

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CARY PARK DISTRICT, CARY, ILLINOIS, HELD IN
THE COMMUNITY CENTER, 255 BRIARGATE ROAD ON
JUNE 23, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Emma called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following Commissioners answered present: Mr. B. Krueger, Mr. Renner, Mr. Stanko, Mr. Frangiamore and Mr. Emma.

Staff

Staff present: Dan Jones, Executive Director; Vicki Krueger, Director of Finance and Administration; Sara Kelly, Superintendent of Recreation; Dave Raica, Director of Planning and Development; Ben Rea, Superintendent of Park Maintenance/Deputy Director; Katie Hughes, Director of Communications and Marketing; and Megan Lee, Recording Secretary.

Guests

Chris Cannon

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

IV. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

IV. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Emma asked if any items were to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

No items were requested for removal.

Renner moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: VI.A.1. - Approval – Minutes of Public Hearing dated May 26, 2016; VI.A.2. - Approval – Minutes of Annual Meeting dated May 26, 2016; VI.A.3. - Approval – Minutes of Regular Board Meeting dated May 26, 2016; VI.A.4. - Approval – June 17, 2016 Disbursements in the

amount of \$379,063.57; VI.A.5. Acceptance – Treasurer’s Report dated May 31, 2016; Second by Stanko.

Roll Call: Yes – B. Krueger, Renner, Stanko, Frangiamore, Emma. No – none.
Motion carried.

VI. BUSINESS ITEMS

VI.A. Any Items Removed From Consent Agenda

None.

VII.B. Action Items

VII.B.1. Consider – Ordinance O-2016-17-02, An Ordinance authorizing the Sale or Conveyance of Personal Property belonging to the Cary Park District.

Jones explained this is an ordinance done a couple of times a year to dispose of or auction off items with a value of \$500 or more.

B. Krueger moved to approve O-2016-17-02, An Ordinance authorizing the Sale or Conveyance of Personal Property belonging to the Cary Park District. Second by Frangiamore.

Roll Call: Yes – B. Krueger, Renner, Stanko, Frangiamore, Emma. No – none.
Motion carried.

V.II.B.2 Consider – O-2016-17-03, Prevailing Wage Ordinance

Jones explained the Illinois Department of Labor has not adopted new wage rates since July 2015. The Park District is still required by law to establish prevailing wage rates in June.

B. Krueger moved to approve Ordinance O-2016-17-03, An Ordinance Adopting Prevailing Wage Rates to be Paid to Laborers, Mechanics and Other Workers Performing Construction of Public Works in the Cary Park District, McHenry County, Illinois. Second by Stanko.

Roll Call: Yes – Renner, Stanko, Frangiamore, Emma, and B. Krueger. No – none.
Motion carried.

V.II.B.3 Consider – Resolution R-2016-17-01, A Resolution designating July 2016 as National Park and Recreation Month.

Stanko moved to approve Resolution R-2016-17-01, A Resolution designating July 2016 as National Park and Recreation Month. Second by B. Krueger.

Voice vote: Yes – 5. No – None. Motion carried.

V.II.B.4 – Consider – Jamesway Park Playground Replacement Project

Jones stated that this item was eligible for consent agenda as it passed Committee with a 3-0 recommendation. However, due to the project having three separate items, it is easier to execute as a regular action item.

Stanko moved to accept the bid received from Innovation Landscape, Inc, Plainfield, Illinois in the amount of \$78,311.00 as the most qualified and responsible low bid for the Jamesway Park playground installation and site improvements. Second by B. Krueger.

Roll Call: Yes – Stanko, Frangiamore, B. Krueger, Renner, and Emma. No – none.
Motion carried.

Stanko moved to approve the purchase of playground equipment to be installed at Jamesway Park in an amount not to exceed \$62,500.00 from Landscape Structures, Inc. via the HGACBuy-Houston –Galveston Area Council Buy purchasing alliance program. Second by B. Krueger.

