

Elmhurst Park Board of Commissioners President, Carolyn Ubriaco

Statement on Stormwater – read at June 25, 2014 board meeting.

In August, 2013, the City of Elmhurst approached the Elmhurst Park District Board with very preliminary temporary stormwater detention concepts. With unanimous support, the Elmhurst Park Board approved the appointment of Commissioners Bob Howard and Vince Spaeth to the Stormwater Subcommittee. Over nearly the past year, Commissioners Howard and Spaeth have met regularly with their counterparts, Aldermen Jim Kennedy and Danee Polomsky, joined by respective staff members from both agencies including City Manager Jim Grabowski and Elmhurst Park District Executive Director Jim Rogers.

The Elmhurst Park Board unanimously approved hiring V3 Engineering to help speed our process and advance progress on the City of Elmhurst's desire to use parkland for temporary stormwater detention. V3 Engineering is providing expertise that was not contemplated in the Burke Engineering engagement with the City of Elmhurst; specifically, identifying what is necessary to preserve recreational features and uses while providing for temporary stormwater detention when needed.

The Elmhurst Park District board has not wavered in its support for the mutual efforts underway with the City of Elmhurst. We are motivated and anxious to contribute to effective sustainable stormwater methods because we believe it is in the community's best interest and the right thing to do.

Elmhurst Park District recreational lands diverted to stormwater detention are likely to be encumbered into perpetuity. You, the residents of the Elmhurst Park District are counting on us to make wise choices and to do the right things in the right way. Please support us in our park district mission and as we continue to work with the City of Elmhurst on theirs, i.e., providing stormwater management to residents.