

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ELMHURST PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 11, 2015
7:07 p.m.**

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Elmhurst Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at The Abbey, 407 W. St. Charles Road, Elmhurst, IL. Prior notice of the meeting was posted. The meeting was called to order by Board President Ubriaco at 7:07 p.m.

Board President Ubriaco announced that Commissioner Pelosi requested to attend the Board meeting via electronic means by telephone. Commissioner Morissette-Moll made a motion that Commissioner Pelosi be permitted to attend the February 11, 2015 regular meeting via electronic means in accordance with Board Policy 5.16. Commissioner Kies seconded the motion. The Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioners Howard, Kies, Kubiesa, Morissette-Moll, Spaeth, and Ubriaco. Nays: None. Motion passed unanimously. All voting conducted during the meeting was by roll call vote.

Present: Commissioners Howard, Kies, Kubiesa, Morissette-Moll, Spaeth, and Ubriaco
Commissioner Pelosi attended via electronic means by telephone
At 8:41 p.m., Commissioner Pelosi exited the meeting.
At 10:04 p.m., Commissioner Morissette-Moll exited the meeting.

Absent: None

Staff Present: James W. Rogers, Executive Director
Angela Ferrentino, Director of Parks & Facilities
Christi Jacobson, Director of Finance and Human Resources
Dave Kenny, Director of Information Technology
Brian McDermott, Director of Enterprise Services
Cindy Szkolka, Director of Recreation
Ginger Wade, Director of Marketing & Communications
Jerry Pask, Park Planner and Landscape Architect
Katie Frainey, Division Manager – Membership Services
E. Anne Scheppele, Division Manager – Facilities

Visitors: Andrew Paine, Tressler, LLP,

Michael Baker	437 E. Park	Kevin Graf	233 Cayuga
Mimi Black	432 E. Park	Mike Jasek	748 S. Washington
Michael Bram	700 Van Auken	Jim Kennedy	427 Barclay Court
Mike Buhrfiend	703 Washington	Graydon Megan	Chicago Tribune
Lucia Cegielski	194 Cayuga	Suzanne Prost	205 Cayuga
Ed Cegielski	194 Cayuga	Maggie Schultz	League of Women Voters
William Chu	273 Cayuga	Kathleen Sullivan	133 Pine
Peter Dabertin	177 E. Cayuga	Patti Vorel	273 E. Wilson
Susan Eget	232 E. Cayuga	Mark Vorel	273 E. Wilson
Chris Farrell	138 N. Avon Road	Shannon Watts	688 S. Euclid
Jim Grabowski	City of Elmhurst, City Manager	Sue Whitworth	League of Women Voters
		Martin Wilmat	219 Cayuga
		Roger Yahnke	

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Agenda item #7b January 28, 2015 Closed Meeting Minutes was pulled from the agenda for corrections.

REMARKS/CORRESPONDENCE FROM VISITORS

Board President Ubriaco read the following correspondence received by electronic mail.

Dear Park Board Commissioners:

Thank you for the time and effort you have devoted to the issue of the City's request for the use of Park District land for storm water detention. The easy way out would have been to take a path of least resistance and a rubber stamp the City's request. It is only through your leadership and resolve that Elmhurst residents have been given the true facts about the City of Elmhurst's storm water problems, the potential solutions, and the efficacy of those solutions.

Based on the information shared at past Park Board and City Council meetings, including at the last Park Board meeting, it is clear to us that in order to fix the significant storm water flooding problem faced by Elmhurst, a long term commitment to comprehensive infrastructure improvements is required by the city and its residents. In order for this to happen, the entire Elmhurst community must own the problem and own the solution.

Your consultant V3 demonstrated that infrastructure improvements, while expensive, are not significantly more costly than the City's proposal to dig up multiple park and school properties for detention. The fact that the infrastructure work will effectively mitigate storm water impact for substantially more Elmhurst residents (222 for infrastructure alone versus a quarter of that number on only two streets for only York East and West lobe detention), makes the need to prioritize infrastructure even more compelling. Given these facts, it is irresponsible not to do these upgrades, and the fact that we are here going on four years since the initial Burke Report is beyond disappointing.

