

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
August 24, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following Commissioners answered present: Mr. Frangiamore, Mr. Stanko, Mrs. Hauck, and Mr. Renner.

Staff

Staff present: Dan Jones, Executive Director; Vicki Krueger, Director of Finance and Administration; David Raica, Director of Planning and Development; Paul Rogus, Superintendent of Parks and Facility Maintenance; Sara Kelly, Superintendent of Recreation/Deputy Director; Katie Hughes, Director of Communications and Marketing; and Megan Lee, Recording Secretary.

Guests

Tammy Schneider and Family
Sam Anderson and Family
Jack Kruper
Michelle Kelly, Upland Design

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

IV. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

V. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

President Renner started with the Recognition of the 2017 Photo Contest Winners. The People's Choice winner for the adult division is Tammy Schneider for her photo "Clear Blue Happy" taken at the Community Center Pool. The People's Choice winner for the youth division is Sam Anderson for his photo "The Life of Bubbles" taken during a concert in the park at Lions Park. Katie Hughes explained that contest has been occurring for the past 9 years, and this year there were a total of 1,276 total votes. Hughes then explained the photos would be on display at the Community Center for the next year. The Board and Hughes congratulated the winners.

Stanko asked for an update on the William Cary statute. Raica stated that the bronze work is all done, and they are waiting for the landscapers to install it at the park.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Hauck asked to remove Policy 7-004, Acceptable use of Technology.

Frangiamore moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: VI.A.1 Approval – Minutes Regular Board Meeting dated July 27, 2017, 2017; VI.A.2 – Approval – August 18, 2017, Disbursements in the Amount of \$208,165.07; VI.A.3. – Acceptance – Treasurer’s Report dated July 31, 2017; and VI.A.4 – Acceptance – Investment Activity Report dated July 31, 2017. Second by Stanko.

Roll call vote: Yes – Stanko, Hauck, Frangiamore, and Renner. No – None. Motion carried.

VII. BUSINESS ITEMS

VII.A. Any Items Removed from Consent Agenda

Hauck stated she asked for Policy 7-004, Acceptable use of Technology, to be removed, because she is not comfortable with the policy as presented. She feels it is vague and the statement of “staff must maintain a high standard of conduct” is hard to define and enforce. She stated standards are defined differently. She feels this is something that should be dealt with through training rather than in Policy form. She doesn’t believe the Park District can tell staff what they can or cannot put on personal websites.

Renner asked Hauck what she would like done, and she feels it’s important to have a policy in place, but has an issue with “acceptable behavior” and items with personal websites.

Jones stated he recommends the best thing to do would be send it back to Committee where it can be discussed in more detail.

Hauck moved to send Policy 7-004, Acceptable use of Technology back to the Administrative, Finance, and Personnel Committee for further review. Second Stanko.

Voice vote: Yes – 4. No – None. Motion carried.

VII.C. Progress Update – Lions and Kaper Parks Revitalization Projects

Jones explained that Michelle Kelly was present from Upland Design. He reviewed the budgets for the two projects, and stated when looking at the finishing touches they can always be changed.

Jones stated there are “have to’s” and “want to’s” for each park site. The items Upland Design was told to focus on by staff were the “have to” items. Items that are “have to’s” for Lions Park are playability of the fields, spectator safety, the concession/restroom building, and accessibility and storage.

For Kaper Park the “have to’s” are the replacement of Timbertown, the installation of permanent restrooms, shelter gathering space, and then accessibility.

Jones continued that there are a number of other items that came up that are optional items. Costs have been provided for those items to answer questions on how much it would cost to put in additional trails, spray ground, etc.

Jones stated that a spray ground has been included in the Kaper Park plan due to the interest from the community. Staff asked Upland Design to keep this “want to” towards the top of the extras list. It is an item that has been of great interest to the community. Jones asked the Board to consider making the spray ground a base item in this project from the stand point that the Park District is looking for a wow factor at the site, and he feels that the spray ground would create it.

Michelle Kelly of Upland Design presented Lions Park first. She explained improvements such as improving the field mix for the ball fields so drainage issues are addressed, improving the concessions/restroom building, adding improved safety netting around the fields, and adding a shade structures for both players and spectators. She then discussed other items that can be added in the future such as improvements to the band shell area and trails.

