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MOUNT PROSPECT, ILLINOIS 60056

SPECIAL REMOTE BOARD MEETING (Revised)

MEMO TO: MT. PROSPECT PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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FROM: STEVE KURKA, PRESIDENT

DATE: June 15, 2020

RE: REMOTE CALL-IN SPECIAL PARK BOARD MEETING June 17, 2020 6:00 P.M.
Phone Number: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 874 4448 3447
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A G E N D A

IDENTIFICATION OF ATTENDEES

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISCUSSION

- A. Explanation of Recent Changes to the Open Meetings Act Pertaining to the Holding of Virtual Meetings

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL REMOTE MEETING AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resident Survey Results Review and Discussion
- B. Restore Illinois Phase 4 Programming Review and Discussion

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMENTS/MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

ADJOURNMENT



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Jim Jarog, Executive Director
Date: June 17, 2020
Re: Revisions to the Open Meetings Act SB 2135
C: Tom Hoffman, Park District Attorney

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

On Friday, June 12, 2020, the Governor signed [SB 2135 \(Sims, E., Jr. / Burke, K.\)](#), which makes several changes to existing laws to address issues prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our District Attorney Tom Hoffman felt it would be best to review these changes with our Board and answer any questions Commissioners may have in regards to the new legislation.

Open Meetings Act

The new law amends the Open Meetings Act and sets new statutory rules for how an open meeting may be conducted by audio or video conference, without the physical presence of a quorum of the members, during certain disaster declarations.

Effective immediately, the Open Meetings Act now specifically allows public bodies to meet remotely without the physical presence of a quorum of the members if:

- (1) the Governor or the IDPH Director has issued a disaster declaration related to public health concerns, and all or part of the jurisdiction of the public body is covered by the disaster area;
- (2) the head of the public body as defined in the Freedom of Information Act determines that an in-person meeting under the Act is not practical or prudent because of a disaster;
- (3) all members of the body participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location, are verified and can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;
- (4) for open meetings, members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the body can hear all discussion and testimony and all votes of the members of the body, unless attendance at the regular meeting location is not feasible due to the disaster, including the issued disaster declaration, in which case the public body must make alternative arrangements and provide the required notice of such alternative arrangements in a manner to allow the public access to contemporaneously hear all discussion, testimony, and roll call votes, such as by offering a telephone number or a web-based link;

(5) at least one member of the body, chief legal counsel, or chief administrative officer is physically present at the regular meeting location, unless unfeasible due to the disaster, including the issued disaster declaration; and

(6) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded.

(7) Except in the event of a bona fide emergency, 48 hours' notice must be given of a meeting to be held pursuant to this Section. Notice shall be given to all members of the public body, shall be posted on the website of the public body, and shall also be provided to any news media who has requested notice of meetings. If the public body declares a bona fide emergency: (A) Notice shall be given pursuant to the Act, and the presiding officer shall state the nature of the emergency at the beginning of the meeting; (B) The public body must comply with the verbatim recording requirements set forth in Section 2.06 of the Act.

(8) Each member of the body participating in a meeting by audio or video conference for a meeting held pursuant to this Section is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and participating in all proceedings.

(9) In addition to the requirements for open meetings under Section 2.06, public bodies holding open meetings under these new provisions must also keep a verbatim record of all their meetings in the form of an audio or video recording. Verbatim records made under this paragraph (9) must be made available to the public under, and are otherwise subject to, the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act.

(10) The public body must bear all costs associated with compliance.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

No Action Required / For Review and Discussion Purposes Only



Memorandum

To: Mt. Prospect Park District Board of Commissioners

From: Ruth Yueill, Director of Community Relations & Marketing

Date: June 17, 2020

Re: Summer 2020 Resident Program Survey (Navigating the Impact of COVID-19)

No situation provides greater challenge than one that is ever changing. The COVID-19 Pandemic has placed obstacles in all areas of business operations. When an agency relies on the interpretation of customer perception that directly impacts behavior, one must be certain that information is accurate and reliable. When profit and loss are on the line, there is little room for error.

With the onset of COVID-19, the Communications team is responsible for garnering public opinion. Proper timing is critical. If residents are surveyed too early, the results will represent nothing more than a “fear” response offering little value over the course of the pandemic. One perfectly timed survey should provide honest impressions in solid numbers. While carefully assessing the content of emails to info@mppd.org and Contact Us, it became evident the time was right to garner resident input. Opinions were forthcoming on issues of safety, mobility and program preferences. Essentially, patrons had lived with COVID long enough to have found a new normal and their responses are truly based on “livability” as opposed to reactionary responses rooted in emotion and fear.

