

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Workshop Meeting Highlights February 4, 2020



SCHOLARSHIP POLICY REVIEW

Superintendent of Recreation Esposito discussed the fruition of the District's Financial Assistance Policy that was established in 1995. The policy was revised again in 2002 and reviewed in 2008. The policy was established to provide a fair and equitable system through which District residents could utilize recreation facilities and programs should they be financially unable to pay for such services. The assistance currently provides for \$200 per child per year or \$500 per household per year based on specific guidelines. Additionally, the District has the discretionary ability to provide further assistance based on extenuating circumstances. Based on rising program fees and increased demand over the years along with additional available funds through recent fundraising efforts, staff is recommending raising the financial assistance allotment per individual. Preliminary recommendations were \$750 per individual per year but after further consideration and review of the 2020 budget, staff is now recommending increasing the individual allotment to \$400 per individual per year with no family allotment. While the parameters for financial assistance will remain the same, the Park District would still have discretionary ability to disburse aid based on other situations including medical, unemployment or other extenuating circumstances. Finally, the revised allotment expands the available funding per recipient and remains within the increased 2020 budgeted amount.

The Park Board held a discussion of the policy, the number of those assisted in the Financial Assistance Policy and the programs that were requested and stated they were pleased to see the revision in the policy. Executive Director Harris stated it will be brought to the Board for formal approval at the February 18, Regular Meeting and if there were any further questions they can be directed to staff.

ACKERMAN INDOOR TURF REPLACEMENT

Project Manager Troia discussed that as part of the approved 2020 Annual Budget, funds were budgeted for the replacement of the indoor artificial turf at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center. Troia discussed the condition of the current turf, the details and timeline of the replacement turf and stated the District would be reusing the existing infill and compacted stone base while the old turf will either be recycled or sold overseas as used turf. Troia stated that the turf will be purchased through The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) assuring the lowest possible price to the District and aligning with the District's Purchasing Policy.

The Park Board held a brief discussion and approved the proposal from FieldTurf for the replacement of the indoor artificial turf through the Joint Purchasing Network for the price of \$131,374.54 which falls under the budgeted allotment of \$160,000.