## Paradise Recreation and Park District Board of Directors Special Meeting Terry Ashe Recreation Center January 18, 2024

## **MINUTES**

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chairperson Robert Anderson called the Special Meeting of the Paradise Recreation and Park District Board of Directors to order at 9:03 a.m.

#### 1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairperson Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 1.2 ROLL CALL:

Present: Robert Anderson (Chairperson), Jen Goodlin (Vice-Chairperson). Steve Rodowick (Secretary), Mary Bellefeuille (Director), Al McGreehan (Director).

#### PRPD STAFF:

Present: Dan Efseaff (District Manager) Mark Cobb (Park Supervisor), Jeff Dailey (Recreation Supervisor), Scott Amick (Recreation Supervisor), Sunny Quigley (Administrative Assistant II), Sarah Hoffman (Board Clerk), and other staff members.

Present via zoom: Kristi Sweeny (Assistant District Manager)

## 1.3 WELCOME GUESTS:

Chairperson Anderson welcomed guests.

Present: Lynda Lyons, John Stonebraker

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

## 3. OLD BUSINESS:

3.1. Consideration of Synthetic Ice Rink Purchase and 2024-25 Ice Rink Season. — The Paradise Ice Rink has been an iconic recreational activity that drew participants from inside and outside the District since 2012 (except for COVID year 2020 - 2021). While sponsorship has been up for the last few years, the net loss associated with the program continues to be a significant concern. Staff sought out synthetic and real ice rink quotes, with the synthetic product allowing us to keep ticket prices down, while providing a similar experience. In May 2023, the BOD provided direction to engage in a lease of a synthetic Ice Rink (District staff had recommended a purchase). The District has the option of the potential discounted purchase of the synthetic ice rink, however, there are significant concerns about the public reception and visitor experience. Staff will review those alternatives. Recommendation: Staff will review alternatives and potential action.

# Public Comments Received

Citizen Stonebraker Citizen Lyons

MOTION: Decline the purchase offer from Glice MADE BY: Rodowick. SECOND: Goodlin. Roll

Call Vote: AYES: 5 (Anderson, Goodlin, Rodowick Bellefeuille and McGreehan.). NOES: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

## 8. BOARD COMMENT:

Secretary Rodowick and Vice- Chairperson Goodlin made brief comments.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m. until the next Regular Board meeting, scheduled for February 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Terry Ashe Recreation Center,

Robert Anderson, Chairperson

Steve Rodowick, Secretary