Roll Call: Yes –Frangiamore, B. Krueger, Renner, Stanko, and Emma. No – none.
Motion carried.

Stanko moved to approve a total project budget not to exceed \$163,500.00. Second by Frangiamore.

Renner asked Raica about the Houston-Galveston Area Council Buy purchasing alliance program and if the money would be staying in Illinois if this program was used. Raica explained that the money would be staying in Illinois as the equipment is purchased from a local vendor.

Roll Call: Yes – B. Krueger, Renner, Stanko, Frangiamore, Emma. No – none.
Motion carried.

VIII. Executive Director Report

Emma asked Jones to give the Executive Director’s Report before discussion on the Comprehensive Master Plan was held. Jones updated the Board on Summer Celebration and asked the Commissioners who would be attending. He explained that Senator McConchie will be attending this year, so make sure you meet up with him if attending and introduce yourself.

Jones also explained that Jack Franks and David McSweeny will be attending the summer concert series on Thursday, July 14 and will be holding an ice cream social.

Lastly, Jones informed the Commissioners that there are issues with the irrigation pumps at the golf course and he authorized a replacement that will take place next week. Due to projected droughty conditions and heat it is important to get the matter addressed sooner

than later. The cost approximately will be in the neighborhood of \$20,000 to replace them. At this time, golf course staff is able to irrigate the golf course with the one pump that remains operational, but aren't able to do so efficiently. Next year replacing a third pump will have to be addressed.

Frangiamore asked why they weren't replacing the third pump this year, and Jones explained that it is due to the expense.

Stanko asked why the pump failed, and Jones explained that the vault where the pumps are at is below grade and has filled up with water in the past when major rainstorms have occurred. The leads that were coming out of the box were corroded and there may have been a power surge which caused the pumps to malfunction. The corrosion may have been caused by the water infiltration of lack of air flow within the vault.

Jones stated the pump had been operating without issues for nearly ten years. Staff has also requested an annual maintenance inspection of the areas of the system that are above ground to be completed.

VII.C. Discussion Items

VII.C.1. Comprehensive Master Plan.

Jones explained that the action plan put in front of the board is the same one put before the Board in previous meetings, with some tweaks based on previous direction of the Board. He explained that the purpose of tonight is for the Board to reach a consensus in regards to the action plan. This is the last thing needed to be done to complete the master plan.

Renner recommended that the Board agree on major topics for what should be kept in the plan. Stanko asked the Board if they should address the big picture questions.

Emma stated that the one item the Commissioners seemed to agree on during the last CMP meeting was the lack of tangible action items being performed during the first five years. Stanko asked the other Commissioners if they wanted to focus dollars on specific parks and their development and/or improvement or spread the dollars around into various parks, and also whether they prefer to build an aquatic facility or new recreation center.

B. Krueger thanked staff for doing everything with the financial analysis. He explained he didn't have anything against what was in the plan, he just has an issue with the timeline and how long things will take to be completed. He said what needs to be agreed upon is the schedule. It's a guide, and the first five years of the plan is important.

B. Krueger next explained his priorities for the next five years, and what he felt should be changed in the Master Plan. He wants to see Kaper Park evaluated in FY2016-17 and construction begin in FY2017-18. He would also like to see an assessment done of Lion's Park in FY2017-18 so it can be decided what changes need to occur there such as restroom and concession stand improvements, adding lights, and/or installing turf fields. In FY2018-19, he would like the Lions Park improvements to be constructed. He also

expressed an interest in delaying Hampton Park a year so the Park District can focus on Lions and Kaper Parks instead. He stated he feels Timbertown is a higher priority than neighborhood parks.

Stanko asked what year should Hampton Park be moved to, and B. Krueger said move it to FY2018-19.

B. Krueger also explained that enhancements can be made to Sands Main Street Prairie in FY2018-19, and also in that year, an indoor recreation center study can be conducted. He explained that if he had to choose between a new outdoor pool and an indoor recreation center, he would rather build an indoor recreation center since it can be used year-round.

