

Cary Park District
Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting
October 12, 2017
6:30 PM
Community Center
255 Briargate Rd.
Cary, Illinois

MINUTES

Call to Order

Stanko called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Roll Call

Upon roll call the following Commissioners answered present:

Mr. Howell, Mrs. Hauck, Mr. Stanko, and Mr. Renner.

Commissioners Absent: Mr. Frangiamore

Staff Present

Dan Jones, Executive Director; Sara Kelly, Superintendent of Recreation/Deputy Director; Paul Rogus, Superintendent of Parks and Facility Maintenance; Katie Hughes, Director of Communications and Marketing; Vicki Krueger, Director of Finance; Megan Lee, Administrative Assistant.

Guests Present

Michelle Kelly, Upland Design Inc.

Matters from the Public

None.

Action Items

Jones introduced Michelle Kelly of Upland Design, Inc. and asked her to present the updated concept plans for Lions and Kaper Parks.

M. Kelly stated she is excited about the updated plans. The Board, staff, and the community all provided input that lead to the final design development.

M. Kelly first presented the concept for Lions Park. Improvements to the park include the baseball plaza – new paving and drainage; new picnic shelter at plaza; new bleachers, dugout benches, and dugout metal shade shelters; concession/restroom renovation and expansion; ballfield renovations: clay infields; chain link fence backstops with 50’ high safety netting; lacrosse and football field grading and reseeding; additional shade trees, and ballfield light maintenance. She explained that there will still be a 4% grade on the lower lacrosse and football field, but it will be leveled and reseeded for a higher quality field.

M. Kelly presented options for the Lions Park Concession building renovations. Option 1 was presented during the last meeting, and option 2 had an extension over the wing wall (wall used to shield public from the open doors of the restrooms) to add additional storage. Option 3 would have a different wing wall option that would have a cost savings of \$3,900. Option 4 provided an alternative fencing instead of a wing wall.

After discussion on the different options for the concessions/restroom building, the Board agreed with staff that option 3, removal of the wing wall with a savings of \$3,900 was the best choice for the current needs.

Stanko stated he is concerned about storage and would like to see additional storage space as an option for staff. M. Kelly stated that storage would be added out by the soccer field in the future, but the specifics of the storage unit will be determined at a future date.

Howell asked what the distance is between the east wall of the concessions building from ballfield #2's backstop. M. Kelly stated it was less than 10 feet with the wing wall, but with the removal of the wing wall, more space will be added.

Renner asked about the cost for the lacrosse/football practice area and if new topsoil was going to be brought in for the field. M. Kelly stated the cost includes flattening the field out, removing roughly the top 3-inches of soil, and reseeding.

Howell asked when the clay is removed from the ballfields, what would replace it, and M. Kelly stated that a typical recreation mix of clay and sand will be used to replace what is removed.

Stanko asked if it would cost approximately \$42,000 to improve the field space around the tree farm, and staff stated it would be around that or more due to the steeper grade and removal of trees in the area.

M. Kelly next discussed the improvements at Kaper Park. The improvements include a playground renovation; restroom/storage building; splash pad; walk from parking lot to amenities; and community synergy with a crosswalk and safety beacon. Some future additions could include a walkway around the perimeter of the park and a picnic shelter.

M. Kelly explained that there will be three restrooms and a storage unit within the restroom/storage building. This is a concrete unit that would be built offsite and dropped into place. Stanko asked for the pricing to add urinals to each of the restrooms, and M. Kelly stated she would get pricing for him.

M. Kelly presented the final option for the playground. The design includes a 12' height tower, zip line, a climbing pyramid, and will also include a 2-5 year old area with smaller equipment. There are 18 elements on the 2-5 year old area and 42 on the 6-13 year old play structure.

Howell asked about the layout and if the existing fencing would be used, and she stated the footprint is larger and new fencing will be installed due to the age of the current fence.

M. Kelly stated that shade was a concern in previous meetings, so two additional shade structures were added as well as an increase in the budget for more trees as well as making the trees larger.

M. Kelly explained that there was a lot of excitement during the public open house for the installation of a splash pad when the public open house was held. She stated the theme of the splash pad will be a pirate theme that will include a treasure chest, pirate cannons, as well as some dumping buckets.

Stanko asked how many people showed up for the open house, and Jones stated there were approximately 55 people in attendance.

Jones explained that at the national conference those in attendance met the vendor of the splash pad parts and the pieces were unique, and they were able to see how the pieces actually work. The vendor explained that pieces can also be removed at the end of the season and stored during the winter months.

Stanko asked if in the future a recycling water system could be added. M. Kelly stated it's possible, but the best thing to do would be to start with the type of system you wanted. He asked what the additional cost would be for a recycling water system, and M. Kelly stated it would be an additional \$200,000.

Renner asked about the flow of the water, and M. Kelly stated it would first get routed to the rain garden and then the sewer. M. Kelly explained that when she and staff met with the Village, Village staff suggested doing permeability studies, and that is something that will be done.

Howell asked about sand from the playground being brought into the splash pad, and M. Kelly explained there are barriers in place to avoid this.

Stanko stated there needs to be access for staff to routinely maintain the drainage pipes. M. Kelly explained that staff will have access to the piping system for routine inspections.

M. Kelly asked if there were any questions about the playground. Hauck explained she would like to see the sand feature removed from the design. Stanko stated he would like to keep the sand feature because he feels it's something the young children will enjoy. Howell and Renner explained they would like to see the sand feature moved to another location to provide a greater barrier between the sand and the splash ground to avoid any sand from clogging the system.

Stanko asked if the lawn seating area around the splash pad is going to be adequate to absorb all of the kids and the parents utilizing the park. He suggested moving the fence out more to create more space. M. Kelly stated that you want to create a synergy within the environment. Renner asked about tables and if they could be added in the future, and M. Kelly explained that there are already some tables being added to the design, but there is the possibility to add some in the future.

Jones asked M. Kelly to look into more detail about adding space around the splash pad.

Hauck stated she loves the proposed colors of the design and asked how long the color would last without fading. Rogus stated that they are designed to last for many, many years.

Stanko asked about the height of the web crawler and the safety of the design, and M. Kelly explained it has specific elements designed to protect children and prevent accidents.

Renner asked about current trees at Kaper and if they were being saved or removed. M. Kelly stated six of the larger trees in the design are being saved.

Renner asked Commissioners if there were any other questions about Kaper or Lions Parks or if there was anything they wanted added or removed.

Stanko explained he would like to see the additional cost of adding more parking at Kaper Park. Jones explained it would be over \$200,000 to add additional parking spaces to Kaper. Jones stated that there are currently approximately 64 parking spaces at the park as well as a large number of additional parking spaces in the park side of the streets bordering the park.

Stanko stated if something were to be added to the current design he would like to see a shelter added to Kaper and a left turn lane added to Lions Park.

Renner stated that he would like to see a shelter added to Kaper Park, but it is something to be discussed in the future if money becomes available.

Howell moved to accept the final Schematic Designs and associated Opinion of Probable Costs for the Lions and Kaper Parks Revitalization projects and direct staff to move the projects forward into Design Development and Bidding phases. Second by Hauck.

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

Motion by Stanko to adjourn. Second by Hauck.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Daniel C. Jones, Secretary
Park District Board of Commissioners