Doing the West Lobe York Commons project and increasing the McKinley and Washington Street Sewers along with increased storage capacity:

- Will take the 222 homes that are currently flooding out of 100 year flood danger. (38 Crescent, 52 Washington, 87 Swain/Vallette, 45 Saylor/Jackson)
- Will drain water that collects at the corner of York and Cayuga.
- Will improve home values in SW Elmhurst
- Will allow the residents on Washington, Swain, Vallette, Saylor and Jackson to sleep through a large storm.
- Will not take away from the beauty and utility of our limited park space.
- Can be funded via bond money so the cost can be amortized over a 30 year period.

We request that you not revisit your prior decision regarding the East lobe of York Commons. If you do decide to revote, please include in any vote a requirement that the City of Elmhurst commit to completing the infrastructure upgrades to the McKinley and Washington sewers as well as building storage capacity (either along Salt Creek or by sharing the space already provided in the quarry) no later than February 2018.

If you decide to revote, we urge you not to allow for the use of the east lobe of York Commons for storm water detention based on the following considerations:

- (1) As stewards of precious and limited Park Space in Elmhurst, you must ensure that any handing over of any Park for use as a storm water detention facility be done as a matter of last resort and based on a compelling need.
- (2) Based on V3's analysis of the Burke Report and information provided by the City, use of the East lobe of York Commons for storm water detention clearly fails this test. Necessary and overdo infrastructure work is what will prevent flood prone areas of

Southwest Elmhurst from suffering further storm water flood events. Detention in the East Lobe of York Commons will not.
Thank you for your consideration,
Tim and Eileen Kennedy, Cayuga Street

Dear Park Board -

I am writing to you as I cannot attend the meeting tonight. Reason being, I have attended far too many endless and go-nowhere meetings that really have not gotten any of us closer to any resolution or action. I cannot physically sit in another one of those meetings.

I believe tonight, you will vote on the York Commons plan and I think we all know how you are going to vote.

Yes, infrastructure changes are more of a long term solution, however at a \$20 million price tag that will be pushed to tax payers, it will never happen...or if it does, it will be many many years down the road.

The EPD is providing a token agreement of the York Commons West and passing the rest of the responsibility onto the backs of the tax payers and city to fix.

If that is your choice, then please NO more discussion on this...you all need to ACT NOW. It has been 5 years of talking and meetings and open houses and presentations.JUST DO SOMETHING ALREADY. If the EPD will not give up both sides of York Commons, that is fine....then the city needs to move on and dig the one hole on the West lobe and try to start some small infrastructure changes in conjunction with the one detention pond.

Unfortunately, here we sit approaching the 5th rainy Spring and Summer season and still no real action has started from the 2010 and 2013 floods.

Elections are approaching and it might be a good time to elect people who can actually get stuff done besides meetings about meetings and votes to vote on passing something the next meeting or maybe the next meeting. We have seen enough presentations and cardboard designs...well all get it....what we now need is action from the City, EPD and School Board to help residents NOW and not another 5 years and multiple floods later.

Enough is enough, please vote and let's move away from the talking and onto actual action to help residents.

Kendra Thompson, 204 E. Crescent Ave, Elmhurst

Please vote yes on the use of both lobes at York Commons for flood relief. The residents of Washington need your help. Please help us out.
Thanks!

Andrew and Angela Ziola, 732 S Washington

Dear Park District Board,

Thank you for taking the time to read this tonight at the meeting and for all the work and time you have put into flood water mitigation.

I am disappointed to think you will likely stand by your decision to not include the East section of York Commons in the flood mitigation plans. I hope I am wrong. You have the opportunity to help 14 flood families in a timely fashion and you are turning them down.

