

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ELMHURST PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**April 13, 2016**

**6:00 p.m.**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Elmhurst Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at the Administrative Office, 375 West First Street, Elmhurst, IL. Prior notice of the meeting was posted. The meeting was called to order by Board President Ubriaco at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Commissioners Ennis, Graf, Kies, Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Spaeth, and Ubriaco

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** James W. Rogers, Executive Director  
Angela Ferrentino, Director of Parks & Facilities  
Christi Jacobson, Director of Finance & Human Resources  
Brian McDermott, Director of Enterprise Services  
Cindy Szkolka, Director of Recreation  
Ginger Wade, Director of Marketing & Communications  
Dan Payne, Division Manager - Parks  
E. Anne Scheppele, Division Manager – Facilities  
Tom Sumner, Systems Administrator

**Visitors:** Peter Murphy, Illinois Association of Park Districts  
Kelley Thayer, League of Women Voters  
Judy Rink  
Kathleen Sullivan

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:02 p.m. a motion to adjourn to Closed Session was made by Commissioner Pelosi and seconded by Commissioner Graf pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(16) for “self evaluation, practices and procedures or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is a member.” The Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioner Kies, Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Spaeth, Ennis, Graf, and Ubriaco. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to open session at 7:46 p.m. Board President Ubriaco stated that the Board met in Closed Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(16) for “self evaluation, practices and procedures or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is a member.” No final action was taken at the meeting on matters discussed in closed session.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA – None**

**REMARKS/CORRESPONDENCE FROM VISITORS –**

Kathleen Sullivan

- Her basement first flooded three years ago with nine feet of water. Stated she is looking forward to the completion of the Golden Meadows Park intergovernmental agreement with the City for flood relief.

Judy Rink

- Spoke in favor of the Golden Meadows Park intergovernmental agreement for a detention basin. In 2009, neighbors near Golden Meadows started meeting with local representatives about flooding in the area. Stated her family has been subject to repeat floodings. Requested the Park Board support the Golden Meadows Park intergovernmental agreement.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS –** Agenda item #7a was combined with #10a (1).

**UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Gateway – April 14, 2016

PEP – April 21, 2016

Sugar Creek Golf Course – April 26, 2016

Elmhurst Art Museum – April 27, 2016

Stormwater Subcommittee – April 28, 2016

Lizzadro Museum – May 19, 2016

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Morissette-Moll motioned, Commissioner Graf seconded and the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda for April 13, 2016. The Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioners Graf, Kies, Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Spaeth, Ennis and Ubriaco. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Items approved on the Consent Agenda were: March 23, 2016 regular meeting minutes, March 23, 2016 closed meeting minutes, voucher lists dated 4/08/16 - \$137,778.45, 4/01/16 - \$48,643.99, and 3/25/16 - \$170,246.50, the purchase of Liquid Chlorine (Sodium Hypochlorite) and Liquid Sodium Bisulfate for outdoor use, and the Tree Maintenance Bid for Tree Removal, Stump Grinding, and Aerial Pruning.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (OLD) –**

**Stormwater Management Discussion**

Executive Director Rogers updated the Board on stormwater discussions with the City of Elmhurst. The 95% completion plans for the York Commons Park detention basin were received and are being reviewed by the District's Stormwater Subcommittee and engineering firm. On April 20, the City will hold an Open House for the community to review the proposed plans. A project schedule will be drafted by the City. The City was reminded that maintaining a safe park for users is the utmost concern to the District as thousands of people utilize the park and pool during the summer.

At the March 24, 2016 stormwater meeting, the City requested the Park Board reconfirm the status of the other three parks under consideration (East End, Crestview, and Wild Meadows Trace).

Rogers informed the City, that the District is not interested in considering the use of those sites without first considering further improvements to the parks that could also facilitate the construction of stormwater basins. The City is not interested in considering other options for those sites if those options involve increased costs in order to preserve open space. Commissioner Spaeth stated that the City should consider all other options before using park space as the detention basins in those three parks would provide relief to only 11 homes. Altogether, the number of homes relieved from stormwater flooding between all five proposed detentions is 71 homes. Board consensus was to prevent homes from flooding while preserving green space for the community; therefore, other means must be found to achieve the goal of flood relief. Executive Director Rogers will reiterate the Board's stance on the issue at the next stormwater meeting on April 28, 2016.

