

**HANOVER PARK PARK DISTRICT
1919 WALNUT AVENUE
HANOVER PARK, ILLINOIS 60133**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER BOARDROOM & ZOOM CONFERENCING APP
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022**

**MINUTES
7:02 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The Workshop Board Meeting of Park Commissioners was called to order on Monday, October 17, 2022 by President Fuentez at 7:02pm.

Upon the roll being called, the following answered:

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:	4	Commissioners Elkins, Mustafa, Reilly, and President Fuentez
Commissioners Absent:	1	Commissioner Vences
Staff Present:	5	Executive Director O'Brien, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Bessette, Superintendent of Recreation Cox, Business Services Manager Santucci, Executive Assistant Quigley,
Staff Absent:	0	None
Guests Present:	4	Kaleigh Pinones, Sophie Casteneda, Belinda Mustafa, Nauman Azeemi

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Elkins to approve the agenda, as presented

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

Ayes	4	Commissioners Elkins, Mustafa, Reilly, and President Fuentez
Nays:	0	None
Abstain:	1	Commissioner Vences

Motion carried.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Kaleigh Pinones brought forth a matter regarding the recent Fall Fun Fest event where in a local group of high school students volunteered their time. She stated that Evan interviewed her about the fall fun fest. He is the leader of ECHO (Everyone can Help out) got over 30 volunteers for the Fall Fun Fest from his high school (South Elgin). Kaleigh enjoyed working with him and thanked him for his time and the assistance of his organization before the board.

Mr Nauman Azeemi and his family have worked for the township. He stated he is not running for office, he came to compliment Liba on her work for the interfaith community group at their most recent event. He went on to discuss that the demographic in Hanover Park is changing, and that all the families need playgrounds to play in. He states the Cricket has been around for quite some time, and he wants an equal opportunity for all the tax payers in Hanover Park to play Cricket, stated that he is not what people are portraying. He has started a non profit Cricket organization. He wants us to start an organized cricket group, with the ground, all profits to Belinda Mustafa and the Foundation. He is asking for a pitch to play cricket on. Multiple dates were opened for the group, but Azeemi did not want them. Commissioner Elkins stated that there is no communication going on, that Mr Azeemi wants a date available. Our dates are set in January with lotto system for our long term returning renters. They were talking about an in house league,

but there isn't one at the moment. Our programs come first, always, rentals come after. Commissioner Elkins recommends that the next board meeting there be a motion to change the policy to have an in house cricket league. He wants his youth cricket academy to come first. Mr. Azeemi stated that there is an issue where he was thrown out of the recreation meeting. Commissioner Mustafa (The Co-Chair of the Recreation committee) stated that there was no such occurrence. Mr. Azeemi demanded he be allowed to us his own non-profit Cricket organization as a rental from us. He now deserves that he should have his own league and be included in the lotto despite having never rented from us before, for the purposes of Cricket.

Belinda Mustafa came to represent The Foundation and to talk about holiday craft show in the gym, the fliers are hitting the internet the day following the meeting.

Bob on behalf of Mary Morrison about Chicago Wheelchair Classic. Ms Morrison wrote a letter wanting to know why we no longer do it. COVID was a large factor as to why it no longer happened. President Fuentez declined reading the letter aloud as there were several copies present in the meeting for attendees to read at their leisure. Belinda Mustafa stated she was sent on her behalf to ensure it was read aloud. The board took exception to a few passages in the letter and Commissioner Reilly wanted to make it clear that the Board does not have anything to do with events, particularly the wheelchair classic. Mrs/ Mustafa states that it breaks her heart that it seems like no one here seems to get recognized for their good work. There was dispute over the event as to whether or not we could bring it back, as well as to whom the organization of the wheelchair classic belongs now.

STAFF REPORTS

FINANCE

The Finance committee, headed up by Business Services Manager Santucci, prestened the previous month's Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, as well as the ongoing status report of our Captiol Projects. There was also discussion of the upcoming IAPD-IPRA conference to be held in January of 2023 and who the delegates from the Park District Board would be. It was settled that it would be Laura Reilly, Mark Elkins, and Bob O'Brien.

RECREATION

Sophie Casteneda presented all the data regarding this year's Summer Camp roster and activities to the board. The camps went well and showed excellent attendance. Ms Casteneda was praised by the Board for her hard work and dedication to the program.

PARKS AND PLANNING

Superintendent Bessette discussed updates to the Park Inspections list from the previous month. He also discussed the BEP plan for the upcoming construction at Community Park, in accordance to the Grant agreement provisions in the OSLAD grant paperwork.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Mustafa stated the recent GARBA event was analyzed, it had 23k people in 6 days. He was disappointed that people didn't give an hour of their time to go to the event and work without being paid. He did not appreciate that there were only 2 staff available at night for the GARBA event on Sunday evening.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Elkins to adjourn the 10/17/2022 Workshop Meeting of the Hanover Park Park District Board of Commissioners as it became clear that nothing was going to be accomplished by continuing on.

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

Ayes	4	Commissioners Mustafa, Reilly, Elkins, and President Fuentez
Nays	0	None
Abstain:	1	Commissioner Vences

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob O'Brien', written in a cursive style.

Bob O'Brien
Board Secretary
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