Frangiamore asked if water and sewer connections were included in the pricing presented, and Kelly stated the cost was included. He then asked if water lines were included to the ball fields, and she said it could easily be added to run a few more lines.

Frangiamore next stated that it is important to have shade over the viewing areas for the spectators. Kelly agreed and stated that shading was important.

Stanko said there was a lot of good items in the designs. He has questions about the floorplan for the concessions/restroom building and if a roof could be added to the privacy screen area to create more storage. Kelly stated she would look into that idea.

Stanko asked if trees located on the north side of the property could be relocated to provide shade for spectators, and this would open up room for more practice space. Raica said it could be looked at, but the slope of the area was a significant factor to consider.

Stanko then expressed concern over the look of the concession building and asked that all of the structures at the park site have the same natural look to them. He also stated he feels a priority for him at the park would be a left turn lane out of Lions Park.

Hauck agreed with the addition of a left turn lane. She also hopes for more opportunities for shade, and would also like to see more storage options added.

Renner stated he is concerned about the grading of the outfields. He asked if synthetic turf was to ever be added to the infields, would the outfield be compatible due to the grading? Kelly stated there are just a few areas that would need to be fixed, but this venue has great fields overall.

Renner questioned whether wing walls were needed in the restroom area and if they could put the walls inside the structure. Raica said it could be reviewed.

Kelly asked if there were any more questions about Lions Park. Hearing none, she moved on to present two concept plans for Kaper Park. Both of the plans presented included a new play structure, permanent restrooms, and a spray ground. Kelly also explained items not part of the base design that could be added in the future such as a walking trail, a shelter structure for picnics, and additional parking.

Kelly explained options available for a spray ground. Both of the designs are based on ground level play. Both designs run on less than 50 gallons per minute and use very little electricity to keep it running. She explained that activation switches could be built in throughout the spray ground so if it is not in use, it will not be using water.

Kelly asked if there were any questions, and Hauck stated she feels more shade is needed around the seating areas. She really liked both park designs, but she would like the swings to be broken up into two structures as presented in playground option 2. She said her priority is the spray ground.

Stanko asked about shading and feels more needs to be added to the bench areas. He also asked about the future parking expansion at Kaper and what it would cost, because he is concerned that the present parking will not be adequate enough when people come for the spray ground. He would like the picnic shelter to be included due to the amount of people that will be using the park. Stanko likes the idea of a spray ground, but struggles with the water use.

Frangiamore stated he is in favor of a spray ground and asked if more features could be added to the spray ground in the future, and Kelly said yes, but they would need to know now so it could be designed and constructed for additional use in the future. Frangiamore would like to see more shade added as well.

Renner likes the idea of an addition of an exploration garden to the new playground, and is also in favor of a spray ground. He would like to see the spray ground built and have a spot left open for the addition of a shelter in the future.

Renner asked if there was a way the Cary Park Foundation could become involved in the project. Kelly suggested they could donate spray ground features and place a plaque there to represent the sponsor.

Kelly asked if the plans were ready to present to the public. Renner asked if there was anything on the plans that the Board didn't want to be included in the public open house,

and then commented he wants to make sure there is a distinction for what will actually be built and what isn't going to be built at this time such as the band shell improvements to avoid confusion.

The Board thanked staff and Kelly for their hard work putting all of this together.

VIII. Executive Director Report

None.

Stanko moved for a 5 minute recess.

Voice vote: Yes – 4. No – None. Motion carried.

Renner reconvened the meeting at 9:01 PM.

IX. Closed Session

At 9:01 PM, a motion was made by Stanko to enter Closed Session for the purpose of A. Review of Closed Session Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2 (21) and F. Selection of Person to Fill a Public Office (5 ILCS 120/2 © (3)). Second by Frangiamore.

Voice Vote: Yes – 4. No – None. Motion carried.

X. Closed Session Summary and Action

Renner reconvened open session at 9:29 PM.

Renner summarized Closed Session as follows: The minutes of February 23, 2017, July 13, 2017, and July 27, 2017 meetings were reviewed and approved, and discussion was held regarding the selection of a person to fill a public office.

There was no action taken as a result of Closed Session.

Motion by Frangiamore to adjourn. Second by Hauck.

Voice vote: Yes – 4. No – None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Daniel C. Jones, Secretary
Park District Board of Commissioners