

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Workshop Meeting Highlights April 7, 2020



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) DISTRICT UPDATE

An update to the Board on related Park District items to the coronavirus situation was provided. Superintendent of Recreation Esposito then provided an update on athletic programs, various special events, preschool and after school programs, facilities, Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center, Sunset Pool and the many Marketing efforts that have been instilled. Harris also briefed the Board on the newly created Compliance Ambassador program that was created to monitor District properties and to ensure social distancing is being practiced.

Superintendent Esposito and Director Harris then briefed the Board on the many efforts that have been provided to the community from the Marketing department and staff to keep the community engaged and to provide some recreation. Harris also highlighted the philanthropic outlets that the Park District has led and that will be coming in the near future to engage and encourage Community participation as well.

Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani then presented the financial outlook that was recommended at the March 18, 2020 Regular meeting, discussing the breakdown of expenses and loss for various departments, programs and facilities through the four (4) dates recommended; April 20th, June 4th, July 4th and August 31st of 2020. The Park Board and staff discussed various aspects of Sunset Pool regarding hiring, training and the opening of the pool and would like to see further financial analysis of the Sunset Pool operation.

Staff then presented options and circumstances affecting part-time personnel and is reviewing the financial impact and awaiting guidance from Park District Risk Management (PDRMA), counsel, and government entities for clarity regarding the Federal unemployment benefits. The Park Board discussed the options presented and agreed to wait for more clarity and direction when staff and the District has been apprised.

Harris relayed that staff would continue to work on the financial impact and provide more details and updates to the Park Board regarding Sunset Pool at the regular meeting on April 21st.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD OFFICERS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE LIAISONS – MAY 2020-MAY 2021

In anticipation of the election of Board officers and appointment of Chair/Liaison positions to the advisory committee at the May 5th Annual meeting, staff recommended that current Board positions remain status quo. Director Harris stated that this would provide continuity as the District navigates the challenges ahead. The Park Board held a brief discussion and agreed to maintain their current Board and Advisory positions for the next year.