Hearing you at the last meeting say, "I couldn't sleep at night knowing I could have helped 222 homes" is quite laughable if I'm being honest.

It is very easy and very obvious the park district is pretending to be the "good guy" in terms of the East section. YOU ARE NOT the ones doing the work. Instead, you are pushing it back to the city to help those houses. The city may or may not fix infrastructure, where costs will be well above \$20 million dollars. Residents are not going to be happy about a tax increase to cover the enormous cost, especially those who don't flood.

It may not have been "your problem" to begin with, but the city has come to you. I truly appreciate that you have agreed to help at all, but I ask that you do all you can to continue to help in every capacity. If you stand by your vote and decide against the East section and those 14 homes flood this year or next...will that keep you up at night as well?

We all want the same thing, relief from the rains that will continue in Elmhurst. Personally I don't care how help comes, but spending more time waiting around, getting permits, and making plans to change infrastructure will take years. During that time houses will continue to flood and lives will continue to be ruined.

If the park district feels so strongly that infrastructure is the best option, is there a reason you can't agree to do BOTH the West section and East section to give the most immediate relief AND ask the city to make changes to infrastructure as well? Help those 14 families sleep at night during a storm, like we all know you will.

Tracy Fleischer
736 S. Washington

This is Queena Chu at 273 E Cayuga Ave.

Elmhurst Park District Board, THANK you for all your work and time to summarize the information from the City in their request to you to reconsider your decision for York Commons, in terms of benefit VS cost and always being transparent and making the information available to all Elmhurst residents.

I listened to the last meeting discussion to whether use of the east lobe of York Commons will solve the stormwater issues which affect ALL of Elmhurst.

It seems using the east lobe and sacrificing additional park land provides very limited benefits to our neighbors on Washington, Vallette and beyond. For this reason, I along with many of my neighbors on Cayuga (and as should our neighbors living on other streets) have always asked the question of why the City is so focused on a solution where it only benefits a small percentage of residents when the best long term solution is to spend the necessary money and time to correct the problems such as the infrastructure so it best helps ALL of Elmhurst residents.

I believe the Park District has worked to achieve the best balance in being part of the solution to help the City with storm water management and at the same time not forget your mission to maintain the parks and provide programs for all residents to enjoy given the limited amount of green space that we have in Elmhurst.

From the reports by Burke Engineering and confirmed by V3 Engineering, the detention ponds will NOT SOLVE ALL of Elmhurst's flooding problems, though it has been what the City has focused on. It is time NOW for Elmhurst residents to ask the City, what other strategic plans does the City have in place to fix the overall flooding problems since the detention ponds will only aid a small percentage of residents. Are there plans to improve

the infrastructure?

I believe any money invested by the City, even IF additional money and time is required for the best solution to solve stormwater issues MUST provide maximum benefit for all Elmhurst residents.

Queena Chu, 273 E Cayuga Ave.

Mike Buhrfiend, 703 Washington

Stated that the 8 inch alleviation in flooding proposed by using the east lobe of York Commons can make a difference for his home. He asked the Park Board to allow the use of the east lobe and request the City to return park space back to the Park District after infrastructure improvements have been made.

William Chu, 273 E. Cayuga

Asked the Park Board to remain firm on their decision to not allow the east lobe of York Commons Park be used for stormwater detention as very limited benefit can be gained to relieve residents who flood. The detention basin will not be a lasting solution.

Mike Jasek, 748 S. Washington

Supports the use of the east lobe of York Commons for stormwater detention.

Sue Whitworth, League of Women Voters

Introduced Elmhurst College student, Maggie Schultz, as the new reporter for the League of Women Voters' *Observer Report*.

Mimi Black, 275 E. Cayuga

Thanked the Board for being wise stewards of parks. V3's presentation was a compelling case for improving infrastructure for McKinley and Washington streets.

