

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

**August 27, 2014**

**7:00 p.m.**

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Elmhurst Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at the Administrative Office, 375 W. 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 Howard, Kies, Kubiesa, Pelosi, Spaeth, and Ubriaco  
Commissioner Morissette-Moll arrived at 8:10 p.m.

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** James W. Rogers, Executive Director  
Angela Ferrentino, Director of Parks & Facilities  
Dave Kenny, Director of Information Technology  
Brian McDermott, Director of Enterprise Services  
Ginger Wade, Director of Marketing & Communications  
Julie Bruns, Division Manager – Human Resources & Risk Management  
Barbara Stembridge, Division Manager – Finance  
Laura Guttman, Special Projects Coordinator  
Amy Srail, Program Manager – Active Adults & Trips

**Visitors:** Greg Wolterstorff, V3 Engineering  
Tracy Fleischer, 736 S. Washington, Elmhurst  
Kevin Graf, 233 Cayuga, Elmhurst  
Cheryl Jasek, 748 S. Washington, Elmhurst  
Frank J. Lech, 306 N. Geneva, Elmhurst  
Candace A. Lech, 306 N. Geneva, Elmhurst  
David Reginelli, 129 Pine, Elmhurst  
Kathleen Sullivan, 133 Pine, Elmhurst  
Adam Tomczynski, 680 S. Euclid, Elmhurst  
Tim Kennedy, 184 E. Cayuga, Elmhurst

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA**

Board President Ubriaco stated that agenda item #6d *Stormwater Subcommittee* report will be moved to item #9a (1) and that the *Stormwater Management Discussion* would follow.

**REMARKS/CORRESPONDENCE FROM VISITORS**

Board President Ubriaco read the following email correspondence addressed to the Park Board.

August 13, 2014

Elmhurst Park District  
375 W. First St.  
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Subject: Personnel Conduct

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I frequently walk my dog in Wilder Park between the hours of 8:00am and 10:00am. Park District personnel are often mowing the lawn at this time.

I want to compliment them and you on the fact that, without fail, they stop mowing when they approach or are approached by a pedestrian who is using the paved pathways. This is an excellent safety measure and speaks well of your organization.

Very truly yours.

Jerome Guill  
805 Michigan St.  
Elmhurst, IL 60126

**From:** Megan Corrigan [corrigan.megan@gmail.com]  
**To:** Carolyn Ubriaco; Vince Spaeth; Bob Howard  
**Subject:** Concern: York Commons Storm Water Detention Pond

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 05, 2014 11:13 AM

Ms. Ubriaco, Mr. Spaeth, and Mr. Howard-

I am writing to you today as a concerned citizen of Elmhurst. I live at 170 E. Cayuga and am aware that the city will be asking the Park District to utilize York Commons as a storm water detention facility. There are many reasons why this request concerns me.

First, this area backs up to many residential houses and the plans include the a detention facility within feet of the property lines. Not only is this unsafe on many levels, but there is no promise that this detention facility will not overflow into the backyards and basements of myself and my neighbors. Furthermore, having a basin of standing water for days is unsafe for our children. There have been countless reports of children drowning in detention and retention facilities in Illinois and other states. By funneling water from one flood-stricken area to another does not make sense, especially when it poses risks to our community.

Second, this project has been compared to Washington Park in Downers Grove. Even though they renovated a park to contain a detention facility, this park is NOT comparable to York Commons. This park has streets on all sides, not homes as York Commons does. Furthermore, this detention facility did overflow in 2013. Again, if the proposed York Commons facility overflows, it will overflow into our homes. We cannot compare this project to our own.

Third, there are other alternatives. The City Council stated that very clearly at the meeting last night. They stated that the York Commons option was one of the most cost effective, but not the only option. I am concerned that we, as a city, are willing to spend less to mitigate a problem and

potentially create another problem. Is the Park District willing to take the financial burden if this detention facility overflows into our basements? I do not feel it is right to move forward with a plan that could be detrimental to many residents on Cayuga.

I urge you to take extreme caution when voting to allow the city to use York Commons as a detention facility. Not only for the reasons listed above, but the fact that Elmhurst thrives on the little open space we have. Turning our beautiful parks into detention facilities and tearing out areas for our children to run, play, and explore defeats the purpose of what we stand for as a community.

