

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ELMHURST PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 4, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Elmhurst Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 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 7:00 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
David Kenny, Director of Information Technology
Brian McDermott, Director of Enterprise Services
Ginger Wade, Director of Marketing & Communications
Laura Guttman, Special Projects Coordinator
Julie Bruns – Division Manager – Human Resources & Risk Management
Stephanie Fester, Program Manager – Athletics & Environment
Dan Payne, Division Manager – Parks
E. Anne Scheppele, Division Manager- Facilities
Greg Utaski – Enterprise Services Division Manager – Facilities & Grounds

Visitors: Lance Adeszko, 452 E. Adams
Mary Carollo, 199 Schiller
Ellen Crotser, 148 S. Linden
Gina Marie Deleonardis, 819 Hillcrest
Georgia Dolan, 861 Hillcrest
Deb Norris, 861 Hillcrest
Kathleen Sullivan

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Agenda Item #6a *Stormwater Subcommittee* was combined with #9a (1) *Stormwater Management Discussion*.

REMARKS/CORRESPONDENCE FROM VISITORS –

Board President Ubriaco introduced the Elmhurst Garden Club officers present at the meeting. The Chairman of the Elmhurst Garden Walk & Faire, Mary Corollo, presented the District with a donation check for \$4,500 for camp program scholarships, the Playground for Everyone, and the Monarch Butterfly Waystation. Donation funds were generated from the Garden Club’s 2015 Annual Garden Walk, currently in its 20th year. The Board thanked the garden club for their generous donation. Photographs were taken with Park Board Commissioners and the Elmhurst Garden Club officers.

Lance Adeszko

Thanked the Park Board for their service, time and patience in hearing public comments regarding the proposed basketball court in the Butterfield Park renovation project. Requested the Park Board include on the agenda for the next board meeting the discussion and vote to exclude the basketball court in the Butterfield Park renovation project.

Kathleen Sullivan

Asked if the City has received from the Park District all of the documentation it needs regarding the IL Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR) restrictions. Would the Park District consider accepting a land value reimbursement or would it expect reimbursement for every square foot. Property behind houses do not have the same amount of value nor does it serve recreational purposes. The Park District would benefit from detention basins within the park because of marshy spots within East End Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Lizzadro Museum – November 5, 2015

PEP – November 19, 2015

Gateway – November 12, 2015

Sugar Creek Golf Course – November 25, 2015

Stormwater Subcommittee – November 12, 2015

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Kies made a motion for the Board to approve the Consent Agenda of November 4, 2015. Commissioner Pelosi seconded the motion. The Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioners Kies, Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Spaeth, Ennis, Graf, and Ubriaco. Nays: None. Motion passed unanimously.

It should be noted that the following items were approved on the Consent Agenda: Voucher Lists 10/30/15 - \$166,363.07 and Non Accounts Payable Disbursements: 10/26/15 - \$71,335, 10/27/15 - \$376,900.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (OLD) –

Stormwater Management

The Park Board stormwater subcommittee met with the City on October 29, 2015. There were 11 residents in attendance with 6 providing public comment. The two remaining unresolved issues are the inclusion of all five park sites and the level of compensation for the parkland. In an attempt to resolve these issues, the subcommittee proposed to the City, using an appraisal process consistent with IDNR to pay the Park District the fair market value of the property or the cost of replacement acreage, whichever is greater. The City indicated that the District will receive a response prior to the next stormwater committee meeting on November 12.

The City proposed replacing trees on a “1 for 1” basis, after evaluating quality. The District agreed with this adding that it may choose to forego tree replacement for cash replacement value instead for some or all of the replacement trees. The City countered with the District providing a list of

desired tree species and the City purchasing and installing the tree replacements in the future at park locations to be determined by the District. The subcommittee requested the counterproposal be placed in writing.

Per the City's request to provide copies of all grant documentation, staff began scanning the materials to fulfill their request. On Tuesday morning, the District received a formal FOIA request from the City's attorney.