Peter Dabertin, 177 E. Cayuga

Supported the Park Board's decision to use the east lobe of York Commons Park as the parks are a valuable asset to the community.

Kevin Graf, 233 Cayuga

The Park and School District have separate missions, neither include public works, which is the responsibility of the City. The City cannot expect the detention basins to solve all areas; only improved infrastructure can help residents' flooding. Park resources should be protected.

Susan Eget, 232 Cayuga

Stressed the need for infrastructure improvements to help all residents who flood. Supports equitable flooding relief.

Shannon Watts, 688 S. Euclid

Asked the Park Board to move forward with the York Commons detention basin and ensure the installation of a shut-off valve as part of the plan. Requested the Park Board pressure the City to do the right thing with infrastructure improvements to help homes that flood.

Kathleen Sullivan, 133 Pine

Spoke in support of Golden Meadows Park for stormwater detention and preferred the use of the east lobe at York Commons Park as 8 inches of water can make a difference to a home threatened by flooding. Asked the Park Board not to discount York Commons Park's east lobe for detention because the 8 inch differential can equate to water in the yard or in the basement of a home.

Chris Ferrell, 138 N. Avon Road

In support of stormwater detention as short-term fixes. Stated that as a coach, his teams have played in many ball fields that also served as detention basins. Many times it was not evident that the fields were stormwater basins.

Public Comment Time Extension: During his public comment, Jim Kennedy's time elapsed the three minutes allowed at which time Commissioner Howard made a motion that the Board extend his time. Commissioner Morissette-Moll seconded the motion. The Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioners Kubiesa, Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Howard, and Ubriaco. Nays: Commissioners Kies, Spaeth. Motion passed 4 to 2 to extend Jim Kennedy's allotted public comment an additional three minutes.

Jim Kennedy, City of Elmhurst, 6th Ward Alderman

Spoke in support of stormwater detention basins in the parks. As a longtime Elmhurst resident, who has lived through several flood events, stated he was able to give a uniquely qualified view of what was going on from the city and county's perspective. He stated he was very familiar with Elmhurst parks and questioned the Park Board as to when was the last time they visited or used the parks to evaluate the ball fields playability. As a longtime coach, his teams have played in detention basins that were very playable. The proposed stormwater detention basin project will improve the amenities, access and playing facilities of the Park District far beyond what they are today. Stated that the fields at East End and York Commons parks are largely unchanged from the time he played as a little leaguer several years ago in 5th grade. The fields were not great then and not much better today. If the Park Board spoke to others, they would say the same. Stated that as an elected body, the Park Board is missing out an opportunity to improve playability. The City has received criticism for five City projects totaling \$15 million. Those projects were chosen because they were the most good for most people. Five projects for \$15 million is better than one project for \$15 million. The City continues to look into infrastructure improvements, but the detention basins will expedite solving flooding issues. The City has done a lot to relieve flooding. In 1987, \$20 million was spent to build a levy to protect southwest Elmhurst from flooding. The City is working with DuPage County for use of the quarry for flood relief to the "tree streets." Stormwater infrastructure improvements will require more time and coordination. The York Commons Park east lobe is the most good for the most amount of people for the best available cost. The City looks forward to working with the Park District going forward.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Gateway – February 12, 2015

PEP – February 19, 2015

Sugar Creek Golf Course – February 24, 2015

Elmhurst Art Museum – February 25, 2015

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Spaeth made a motion for the Board to approve the Consent Agenda of February 11, 2015. Commissioner Kies seconded the motion. The Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioners Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Spaeth, Howard, Kies, Kubiesa, and Ubriaco. Nays: None. Motion passed unanimously.

It should be noted that the following items were approved on the Consent Agenda: January 28, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes and Voucher Lists for: 02/06/15 - \$39,163.60 and 01/30/15 - \$223,681.76.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (OLD) –

Stormwater Management Discussion

Commissioner Spaeth made a motion that the Board of Park Commissioners maintains its current position in regard to the use of York Commons Park for stormwater as communicated in writing to the City of Elmhurst on October 29, 2014. Commissioner Kies seconded the motion.