As a mother, neighbor, and community member of Elmhurst, I ask that you please do not allow the city to utilize York Commons as a detention facility. I would be happy to discuss any of this information further should you have any questions.

Respectfully. Megan Corrigan  
170 E. Cayuga

### **Remarks from visitors:**

David Reginelli, 129 Pine

Flooded again on August 21, 2014 similar to the August 2010 rain event. Last week's rainfall was reportedly less rainfall than the August 2010 event proving that the flooding problem is getting worse. Informed of the City of Elmhurst's formal request addressed to the Park Board to approve the use of Park District property for stormwater detention. Hopes there is more conversation between the two entities and that the City's request is approved by the Park Board with reasonable requirements. Burke, as a private company, will be accountable for a mistake unlike the rest of this process. Burke will address Cayuga residents' concerns. Thanked the Board and asked for the approval of the use of Park District property for stormwater detention.

Kevin Graf, 233 E. Cayuga

Cayuga residents are not opposed to the City of Elmhurst, Park District, and School District addressing flooding issues. Many of the Cayuga residents flood as well, so much so that residents have moved from Cayuga because of flooding. Conducted research, read materials presented, asked questions, and attended City Council, Park District, and School District meetings to better understand what Elmhurst is doing to solve residents' flooding issues. In every meeting, advocated for the flooding situation to be resolved without band-aid solutions that will only help a certain amount of residents in a certain pocket of the City. Concern for a gravity-driven detention basin holding millions of gallons of water with no shut-off mechanism only feet from Cayuga homes. A 10-acre foot basin equates to over 3.25 million gallons of water just 40 feet from my home. Question who in their right mind would want that amount of water so close to their home? My home is a two bedroom one story ranch house with no space to store my items should it flood. The proposed detention basin for York Commons will only serve a 100-year storm. The City nor Burke has addressed what will happen when there is another 150-year storm or 500-year storm as in 2010. Where will all that extra water go? In backyards? In homes? Will it go to an already flooded sewer at York and Cayuga and keep flowing east or west toward Euclid, Washington and beyond? Will Crescent also still flood? How does that help any of us? The basin is not designed for my home. It is designed to take water from other areas and put it right next to my backyard. Not to mention that it will not be a beautiful park for my view but rather a barren wasteland gulley. Putting a detention basin in a landlocked area adjacent to many homes with one small exit

is negligent. I do not think Cayuga residents are wrong in being extremely concerned about the impact the detention basin will have on Cayuga and surrounding areas. In fact, I think it would be irresponsible if we all did not question the plan. The original Burke plan did not have a spillway and still does not have a plan of where the overflow will go. Not planning a spillway for a detention basin is like fighting a fire without water. No one wants to knowingly put their home or their family in harm's way. Just as others are trying to protect their home and family, I am doing the same. Elmhurst has an antiquated storm sewer system that needs upgrading. The problem needs to be fixed with a long-term solution so we, as a community, can stop worrying every time it rains. The detention basin is not the magic solution that so many have been led to believe. Thank you.

Kathleen Sullivan, 133 Pine Street

I live next door to David Reginelli, who I think stated very well much of Pine Street residents' concerns based on last weekend's rainfall event. We were fortunate that some of the flood prevention mechanisms we added over the years reduced our impact. Safety has been second to protecting our home because we serve as a detention basin for the City of Elmhurst. We were waist deep in our yard in last week's rain event. Flooding is a devastating experience. The plan for Golden Meadows is definitely one that I endorse and look forward to hearing an update and comments on what was received from the City since the last meeting because I know there has been some action since then, which I appreciate. I have also sought results from the City as well as the Park District. Thank you.

Cheryl Jasek, 748 S. Washington

Thank you all for the wonderful summer the Park District has given us. My children have enjoyed many programs with the Park District, but what quickly erodes the memory we are making this summer is this constant worry and fear of flooding. We are up all night when it is raining making sure everything is fine. It is devastating when the floods happen. The reaction from community residents affected by last week's storm is 'Forget it. I'm out. I'm leaving Elmhurst. I can't take this anymore.' They want to leave, which means they will not be able to enjoy our parks and wonderful community that we have. When they leave, all of our property values are going to drop because we will not be able to sell their homes because we are known for the community that floods. When property values drop, the revenues for the Park District drop and the wonderful programs that you are able to create for us start to decrease and you can't serve the community that stays here. Then suddenly the parks are not such a wonderful place to go because we can't do as much as we used to do. This is a big problem. It does affect the whole community; I know you understand that and know you have been working very hard on helping to find a solution. I appreciate it. Maybe we can see this through. Thank you.

