

**Regular Meeting**  
**RFCCA Board of Managers**  
**Tuesday, January 19, 2021**

The meeting of the River Forest Civic Center Authority was called to order on January 19, 2021 by Manager Karen Taubman at 6:49 pm following the Township Board of Trustees meeting. This meeting was conducted electronically by Zoom, per Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-7.

**Roll called**

Present: Managers Karen Taubman, Helene Connolly, Holly Economos and Carla Sloan, and RFCCA Facilities Administrator, Dick Chappell

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Manager Connolly and seconded by Manager Economos to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2020 meeting. Roll was called. Ayes: Managers Sloan, Connolly, Economos and Taubman. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Participation**—Vanessa Druckman, Deana Herrman and Keith Strom attended by Zoom.

**Approval of Bills:**

- A motion was made by Manager Sloan and seconded by Manager Economos to approve Operating Fund bills as of January 31, 2021 in the amount of \$1,656.16. Roll was called. Ayes: Managers Sloan, Kelty, Connolly, Economos and Taubman. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

**RFCCA Facilities Administrator's Report**

**Dick Chappell**

- **Roof patching by** Fellows Roofing is not keeping pace with roof leaks over time. Roof is 30 years old and they typically last only 20 years. In the next 12 months, the roof will need substantial repairs as patches are no longer effective. Manager Economos suggested we begin the process of getting multiple roof bids now to be ready for the work. Secretary Druckman suggests contacting Steve Berggren at Oak Park Tennis and Fitness Center to see who they considered and used to do their extensive roof work spring 2020.

- **COVID Saliva Testing Drop Box** - D200 is doing saliva testing to re-open OPRF high school. Dr. Pruitt has asked to have a secure drop box at the River Forest Community Center. Another drop box will be at Willard School. Manager Sloan states that having the drop box would not be an issue.

- **FEMA** Dick has not heard of a definitive date when FEMA will declare COVID to be over. The end date is part of their criteria for deadline to file paperwork for reimbursement of COVID related expenses. He will follow up to see if there is another extension.

## **RFCC Executive Director's Report**

**Dick Chappell**

- **Second round of PPP funding** - Dick is gathering information to apply. Has spoken to Susie Goldschmidt to apply through By-Line Bank. Same info from first round of funding can be used.
- **Baseball** - OPRF baseball has begun scheduling try-outs and coaches meetings. Dick has also spoken with Legacy Sports about their gym usage need. Practices will be on Wednesdays and Sundays.
- **Gym Calendar** is almost filled up at this point. Small group rentals will begin on smaller scale soon.
- **Early Childhood** - Open House Fairs will not take place this year due to COVID. Lots of inquiries are coming in about the program. Registration will begin in February. Marketing materials need to be updated.
- **Summer Camp** - Beginning the planning process. There will be less field trips. Last year enrollment was 15% to 20% of previous year. Hoping for larger enrollment this year.
- **Daddy Daughter Dance** scheduled for February 2021 has been canceled due to COVID-19.

## **Unfinished Business**

- Dick, Carla and the RFCCA Building Feasibility Study group met with Jan Arnold of the Park District of Oak Park to learn about plans for the new Oak Park rec center. It is a \$20MM project with donated land and not funded by tax dollars. Source of funding is hopefully a state grant (applied for) and private donations (being solicited). Surface parking will be available. Rec center will have a basketball court, indoor track, single gender locker room, two multi-purpose rooms, and space for delivery of mental health services. There will be no commercial kitchen, no administrative space, no DCFS licensed classroom or childcare space, and no regular classrooms, all of which are necessary in the RFCCA Building to accommodate the needs of the current tenants or any additional tenants. Possible conclusion: Renovating or Rebuilding the RFCCA Building in its current footprint to accommodate multiple stakeholders may not be feasible, given the cost, scale, size of our community and the challenges of fundraising. Discussion followed.
- Further decisions related to the River Forest Community Center Feasibility Study are likely to be tabled until after the April 2021 election.

**New Business—None**

**Announcement of the next regular meeting:** The next meeting will take place Tuesday, January 19, 2021 following the 6:00 pm regular monthly meeting of the River Forest Township Board of Trustees.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Manager Sloan and seconded by Manager Economos to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Druckman, Secretary