

Cary Park District
Board of Commissioners
Park Recreation and Operations Committee
June 14, 2007
Cary Community Center
255 Briargate Road
Cary, IL

Minutes

Committee Members Present: Stanko, Renner
Commissioners Present: Hill, Krueger
Staff Present: Cherveney, Jones, Raica, Rea, Mayer

Commissioner Stanko called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in Chair Harvey's absence.

The minutes from the May 14, 2007 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion by Hill; second by Stanko. Motion carried.

There was no public present for comment and no items from the Commissioners or staff.

Under Direction Items, the purchase of a Ford F-350 mowing truck to replace the GMC Sierra was presented.

The Committee recommended the Board approve purchase of the 2008 Ford F-350 XL 4 x 4 as awarded in the Illinois State Purchase Program from Landmark Ford, Springfield, IL, in the amount of \$33,810.00.

Motion by Hill; second by Stanko; all voting aye. Placed on regular agenda.

Under Discussion Items, Jones apprised the Committee of the progress on the building of a skate park for the Park District. A timeline was presented that showed the staff's involvement in observing skate parks in the area, the research into contractors, and a very successful meeting with 22 youth from the area to discuss design options and give input.

The skate park will be built at Lions Park on the area that now being used for basketball hoops. The skate park is expected to be in operation by October.

There were questions regarding fencing, lighting, and how the proposed budget was faring and all were answered satisfactorily.

Stanko questioned whether or not additional lighting could be installed to provide a venue for special events and that could become a consideration later.

The park would welcome skates, bikes and skateboards. Renner cautioned about the inclusion of finer asphalt for the use the park would get. The equipment will be anchored and tamper-proof.

Stanko asked that another item be added to the discussion agenda: Hole #2 ponds at Foxford Hills Golf Club.

The impetus for revisiting this scenario was letters received by Stanko and Renner from homeowners in the area. Much discussion took place.

Straw polls were taken asking, basically, if the Park District is willing to commit large sums of money to try to rectify the situation. It was even considered to have the residents contribute to the cost of the rebuilding the area, but all these suggestions brought back the issue that there may not be a realistic solution for the area beyond what the District has done with plant materials. Over time, this solution will be realized as most successful.

After having thoroughly discussed all options, the Committee came back to recognizing and re-establishing that the existing course of action is the responsible approach. Cherveney was asked to provide a response to the concerned neighbors stating this direction.

Motion to adjourn by Hill; second by Stanko; meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.