In response to Commissioner Pelosi's inquiry about the exchange of land recently purchased by the City to satisfy IDNR's requirement of replacement property, Executive Director Rogers stated that IDNR generally does not allow the exchange of publicly owned land. The Board discussed the possibility of IDNR accepting the exception as IDNR did state that they will consider all proposals. Completing the IGA master document with all five sites as stated in the District's latest proposal, the District can move forward in approaching IDNR for considerations. Board President Ubriaco stated that the District's agreement to accept replacement cost is a very generous offer.

NEW BUSINESS –

2016 Proposed Budget: Capital and Debt Presentation

The presentation of the proposed 2016 Capital and Debt budget and 2016-25 Long-range Capital Plan along with the proposed debt service in advance of the Budget Hearing, scheduled for November 18, 2015, provides an opportunity for the Board to review and discuss before final approval. Staff gave a slideshow presentation covering the process in developing the Capital budget, impact of proposed projects to the Operation Budget, funding sources for the projects, an overview of each project, and a Debt Service overview. The 2016 Capital Budget is \$4,143,427 with the Butterfield Park renovation costing \$2.4 million. Other major projects include: \$380,227 for Facility Improvements, \$461,650 for Park Improvements, \$57,000 for Information Technology, \$200,000 for Vehicle and Equipment Replacement, \$491,550 for Enterprise Services Projects, \$24,000 for Sugar Creek Golf Course Projects, and \$75,000 in the Contingency Fund. The operating budget will be presented to the Park Board on November 18.

Review of Draft Indoor Sports Facility Market/Feasibility Study Request for Proposal

The Board reviewed and discussed a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit qualified firms to complete a market and feasibility study for an indoor sports facility in Elmhurst. The initiative is in cooperation with the City of Elmhurst with the Park District taking the lead on the project. Both parties will share the cost of hiring a firm. The City's Development, Planning and Zoning Committee is expected to review the draft RFP at its November 9 meeting. After a thorough review of submitted RFPs by staff of both parties, a short list of qualified firms will make a presentation to the staff of both agencies. Staff will then make a recommendation to the Park Board and City Council for approval. Board President Ubriaco first proposed the District to consider an indoor sports/aquatics facility in 2014.

COMMISSIONER INFORMATION ITEMS –

Commissioner Ennis

- Thanked staff for helping at the November 2, 2015 Special Board meeting. Especially thanked Director of Parks and Facilities Ferrentino.

Commissioner Ubriaco

- Along with Commissioner Kies, attended the IAPD Legal Symposium that presented important information in keeping the District abreast of ever-changing laws.

Commissioner Kies

- Agreed that the IAPD Legal Symposium provided valuable information.

Commissioner Graf

- Reminded the Board that Veterans Day is next Wednesday.

Future Agenda –

In response to Commissioner Kies' request that the Policy Committee meet to discuss how the Board handles correspondence from visitors and award nominations, Executive Director Rogers stated that he will review the schedule for a meeting.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director - Rogers

- The Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony will be held next Wednesday, November 11 at 10:30 a.m.
In cooperation with the City, the Vietnam Memorial was refurbished and will be rededicated during the ceremony.
- Will attend the City's Development, Planning and Zoning Committee meeting on November 9 and the TIF Joint meeting on the same evening.

Board Recess

The Board recessed at 9:45 p.m. and returned at 9:50 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion to adjourn to Closed Session was made 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" and pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6) for the discussion of "the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body" at 9:52 p.m. Commissioner Kies seconded the motion. The Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioners Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Ennis, Graf, Kies, Spaeth, and Ubriaco. Nays: None. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 9:57 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" and pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6) for the discussion of "the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by 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 Graf moved to adjourn at 9:57 p.m. and Commissioner Ennis seconded the motion. The Board adjourned by voice vote.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 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 Morissette-Moll at the November 18, 2015 Park Board meeting.

Carolyn Ubriaco, Board President

Nimfa S. Melesio, Recording Secretary

Date Reviewed	
Date Approved	