Tracy Fleischer, 736 S. Washington

Thank you for everything you have done to date in working diligently on stormwater management. I am looking forward to hearing the progress that has been made since the formal request has been given and am hoping to find out new information on what has been going on. Thank you to all three entities that have been working on this. There is a lot of discussion going on through the social media site Facebook. The Park District has been an open book especially with the one-stop webpage of stormwater information, which no one else has been willing to do. You have been very forthcoming with information and open. Thank you. Residents have misconceptions and are pointing blame as to who is doing what or not doing. A question and answer meeting would be very helpful if it were to occur especially with all three bodies together.

Thank you for everything you have done. Thank you for posting everything and being such an open book. I look forward when the time comes we can count on you to help the people who are flooding. Thank you again.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Elmhurst Art Museum - Ubriaco**

- The Museum is working hard on financial development, raising funds, and developing additional board members.
- Undergoing a search for a new executive director to replace Phyllis O'Neill, who will be leaving after Thanksgiving.
- The Museum will host a Mid-Century Modern Roadshow on Saturday, November 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. Residents can bring their mid-century treasures to the Art Museum to gain more information about the item and maybe an appraisal from experts on-hand.

### **Sugar Creek Golf Course - Rogers**

- Prior to the meeting, the Board was invited to an optional tour of the golf course, the maintenance facility, and to view some of the changes along the banks of the creek. It was time well spent.
- The course was closed the five rain days in August resulting in reduced rounds played. This is a significant difference compared to August 2013, which had only one rain day. Some increased fee changes made over the past year have balanced out the loss of rounds on weekdays thus having a positive effect on revenues compared to 2013.
- After-school programs will begin September 8, 2014.
- We received notification from DuPage County that they are looking to develop a stormwater management stakeholder group for the Sugar Creek watershed. The boundaries are from approximately Route 83 West, Villa Park, Lombard and the golf course. From their description, the County is seeking participants to provide input toward the Sugar Creek watershed plan and address funding concerns and water quality improvements surrounding the creek. The committee is very interested in this endeavor and hopeful. Preliminary discussions were held as to whether or not the creek in the golf course could be part of the macro solutions for west of there to where there would be the possibility of making needed improvements to the creek on the golf course's property that could help to address things upstream. The County's initiative to take a lead on this issue is very positive. A number of meetings are scheduled for later this month.
- The Superintendent reported that the summer's cool weather and wet conditions has resulted in the course being in terrific shape given we are nearing the end of summer, when lawns begin to dry out.

Stormwater Subcommittee

- The subcommittee report was moved to Agenda item #9a(1).

**UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Stormwater Subcommittee – September 8, 2014  
Gateway – September 11, 2014  
Sugar Creek Golf Course – September 23, 2014

PEP – September 4, 2014  
Elmhurst Art Museum – October 15, 2014  
Lizzadro Museum – November 6, 2014

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Kies made a motion for the Board to approve the Consent Agenda of August 27, 2014. Commissioner Spaeth seconded the motion. The Board was polled: Ayes: Commissioners Howard, Kies, Kubiesa, Pelosi, Spaeth, and Ubriaco. Nays: None. Motion passed unanimously.

It should be noted that the following items were approved on the Consent Agenda: Regular Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2014, Closed Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2014, and Voucher List dated: 08/15/2014 - \$63,653.42.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (OLD) –**

**Stormwater Subcommittee Report – Spaeth, Howard, Rogers**

This agenda item was moved from agenda item #6c during the *ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA* portion of the meeting.

Executive Director Rogers gave a brief overview of items added to the epd.org stormwater webpage and announced that Greg Wolterstorff of V3 Engineering was in attendance at the Board Meeting.