Commissioner Howard stated the use of the east lobe of York Commons Park is the right thing to do as 8 inches of stormwater is a huge difference for a home threatened by flooding. Commissioner Kubiesa said the large homes built in the City should never have been allowed as they have contributed to the stormwater issue; improved infrastructure is the solution. Commissioner Kubiesa made a motion that the Park Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Elmhurst that is consistent with the general terms 1 and 2 but that is contingent upon conditions A and B as listed. (1) Usage of the east lobe of York Commons Park for no more than 12 acre feet of water retention; consistent with the Board's current 3-part standard (2) such other terms and conditions as the Executive Director deem reasonable and necessary to carry out the intent of this motion; and the conditions are (A) The City of Elmhurst shall seek voter approval with a referendum which approves the issuance of General Obligation Bonds or issue bonds through their home rule authority to finance stormwater infrastructure improvements for the entire City of Elmhurst system; and (B) The people/residents of Elmhurst shall approve a referendum question which asks whether any future Elmhurst parks should be permanently modified to assist the City with stormwater retention. Commissioner Morissette-Moll seconded the motion.

Commissioner Spaeth stated that all decisions made by the Park Board were based on data collected from Burke Engineering's reports and analyzed by V3. The York Commons Park west lobe proposes to provide relief for 38 homes while the east lobe provides a small benefit to that area; whereas improved infrastructure could provide relief for 222 homes. The cost of the project over the course of 7 years is approximately \$22 million. The park district is not causing the City's expenditures to escalate, that was the cost from the beginning. The City should not delay on seeking approvals for infrastructure improvements. The improvements will increase EAV and property values.

Commissioner Moll spoke in support of improved infrastructure. Commissioner Howard stated that the Board owes it to residents to pose the question through a referendum. Originally, the detention basins were described as pilot projects. The west lobe is a good and legitimate pilot area to see how the detention functions. The Park District can ask the City to go to referendum but that is something that the City needs to determine for themselves as that is their core responsibility. Board President Ubriaco requested Commissioner Spaeth provide a clear explanation/comparison as to the impact of the infrastructure costs to the detention basin. Commissioner Spaeth explained that the Stormwater Subcommittee requested the City provide an estimate of additional costs incurred should the east lobe not be used for stormwater detention. The information was peer reviewed by V3 Engineering. V3's peer review revealed that the east lobe provided very little benefit to homes in that area to compel the Park Board to allow use of the east lobe. V3 engineer Greg Wolterstorff stated that the east lobe's 8 inch lowering would remove 14 homes out of the flood plain but with the potential of 7 to 8 feet of water still in the basement. The difference is a matter of how much rain falls over a given period of time.

Commissioner Howard stated that the east lobe was not thoroughly discussed by the Board. Commissioner Pelosi stated that he stands by his vote. Commissioner Kubiesa said that the Board never voted on the east lobe.

Board President Ubriaco called to question Commissioner Kubiesa's motion by roll call vote: Ayes: Commissioners Howard, Kubiesa, Morissette-Moll, and Ubriaco. Nays: Commissioners Pelosi, Spaeth, and Kies. Motion passed to vote on Commissioner Kubiesa motion as stated that the Board of Park Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Elmhurst that is consistent with the general terms 1 and 2 but that is contingent upon conditions A and B as listed. (1) Usage of the east lobe of York Commons Park for no more than 12 acre feet of water retention; consistent with the Board's current 3-part standard (2) such other terms and conditions as the Executive Director deems reasonable and necessary to carry out the intent of this motion; and the conditions are (A) The City of Elmhurst shall seek voter approval with a referendum which approves the issuance of General Obligation Bonds or issue bonds through their home rule authority to finance stormwater infrastructure improvements for the entire City of Elmhurst system; and (B) The people/residents of Elmhurst shall approve a referendum question which asks whether any future Elmhurst parks should be permanently modified to assist the City with stormwater retention. Ayes: Commissioners Howard, Kubiesa, and Morissette-Moll. Nays: Commissioners Spaeth, Kies, Pelosi, and Ubriaco. Motion failed with 4 nays and 3 ayes.