Commissioner Spaeth recalled that originally there were 11 or 12 homes near East End Park that would be relieved of stormwater flooding, but since then the City has bought 5 of the homes. Building a stormwater detention on those properties can relieve flooding for surrounding homes in the area. The acquisition of those properties is a positive solution that does not involve the use of Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) property.

Executive Director Rogers summarized the Golden Meadows intergovernmental agreement provided to the Board in draft form. According to the agreement, the City will approach IDNR to allow for the District to deed the west portion of Golden Meadows to the City to build a stormwater basin, while the District seeks replacement property. The unknown is whether or not the District will find replacement property in close comparison (value, acreage, and recreational usefulness) to the existing space and acceptable to IDNR. If the Golden Meadows property is appraised at \$1 million, then the City would fund up to 1.5 times the value. If the only replacement property that the District can find costs \$3 million, the City would fund \$1.5 million dollars and the District would be responsible for the balance of \$1.5 million. Rogers reviewed other highlighted points in the IGA including the appraisal process, tree replacement, easements, escrow funds, approval of construction plans, environmental status, construction schedules, maintenance and repairs, and termination of contract.

Rogers also presented to the Board a flowchart proposing the re-sequencing of events in the IGA that need to take place in order to streamline and expedite the processes of approaching IDNR and completing the construction of the detention basin. The Board concurred with Rogers' suggestion that the City be permitted to conduct an environmental investigation before the IGA is signed. Commissioner Ubriaco stated that the District is always looking for ways to make the process move quicker.

## **NEW BUSINESS –**

### **Mower Replacement**

Commissioner Pelosi made a motion and Commissioner Ennis seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the purchase of two current model year Toro 6000 Series Z mowers as quoted through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract for a total cost of \$20,090.42. The Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioner Kies, Morrissette-Moll, Pelosi, Spaeth, Ennis, Graf, Ubriaco. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Contract Amendment for Executive Director Rogers**

Commissioner Pelosi made a motion and Commissioner Morrissette-Moll seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners approve an amendment to Executive Director Rogers' contract effective May 1, 2016 as follows (1) increase his annual compensation to \$168,300 and award a one-time bonus of \$7,800. The Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioner Morrissette-Moll, Pelosi, Spaeth, Ennis, Graf, Kies, Ubriaco. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER INFORMATION ITEMS –**

Commissioner Kies

- The prairie is looking great. The warmer weather has brought the animals back and the grass is growing again.

Commissioner Graf

- Prairie restoration is this Saturday April 16, 2016 from 9 a.m. to noon. Brush will be cleared and stumps pulled up.

Commissioner Ubriaco

- Attended a presentation with the Conservation Foundation sponsored by the Community Bank of Elmhurst at the Elmhurst Hospital. The presentation was well attended and very informative.

Commissioner Morrissette-Moll

- Conrad Fisher Student Council and Girl Scouts had a bake sale with proceeds going to the Playground for Everyone. Would like to invite the Girl Scouts to the next board meeting to present the check to the Park Board.

**Future Agenda** – No changes.

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Executive Director Rogers

- Reminded the Park Board of the IAPD Legislative Conference on May 3-4, 2016.
- The Finance and Audit Committee has been notified that the auditors are waiting for IMRF statements to meet the CAFR reporting requirements. IMRF will be issuing the statements later than anticipated thus delaying the audit presentation until May.
- RecTrac load testing occurred this morning. Staff and District consultants monitored the testing and were in constant communication with Vermont Systems while the test was taking place. Vermont Systems is working on putting together a report on the results of the test.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A motion to adjourn to Closed Session was made by Commissioner Pelosi and seconded by Commissioner Graf pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5) for the discussion of “the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District” at 8:45 p.m. The Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioner Kies, Morrissette-Moll, Pelosi, Spaeth, Ennis, Graf, and Ubriaco. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to open session at 9:34 p.m. Board President Ubriaco stated that the Board met in Closed Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5) for the discussion of “the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District.” No final action was taken at the meeting on matters discussed in closed session regarding real estate.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Spaeth moved to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. and Commissioner Pelosi seconded the motion. The Board adjourned by voice vote.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administrative Office Boardroom, 375 West First Street, Elmhurst, IL. Prior notice will be posted.

Note: Roll call voting will start with Commissioner Kies at the April 27, 2016 Park Board meeting.

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Carolyn Ubriaco, Board President

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Lindsay Metzler, Recording Secretary

Date Reviewed	
Date Approved	