- At the meeting were representatives from the Park District, School District, City of Elmhurst, Burke Engineers, V3 Engineer Greg Wolterstorff. The group discussed the City's July 28 approval of its stormwater prioritization and subsequent formal request of August 14, 2014 sent to both the Park District and School District with a requested approval date of September 30. The subcommittee was informed that the Park District would not be in a position to make a decision about York Commons and Golden Meadows by September 30 particularly since the Park Board has set a date for the public meeting on Wednesday, October 1 at The Abbey. Additionally, although the Park Board has invested a significant amount of time to the proposed York Commons detention site it has yet to vet and review Golden Meadows from an engineering perspective. The public meeting will allow the entire community, including those not directly affected by the proposed detention basin, to become informed of how the parks are being requested to be used. The meeting will address misconceptions and provide accurate information.
- Park District representatives questioned the necessity or lack thereof of the west lobe at York Commons considering its relatively minor impact to helping protect against flooding as to the possibility of providing an inlet to the detention basin from east of Cayuga to take some of the water flow that comes down Cayuga from the east before it even gets there.
- Inquired about the proposed overflow of the basin as to how it may function. This same question was discussed at the City's public meeting on August 25, 2014.

- Discussed timeframes and the City's desire pending approval from the Park District to undertake further engineering over the next six months and potentially begin construction Spring 2015. Executive Director Rogers advised the City that Spring 2015 would not be optimal for the Park District as it would interfere with the summer pool season. He did suggest, if an agreement is reached, construction be scheduled after the Summer 2015 pool season.
- Commissioner Spaeth stated that as the subcommittee looks at York Commons, it will be presented to the Park Board in different silos of options. The options could then be vetted by the Board by listing pros and cons in order to make an informed decision weighing in residents' feedback, future impact to the parks, and the number of homes relieved from flooding. The Board must balance the investment of the parks and the community's. The public meeting on October 1, 2014 will provide more input from the community and help the Park Board move closer to making a decision on the issue.
- Executive Director Rogers stated that working with V3 has provided information to attain a better understanding of how the basins might function in different components. Park Board subcommittee members' goal is to lay out all of the parameters for the Park Board and the public.

### **Stormwater Management Discussion**

Commissioner Pelosi asked the subcommittee how the Park District can include safeguards in its agreement with the City against overflowing from the detention basin to Cayuga streets. Executive Director Rogers responded that engaging V3 Engineering to review Burke's designs as they progress from its initial designs of 5% to approximately 15% to 20% is the Park District's best safeguard. As the designs continue, the Park Board will have continual approval rights in their agreement. V3 will continue to review the plans all the way along through construction to oversee and ensure the detention basin is built to the specifications of the approved plans.

At the City's Cayuga street public meeting, Burke spoke about designing an overflow channel at York Commons that would go from the basin towards the parking lot then out to the corner of York and Cayuga. The challenge there is when the water gets to York and Cayuga there is nowhere for it to go because it's already backed up. In order to address that, the basin could be designed to only take in water up to the 100-year rain level so the likelihood of overflow directed to York and Cayuga would be diminished.

If the Park Board agrees that they will provide protection for a 50-year rain event up to the 100-year event, then the notion would be that the basin would not start taking water in until the levels reach the 50-year rain then shut off at the 100-year rainfall level. If it keeps raining and it is a 200-year or 500-year rainfall, the basin will overflow. In an event of a 500-year rainfall, the entire community would flood.

During the zero to 50 year rainfalls, the water would bypass the basin and go directly to the sewers, streets, curbs, and gutters as designed. The basins will not be designed for rainfalls less than 50 years. Once Crescent reaches the 50-year rain, the water would go into the park and continue to take in water until it reaches the 100-year level. At the 100-year level, the basin will stop taking in water and any water would stay on Crescent, which is unfortunate but these are not be all end all solutions for no one taking in water. The notion is that at a 125-year rain, there may be four or five homes that would take in water. In order to deter overflow to Cayuga, the Park Board would incorporate stopping points for water intake.

To be part of the solution, the Park District will find a reasonable balance to meet the City's needs without causing detriment to the recreational amenities or to remain whole without negatively impacting surrounding neighbors. There is no guarantee that any detention basin will not overflow. Currently, some parks take in water because they are at the lowest point in an area, but these parks may overflow when that area is full. Residents may complain that the park overflowed their home when the park actually reduced the amount of water that would have flowed into their home because it held water directed towards homes.

