manager Panagakis, and Business Services Manager Santucci
Staff Absent:	1	Executive Assistant & HR Mislevy
Guests Present:	3	CPA Howard, Attorney Mraz, Christine Conwell (Sailfish Swim Team Parent Board)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Grima and seconded by Commissioner Reilly to approve the Agenda as presented.

With no further discussion and upon the roll being called, the following answered:

Ayes:	5	Commissioners Fuentez, Grima, Reilly, Mustafa, and President Elkins
Nays:	0	None
Absent:	0	None

Motion carried.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Executive Director O'Brien confirmed for the record that there were no members of the public physically present in the Board Room and none present virtually through Zoom. He also confirmed no questions or concerns were received prior to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

**A. Discuss SSAC emergency maintenance and staffing needs for the 2021 summer season**

Superintendent Bessette reported on the condition of the pool, highlighting that a major leak was identified and repaired. He confirmed that the pool is still leaking about 9,000 gallons a day, but that this is no longer significant enough to prevent Seafari Springs from re-opening. Also, he reported that when the mechanicals were restored the pump for the green slide was found to be not working. The pump will be repaired by being rebuilt. Executive Director O'Brien said that the pool will be inspected after closing for the season and again in the spring before opening for next summer's season.

The Board and staff then discussed how the District could move forward after learning Ellis Management would no longer be staffing Seafari Springs, primarily focusing on immediate next steps and financial support options such as federal grant opportunities. Superintendent Cox confirmed that the District would be focusing on recruiting individuals who would only need recertification training in order to reduce training time, and working with Starguard to ensure lifeguards receive the proper training. She further discussed plans for accommodating Sailfish Swim Team both at Seafari Springs and neighboring aquatic facilities. It is anticipated that twenty-five guards would be needed to staff the pool over the weekend and a minimum of 12 guards per shift would be needed for safety compliance. Starguards will be re-zoning the pool and determine how many guards are actually



needed. Superintendent Cox further explained the staffing difficulties all pools were experiencing at this time and how the District planned to re-open on weekends only starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, but that there would be a plan for expanding hours if possible. Before concluding discussion the Board and staff brainstormed targeted recruitment tactics to attract lifeguards, as well as the new availability of funds previously allocated to the contract with Ellis Management that could now go towards increased wages for lifeguards and other pool staff.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – SECTION 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) – IMMINENT LITIGATION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Grima and seconded by President Elkins to adjourn out of the 6/7/21 Special Meeting and enter into the 6/7/21 Executive Session under Section 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Imminent Litigation, at 8:11pm.

With no further discussion and upon the roll being called, the following answered:

Ayes:	5	Commissioners Fuentez, Grima, Mustafa, Reilly, and President Elkins
Nays:	0	None
Abstain:	0	None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by President Elkins and seconded by Commissioner Reilly to adjourn out of the 6/7/21 Executive Session under Section 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Imminent Litigation, and reconvene the 6/7/21 Special Meeting at 9:03pm.

With no further discussion and upon the roll being called, the following answered:

Ayes:	5	Commissioners Fuentez, Grima, Mustafa, Reilly, and President Elkins
Nays:	0	None
Abstain:	0	None

Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Grima and seconded by President Elkins to adjourn the June 7, 2021 Board of Commissioners Special Meeting at 9:03pm.

There being no further discussion the following answered:

Ayes:	5	Commissioners Fuentez, Grima, Reilly, Mustafa, and President Elkins
Nays:	0	None
Absent:	0	None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob O'Brien  
Board Secretary  
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