Next, Frangiamore explained what he would like to see in the action plan. He explained there are two major items he wants to see, and those are constructing something at Cary-Grove Park and the second thing is how to fund the project. He expressed a need to raise money to help offset the costs of building such a major project. He suggested selling off current Park District property not in use, such as the land along Route 31, to help fund the project. Frangiamore stated he as well would vote for an indoor recreation center over an outdoor pool. He explained that whatever is done, it needs to be done well and he would rather spend money on one major project rather than doing a bunch of small projects and spreading the money around various parks. Putting money into the current preschool building, community center, and Kraus Senior Center aren't priorities to him.

Emma explained that exploring options for funding opportunities for an aquatic facility is already on the action plan in FY2018-19, so he asked the Commissioners if they should keep it there. The Commissioners stated yes, but Frangiamore commented he is more concerned with an indoor recreation center and the quicker you could build it, the better.

Frangiamore explained that Timbertown is important and washrooms, trees, and shelters should be added to Kaper Park.

He next explained that at Lions Park, he would like to see lighting added to increase the usability of the fields and create a better environment for the users.

Emma said moving up construction of Cary-Grove Park will be a financial stretch, and Frangiamore acknowledged it is a concern.

Stanko thanked staff for doing a very thorough job with finances, but he doesn't see anything on the action plan about future pool repairs or the preschool. He explained that if the Board was focused more on building an indoor recreation center, funds should be set aside to continue running the pool and preschool program. Emma said that isn't something to put in an action plan, and Stanko stated he wants to make sure the programs are covered in case something happened.

Stanko also explained how he would like to focus dollars on specific parks and he likes the idea of doing Kaper Park. He would like to see Kaper Park done before Lions Park.

For Lions Park Stanko likes the idea of lights, but doesn't have any interest in artificial turf when other things are needed such as an upgrade to the restrooms. He is okay with improving the soils and grasses, but putting in turf is a lot of money for a very specific and small focus. That money can be used on something else like improving Kaper Park.

Stanko said nobody has mentioned anything about trails. He wants to see the trail gap analysis moved up in the plan as well as something mentioned about grant applications and when it needs to be done. He feels that trails were a high priority in the meetings and survey. B. Krueger asked Stanko what he wanted to do exactly for trails, and Stanko explained he would like to see a connection made to the Route 31 trail from the Hoffman Trail.

Stanko would like to see a natural area strategic plan conducted and moved up in the action plan. He expressed that things could be done at Sands Main Street Prairie, but staff should come up with a plan first and see what the dollar costs are and then plug it in. He wants to move up projects at the prairie to FY2016-17 or FY2017-18 with some build out projects to follow that.

Emma asked Jones what the capabilities are to keep moving things up. Jones explained it's hard to answer until he knows what exactly the Board would like done. The only major dollars set aside for FY16-17 is \$50,000 to do a master plan for Cary-Grove Park.

Stanko said annexation for Cary-Grove Park needs to be looked at, and that could take some time. He's reluctant to commit a lot of money and resources to Cary-Grove Park until it is known if the property can be annexed and what is planned to be built on the land. Stanko likes the idea of doing the mass grading of the property. He asked the other Commissioners what activities they want at Cary-Grove Park because that will answer a lot of questions and help the Board determine how to proceed with the other parks.

Renner explained that he would be in favor of having a recreation center in lieu of a pool, but he would like to see construction of a splash pad in one of the parks added to the action plan. He feels that a splash pad is a low cost item and it would be something to help the community meet their aquatic needs. He wants the splash pad to be considered when looking at the assessments of Lions Park or Kaper Park.

The other thing Renner is concerned about is the annexation of Cary-Grove Park. He stated the Master Plan for Cary-Grove Park needs to be done before the annexation can be pursued.

Renner explained that if an indoor recreation center were a priority over an outdoor pool, then he would like to see anything with the senior center and preschool removed from the action plan. Emma asked how Renner would approach an indoor recreation center, and Renner said an indoor recreation study would need to be done to determine what will be in the building, so he suggested moving up the indoor recreation center study in the plan so it takes place earlier than FY2018-19.