Commissioner Kies stated that she attended the City's Cayuga meeting, took notes, and heard residents' ideas, which she believes should be explored since they are experiencing the flooding and may have viable solutions. Burke was unable to answer some of the residents' questions. She visited Pine, Clinton, and Geneva streets after the August 21, 2014 rainfall witnessing waist deep water. It was not determined what 'year' the August 21 rainfall was, but rainfall measured 4.5 inches in a short period of time. Commissioner Kubiesa inquired whether a similar rainfall be part of the cutoff parameters for water intake at the proposed basin for Golden Meadows in order to prevent overflow to surrounding streets. Executive Director Rogers agreed it be part of the considerations for all the parks.

Commissioner Kubiesa asked safety be considered due to her visit to East End Park two days after the August 21 rainfall, which left standing water with a strong unpleasant odor. She recommended the use of artificial turf in some of the proposed basin locations.

Executive Director Rogers stated that there are no guarantees either the basins will not overflow. Gravity fed basins would be the best option as they are not susceptible to mechanical failure of pumps and lifts. Even though a gravity-fed pipe is maintained and monitored, an animal can block it with a nest or burrow. If there is a 100-year storm and it is plugged up, it is not going to work. There are no guarantees for the basin to be foolproof ever.

President Ubriaco noted that she met with Mayor Morley on August 25, 2014. He stated that it was important for the City to include a date but does not expect an answer from the Park Board by that date. He agrees that all of the work completed thus far has been productive with good progress. The City also is aware that while they were setting the date of September 30, we were setting our date for our public meeting, which is customary for the Park District to hold a public meeting before making changes to any park. It is important for the entire community to at least understand and be aware of what could transpire going forward. Mayor Morley specifically asked that constraints and conditions be identified specifically. Mr. Wolterstorff added that thus far, the Park Board with the help of V3 has done a very good job of coming up with concerns and vetting them to what is feasible and realistic to what the City can accomplish.

Commissioner Howard stated that stormwater management is not the Park District's mission. The Park Board must respond to user groups of the parks. This issue has taken a significant amount of the Executive Director's time. Stormwater management is the Park Board's secondary responsibility even though our subcommittee has taken it as our primary responsibility by applying its best efforts. The progress we have made in the first nine months equates to the progress we made in five months due to V3 Engineering's help. Having an engineer in the room has been the difference between first year and fourth year. We are doing our best. Be assured that if we say 'yes' it will be with conditions. It will not be carte blanche we need to protect the parks. It is our responsibility to promote them to our primary user groups.



Commissioner Ubriaco thanked the subcommittee for their time and efforts.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**2014 Second Quarter Financial Report**

Executive Director Rogers presented the Board with the 2014 Second Quarter Financial Report providing an overview of the District's financial status compared to the 2013 budget, a capital project expenditure status update, along with a summary of investments. He thanked Division Manager of Finance Barbara Stembridge and Special Projects Coordinator Laura Guttman and staff for their assistance in preparing the report. All of the major funds are on target. The debt service fund shows a negative \$4.6 million due to the refunding of the 2006 Limited Tax Park Refunding Bonds generating 2014 bonds. That amount was unbudgeted due to the Parameter Ordinance for entering the market when a savings could be realized thus effecting the expenditure line when the 2006 bond was paid off but resulting in an overall savings of \$200,000. The Museum fund is down \$57,000 in program fees indicating that the District is no longer administering the Elmhurst Art Museum's art programs alleviating the Park District of expenses as well.

The Park Board provided feedback and inquired if the Sugar Creek Golf Course Advisory Board had made a decision on capital improvement expenditures. The Advisory Board will make a determination later this year on the proposed equipment purchase of \$30,000.

**2014 Mid-Year Strategic Plan Progress Report**

Commissioner Spaeth made a motion that the Board of Park Commissioners reviews and approves the 2014 Mid-Year Strategic Plan Progress Report. Commissioner Kies seconded the motion. Special Projects Coordinator Guttman presented the 2014 Mid-Year Strategic Plan Progress Report (SPPR) as of June 30, 2014. The SPPR provides a continued evaluation of achievement of the District's mid-year progress toward accomplishing the 2014 Strategic Work Plan (SWP). Ms. Guttman reviewed the report with the Board describing both written quantitative and qualitative assessments of addressing the 2014 SWP and written status reports of each Strategic Plan initiative and quantitative performance measures that also monitor achievement of the District's strategy. This is the second year of the report. The report will be posted on the District's website. Initiatives completed this year will lead to the accomplishment of additional initiatives that staff has been eager to begin. Executive Director Rogers added that the completed Program Plan Study will help position the District to meet the initiatives of being innovative and collaborative moving forward. Commissioner Pelosi inquired about the Enterprise Services drop in fitness programs which is due to the increased number of classes/programs offered in the new space at one time. The motion carried by the following vote: Ayes - Commissioner Kies, Kubiesa, Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Spaeth, Howard, and Ubriaco. Nays: None.

