Call to Order:
Commissioner Cagle called the meeting to order at 3:00pm

Commissioners Present: Cathy Cagle, Shawn Zimmerman, Thomas Aquilina

Staff Present:
Jason Herbster, Executive Director, Ann Viger, Director of Park Development and Interpretive Services, Katrina Hanna, Superintendent of Business Services, Kurt Reckamp, Superintendent of Recreation Programs and Facility Services, Anne Sandor, Recording Secretary

Discussion: Grand Oaks Renovation/PARC Grant

Ann Viger, Director of Park Development and Interpretive Services explained this meeting is for the Board of Commissioners input on the Grand Oaks renovation and the application for the PARC Grant. A meeting for Public input will be held this evening at the Grand Oaks Recreation facility at 7:00pm. Ann will also conduct public input meetings next week at Grand Oaks, while programs are running.

Ann noted the PARC grant announcement was made in December, 2019. The grant will pay up to 75% of the project cost. Board approval is needed for the Resolution of Authorization and will be requested at the Park Board regular meeting on January 16, 2020. The application due date is January 21, 2020.

The goals for this project is to acquire more recreation space, ADA access, safety and additional storage. The majority of this project has been talked about and noted in the capital projects list prior to the announcement of this grant. The Attitude and Interest survey results regarding program space justifies the need for this project.

The architect and engineering packets were distributed to the Committee members and were reviewed. These packets are attached to this document.

Ann noted in addition to the facility upgrades, the sprinkler system and connection to the City water and sewer, and parking lot improvements are included in the project.

Commissioner Zimmerman suggested the storage area in the building addition be moved away from the entrance area.

Commissioner Cagle noted the dance program room can be loud and may interfere with other programming. Commissioner Zimmerman suggested looking into materials used for sound barriers.
The committee discussed the stair case leading to the loft space storage area. The stairwell is very narrow and the loft area is hard to access. It was agreed to remove the stairs and increase the space to the lower storage area.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked if more space could be added to the facility. In reviewing the site plan, Ann explained the majority of the property is wetland and not buildable.

If the District receives the grant, the project will take approximately 4-6 months.

Commissioner Cagle asked if this project would affect the drainage on the North Shore. Ann stated it would not. There is a land break west of Lippold Park that keeps the water from going the North Shore.

Committee members were in favor of moving forward with the project if the Park District receives the grant. It was agreed to make a recommendation to the Park Board to approve the Resolution of Authorization at the Park Board meeting in January.

Adjourn: 5:05pm