Stanko asked Renner to clarify Cary-Grove Park and pushing the annexation back. Renner explained that the master plan would be done in 2016-17 and the annexation done in FY2017-18.

B. Krueger stated the Board is going to redo the Cary-Grove Park master plan that was done before. Renner added that sewer and water will be needed in order to build anything else on that property.

B. Krueger asked if the Park District has enough resources to do everything the Commissioners want within the next five years, and if the Board is considering the construction of an indoor recreation center, additional staff may need to be hired to help manage the project.

Emma explained that he agrees with Renner about the splash pad and B. Krueger also agreed. He would like to see a disc golf course completed in the short term since it could be done inexpensively in the first couple of years of the plan. B. Krueger asked Raica about the construction of a disc golf course, and Raica explained the various costs associated with a disc golf course.

Stanko stated that there was a disc golf at RRR and it is underused, and questioned if there was a demand out there for disc golf courses. Jones said that there was a need for a well-constructed disc golf course in our community. It's free and is an outdoor activity that hits a number of age groups, including adults and teens.

Emma next explained that he agrees with constructing Kaper Park sooner than later. He would rather do Cary-Grove Park than Lions Park since there is more opportunity to do things there. He stated that if an indoor recreation center was important to the Board, then developing a schematic design for an aquatic facility should be taken out or pushed back.

Jones explained that the Board shouldn't disregard aquatics or eliminate it completely from the action plan. He said maybe there is something that can be done with the current pool to meet the needs down the road. Stanko said he doesn't want to eliminate aquatics and feels it's important.

Emma said an option is to push back the design of a new aquatic facility. Instead of having it in FY2017-18, then it should be pushed to FY2018-19 and funding should be looked at in FY2019-20.

Emma explained that just because an item is in the action plan, it doesn't mean it needs to be done depending on the needs at that time. Another thing to consider is putting in a pool next to the future recreation center down the road. He explained that he doesn't agree with the fact that a pool shouldn't be considered.

Stanko said he favors a splash pad and would consider doing it at Cary-Grove Park.

Emma asked the Board if there were other comments.

Renner explained that whether or not the Board considers turf, the revenue generated from the turf fields down the road should be considered. He explained that if three fields had turf infields, it would be paid for shortly due to the heavy demand it would generate. It is a revenue generating expense that will pay for itself before it will be worn out. He feels fields with turf infields could be hugely successful. B. Krueger agreed with Renner about adding turf infields to Lions Park.

Jones recapped the comments shared by Commissioners and prioritized them for a better understanding. He then explained that Kaper Park is a high interest park for everyone. Things to consider when planning Kaper Park is if only the playground is going to be replaced or if the whole park will be redone.

B. Krueger said the Park District should borrow money as soon as it can to start construction of Kaper Park.

Jones stated that it is important to annex Cary-Grove Park because it's the Park District's intention to build a building on the property. In order to have a building, sewer and water need to be there.

Jones asked the Board why building new at Cary-Grove Park would take precedence over reinvesting in Lions Park or Kaper Park. Jones asked Commissioners what will happen at Lions Park or Kaper Park if all the focus is placed on Cary-Grove Park, and what would happen if the infrastructure at Lions Park or Kaper Park stops working and how that would be addressed.

Stanko explained he would like to see two master plans done in FY2016-17 and it would be Cary-Grove Park and Kaper Park. Jones said when looking at Cary-Grove Park, the Park District should engage the Village of Cary since it is the intention of the Park District to annex the park.

Jones said he will take the feedback from the Board and revise the action plan. Emma asked if the next step would be to consider the Comprehensive Master Plan for tentative approval. Jones said, the plan is to try to do that on July 14 with a special meeting that would follow the committee meetings.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Stanko. Second by Frangiamore.

Voice vote: Yes – 5. No - None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Daniel C. Jones, Secretary
Park District Board of Commissioners