Commissioner Spaeth called to question his motion. Commissioner Kies seconded the call to vote. The Board was polled for the call to question. Ayes: Commissioners Spaeth, Howard, Kies, Kubiesa, Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, and Ubriaco. Nays: None. Motion passed to call to question Commissioner Spaeth's motion that the Board of Park Commissioners maintains its current position in regard to the use of York Commons Park for stormwater as communicated in writing to the City of Elmhurst on October 29, 2014. The Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioners Pelosi, Spaeth, Kies, and Ubriaco. Nays: Commissioners Howard, Kubiesa, and Morissette-Moll. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 3 nays.

Commissioner Kubiesa added that she would like the Park Board to seek assurance in writing from the City that infrastructure improvements will be completed. Commissioner Kies stated that it is not within the Park Board's realm to seek assurance from the City. Commissioner Morissette-Moll stated that she would not want the Park Board to continue to relinquish precious parkland unless the City has presented a referendum to remediate completing infrastructure improvements. Executive Director Rogers reminded the Board that the letter sent to the City on October 29, 2014 requested a commitment from the City to improve infrastructure; the challenge is that the Park Board does not have authority over the City. Commissioner Kubiesa suggested that the Park Board eliminate the City's portion of her proposed request because, in good faith, the Park Board has not received a response from the City yet, but would like the Park Board to address the idea of a referendum that would be under control of the park district pertaining to use of park district land.

At 8:41 p.m., Commissioner Pelosi exited the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS –

Pick Subdivision Park District - Potential Consideration

Executive Director Rogers explained that Park Commissioners of the Pick Subdivision Park District (PSPD) approached staff to discuss the possibility of consolidation with the Elmhurst Park District. Executive Director Rogers summarized PSPD's features including governing body, number of homes served, current tax rate, and PSPD households using District services at the non-resident rate. PSPD does not have any employees, park property, physical assets or current liabilities. PSPD has solicited its residents' attendance to their Park Board meeting on February 16, 2015 to gather resident opinion on the proposed consolidation. District attorney, Andrew Paine stated that the IL Park District Code provides four different provisions, with varying degrees of complexity, to consolidate park districts. The first involves 5% of the registered voters in each District filing petitions for the question of the EPD annexing PSPD requiring a majority vote in each district. The second and third options involve two similar, yet distinct, methods for the owners of record of land within the PSPD to sign a petition for disconnection that would then have to either be 1) voted on by the PSPD Board or 2) approved by the DuPage County Circuit Court. The fourth option involves a consolidation of the two park districts through adoption of an ordinance by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of each board that would designate the EPD as the surviving district to succeed all rights and obligations of the PSPD. The Board discussed the advantages of adding this section of homes, already within city limits, to the Elmhurst Park District. Commissioner Howard asked what the disadvantages were to the proposed consolidation. No disadvantages to the Elmhurst Park District were apparent. Board President Ubriaco stated that she received public comment regarding concern of the increased tax rate for PSPD residents from \$16 to \$279 annually due to the consolidation. Board consensus was for Executive Director Rogers to attend the PSPD meeting and update the Park Board.

