

Cary Park District  
Board of Commissioners  
**Parks & Recreation Operations Committee**  
December 14, 2017  
7:00 PM  
Community Center  
255 Briargate Road  
Cary, IL

**Minutes**

Committee Members Present: Howell and Hauck.  
Committee Member Absent: Renner  
Commissioners Present: Stanko and Frangiamore.

Guest Present: None.

Staff Present: Jones, V. Krueger, Rogus, Kelly, Hughes, and Lee.

Hauck called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The minutes from the November 9, 2017 Parks & Recreation Operations Committee meeting were presented for approval.

***Howell moved to approve the minutes; second by Hauck.***

Voice Vote: 2-0. All voting yes. Motion carried.

No matters from the Public, Staff, or Commissioners.

The first direction item discussed was the MCCD Agreement Triple R Property. Jones explained that there have been two previous agreements with the McHenry County Conservation District for the use of their Fel-Pro/RRR Conservation Area to operate the Park District's summer day camp program. The agreement came to an end this year, and staff has been working with the MCCD for an agreement that will be in be active for three years starting in 2018.

Stanko asked what the current percent of total fees the MCCD receives for the Park District using the site. Kelly stated it was 4% in 2017, but in 2018 it will be 5%, and in 2019 will be 6%.

***Hauck moved to recommend Board approval of the revised License Agreement between Cary Park District and McHenry County Conservation District to operate Summer Day Camps at the Fel-Pro/RRR Conservation Area. Second by Howell.***

Voice Vote: 2-0. All voting yes. Motion carried.

The next item discussed was the Verizon Wireless Request to place a cell signal booster at Hoffman Park follow-up. Jones explained this item is just a discussion item, and staff would like some direction from the Committee and Commissioners present on the next steps that should be

taken. At the last meeting some specific questions were asked to be answered, and the responses provided by the vendor were included in the memo.

Jones explained that Verizon would replace a current light pole in the Hoffman Park parking lot with a new light pole that would look the same as the existing pole but carry Verizon's equipment. Jones stated that it was staff's opinion that the Park District should not pay the cost of anything associated with the installation of the pole or any fees involved with the process to so. Jones stated that he shared this this opinion with the vendor who stated they would need to go back to Verizon to discuss fees to cover Park District costs.

Jones then stated that he had spoken with the Village of Cary about this item and that a text amendment may have to occur with the Village under the current zoning ordinance. Jones stated that should this be necessary it is something that the vendor would have to work with the Village to complete and bear any costs associated with it.

Jones then explained that he spoke with other agencies who have dealt with Verizon and the vendor regarding installing a cell signal booster system, and heard back a variety of responses because each case is unique. One agency stated the vendor has dropped from pursuing it further with them after discussions and another who stated that it had made progress but was waiting as it may take as long as six months for Verizon's engineering to occur.

Howell explained that he doesn't understand why a text amendment would have to occur since what is being installed would only boost a current signal not create one. He feels that Verizon should shoulder the costs of installation and anything having to deal with rezoning, but it is worth looking into if it creates revenue for the Park District. Jones responded that according to the discussions he had with the Village it was his impression zoning requirements would need to be addressed.

Jones asked those present if this if this request is something staff should explore and pursue further.

Howell and Hauck explained that Verizon should do all the work and offset Park District costs, and if that was the case they are interested. Stanko and Frangiamore expressed they would not be interested unless Verizon provided money up front to offset the Park District costs.

Jones stated he would communicate the discussion from the meeting to the vendor and report progress to the Commissioners going forward.

***Howell moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Hauck.***

Voice vote: 2-0. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:17 PM.