Questions were written in a comfortable and approachable tone. Time has allowed for respondents to form opinions on virtual programming, wearing of masks, benefits of social distancing, indoor versus outdoor programming and so on. A survey has little applicable value if all responses fall into the middle response range. As a community, we have arrived at a point in time where opinions are strong. It is that conviction that yields passionate responses upon which to develop future plans and programming.


As of Friday, June 12, 2020, almost 600 responses have been tabulated. Patrons were invited to complete the survey via the monthly e-newsletter and social media platforms. The survey is not statistically valid. There are additional verbatim statements from respondents. No demographic information was requested. Results are summarized as follows and attached for your review.

What's the next STEP?

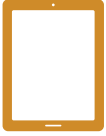
Summer Survey 2020 541 Respondents

ARE COMFORTABLE WITH PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Very Comfortable	Somewhat	Apprehensive	Not Comfortable
For Yourself	42%	28%	16%	12%
For Your Child(ren)	32%	24%	16%	18%

55% 
Are more comfortable with outdoor programming



50% 
Are tired of tablets and looking for safe ways to engage with others



With outdoor pools closed, would you attend indoor swim programs at RecPlex in July and August including lap swimming, Aquafit classes and a modified swim lesson schedule?

- 21% **Definite Yes**
- 17% **Possibly**
- 13% **Need More Information**
- 46% **Not Interested**
- 1% **No Response**

66% 
Are not interested in **SWIM LESSONS** at RecPlex this summer

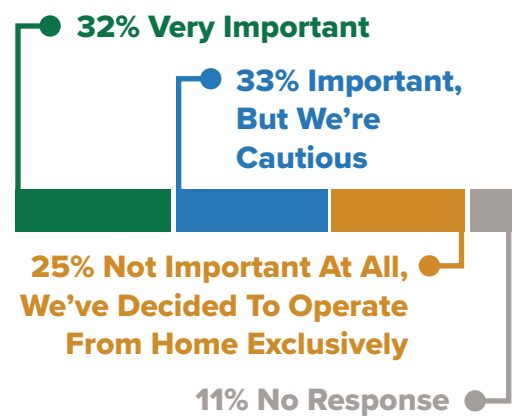


AREAS OF CONCERN

-  **Cleanliness of Facilities**
-  **Wearing of Masks**
-  **Maintaining Social Distance**
-  **Moving Safely In and Out of the Building**



For July and August of summer 2020, how important is it to you that youth programming be offered in some format to engage your children?



IF PHASE RULES ALLOW

Would you and/or your family attend a special event at Lions Park Bandshell in July and August?

(examples: live music, children's entertainment, program showcase such as Dance, etc.)

- 48% **Yes**
- 32% **Not Sure**
- 18% **No - Waiting For Summer 2021 For Special Events**
- 2% **No Response**

Would "circled sections" painted on the grass at Lions Park for Bandshell entertainment and designated for your group only make you feel more comfortable as you consider participating in a special event?

- 54% **Yes - Great Idea!**
- 31% **Likely But Still Concerned About the Actual Execution of Something Like This**
- 11% **No - Waiting For Summer 2021 For Special Events**
- 4% **No Response**



Which statement best describes your perception of the park district's role in community life for summer 2020?

- 21% **Rely on Affordable Offerings**
- 30% **Do Not Rely on the District For Essential Programs**
- 28% **Utilize the Neighborhood Parks on A Regular Basis**
- 17% **Rely on Facility Based Offerings Such As Open Gym, Indoor Swimming and Fitness Centers**
- 4% **No Response**





Memorandum

To: Board of Commissioners
From: Nick Troy/Ruth Yueill Directors of Recreation and Community Relations & Marketing
Date: June 17, 2020
Re: Facility Openings June 2020

The hours of operation for RecPlex and Central Community Center are as follows. The public will be notified on Friday, June 19 via mppd.org, electronic signage, social media and patron update eblast.

RecPlex

- Opens Monday, June 29 from 8am to 6pm
- Closed July 3, 4 and 5 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)
- Lap Swim begins June 29 and Aquafit begins July 6
- Fitness Center reopens July 6
- Basketball Court play currently unavailable
- In-person registration possible with online registration encouraged

Central Community Center

- Opens Monday, July 6 from 8am to 6pm
- Both CCC and RecPlex open Saturdays from 8am to noon
- Both CCC and RecPlex closed on Sundays. District will promote Sundays as park days.
- Fitness Center open July 6
- In-person registration possible with online registration encouraged

Both facilities are open to scheduled programs and rentals the week of June 22 when Day Camp begins through the official facility opening dates of June 29 and July 6.

Friendship Park Conservatory remains closed. Programs have and will continue to take place at FPC as well as tours for rentals and appropriately sized rental gatherings.

Lions Recreation Center will open for dance classes only in the ballet studio and multipurpose room. Dance instructors will coordinate the entering and exit of students.

The Art Studio is currently operational with programming for 10 or less in both an indoor and outdoor format.