Registration Software Purchase - Vermont Systems

Commissioner Morissette-Moll made a motion that the Board of Park Commissioners approves the budgeted purchase of Vermont Systems Rec Trac Recreation Management software and implementation not to exceed \$77,582 and authorizes the Executive Director to execute said contract to that effect. Commissioner Kubiesa seconded the motion. Director of Finance and Human Resources Jacobson stated that the District's current registration software will no longer be supported as of December 31, 2017. Staff's research of registration software options determined that Vermont Systems would be the best fit for the District due to its capabilities. As there was no further discussion, the Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioners Howard, Kies, Kubiesa, Morissette-Moll, Spaeth, and Ubriaco. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2015 Seal Coating and Striping Project Bid

Commissioner Spaeth made a motion that the Board of Park Commissioners (1) accepts the base bid of \$19,104.44 (2) accepts Alternate #1 through #4 for an additional \$8,388.32, (3) rejects Alternate #5, and (4) authorizes the Executive Director to execute said contract in the total amount of \$27,492.76 to Pavement Systems, Inc., of Blue Island, IL. Commissioner Morissette-Moll seconded the motion. Landscape Architect Pask gave a briefing on the scope of the project including the seal coating and striping of parking lots and asphalt pathway in various parks throughout the Park District. There being no further discussion, the Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioners Kies, Kubiesa, Morissette-Moll, Spaeth, Howard, and Ubriaco. Nays: none. Motion carried.

2015 Paving Project

Commissioner Morissette-Moll made a motion that the Board of Park Commissioners (1) accepts the base bid of \$49,327; (2) accepts Alternates #1, #2, and #3 for an additional \$26,072.50; and (3) authorizes the Executive Director to execute said contract for the total amount of \$75,399.50 to Professional Paving and Concrete Co., Inc. of Glen Ellyn, IL. Commissioner Kies seconded the motion. Landscape Architect Pask explained that the scope of the project includes the resurfacing of the deteriorating west parking lot at The Abbey and pathways to remediate ADA issues at Berens Park Hub paths. As there was no further discussion, the Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioners Kubiesa, Morissette-Moll, Spaeth, Howard, Kies, and Ubriaco. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Program and Service Report: Enterprise Services Department Financial Status Update

Executive Director Rogers stated that the Enterprise Services report will provide the Board with an overview of changes required to meet business demands, challenges, and opportunities. Director of Enterprise Services McDermott noted past and future challenges facing Enterprise Services including subsidizing the concession operations, which has now been eliminated and moved to the District's Facilities Department, loss of rental income from Elmhurst Memorial Hospital's physical therapy, loan to Sugar Creek Golf Course (approximately \$1 million), increased competition, specifically LA Fitness, in near future, and slow recession recovery. McDermott explained strategies to address the challenges including negotiating with the Village of Villa Park concerning the Sugar Creek Golf Course debt, reviewing Courts Plus' fee structure, reclassifying \$1,348,125 from the General Fund's Cash & Investments to Enterprise Services for the receivable on the golf course debt, acknowledging that the PARC grant will not be awarded and the proposed expansion will not proceed at the present time, the elimination of the one full-time position, contracting a business plan consultant, and proposing the hiring of a salesperson to increase memberships. The Board provided consensus to the projected expenditure for the hiring of a full-time sales position at Courts Plus.

COMMISSIONER INFORMATION ITEMS – None

Future Agenda –
None.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director – Rogers

- District offices will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2015 in observance of Presidents’ Day.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion to adjourn to Closed Session was made by Commissioner Spaeth pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for the “appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body” at 10:04 p.m. Commissioner Kies seconded the motion. The Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioners Spaeth, Howard, Kies, Kubiesa, Morissette-Moll, and Ubriaco. Nays: None. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:04 p.m., Commissioner Morissette-Moll exited the meeting.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 10:14 p.m. Board President Ubriaco stated that the Board met in Closed Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for the “appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.” No final action was taken at the meeting on matters that were discussed in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Spaeth moved to adjourn at 10:14 p.m. and Commissioner Kies seconded the motion. The Board was polled. Ayes: Spaeth, Howard, Kies, Kubiesa, and Ubriaco. The Board adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 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 Pelosi at the February 25, 2015 Park Board meeting.

Carolyn Ubriaco, Board President

Nimfa S. Melesio, Recording Secretary

Date Reviewed	
Date Approved	