### **Proposed 2015 Strategic Work Plan**

Commissioner Spaeth made a motion and Commissioner Kies seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners review and provide preliminary consensus on the proposed 2015 Strategic Work Plan to be included in the 2015 Budget packet (to be reviewed in November 2014) and approved as part of the final budget document in December 2014. Executive Director Rogers stated that as a practice, each year, staff will provide the Mid-Year Strategic Plan Progress Report for approval followed by the proposed work plan for the next year for consensus for implementation. Special Projects Coordinator Guttman gave an overview of the Proposed 2015 Strategic Work Plan (SWP) with priority levels defined. Staff reviewed and made changes to refine the SWP by moving initiatives to more appropriate Themes and Objectives. The Board provided consensus for staff to proceed with the 2015 Strategic Work Plan. The motion carried by the following vote: Ayes - Commissioner Kubiesa, Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Spaeth, Howard, Kies, and Ubriaco. Nays: None.

### **COMMISSIONER INFORMATION ITEMS –**

#### Commissioner Morissette-Moll

- Had the privilege of going on the Sugar Creek Golf Course tour and found it interesting to learn about the topography and to learn of all the mechanics involved in running a golf course.
- Was pleased to see the number of females enrolled in golf lessons is up to 11 and that the surrounding high schools (Proviso East, Willowbrook, and York) are utilizing the golf course.

#### Commissioner Pelosi

- Reminded the Board of PEP's fundraiser Touch A Truck scheduled for September 6 at Berens Park.

#### Commissioner Kies

- Informed the Board of the Elmhurst Artists Guild and the Elmhurst Garden Club's joint effort for the Guild's Fall Themed Show for six weeks beginning October 10. The Garden Club will have plant exhibits in the main part of the Art Museum.
- The Illinois Department of Transportation's realignment of the Illinois Prairie Path has made access to Pioneer Park safer with no cost to the Park District.
- Stressed the importance of directing patron inquiries regarding stormwater management to the epd.org website.
- Has responded 'yes' to patrons, who have inquired whether garden plots will still be available for residents in the future.

### **Future Agenda**

No additions or changes were made.

### **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Special Projects Coordinator - Guttman

- The proposed 2015 Capital Projects will be brought to the Board for approval.

Director of Marketing and Communications - Wade

- Park Palooza ended up being a pretty fun event. Weather looked to be an issue in the beginning but nearly 800 people attended. The bands were great.
- Touch A Truck will have a number of vendors that could not be at Park Palooza. It should be a big event.

Director of Parks & Facilities - Ferrentino

- The pools and The Hub's spray ground will be closing down after this weekend.

Division Manager – Human Resources & Risk Management - Bruns

- Monday's Brown Bag seminar had 22 employees in attendance. The speaker from the American Heart Association provided a seminar titled Moving Better in 7 Steps.
- The Employee Wellness Fair will be on September 24 from 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Flu shots are being scheduled for October.

Director of Information Technology - Kenny

- Upgraded software that backs up the virtual environment and busy patching some of the District websites.

Director of Enterprise Services - McDermott

- Courts Plus' September special offer for new joining members is September free with a reduced initiation fee of \$40.

Executive Director - Rogers

- Many thanks to staff and the many sponsors we had at Park Palooza. We were very pleased with our second year of Park Palooza.
- This past Monday evening, the City's Public Works and Buildings Committee discussed the York Street Illinois Prairie Path intersection. Previously, the committee discussed a potential underpass. The committee took a preliminary review of a number of options to improve the safety of the crossing. Among the options was relocating the Prairie Path to the north and reconfiguration of Seminole and South Street to become a 4-way stop. Those of you who were on the Park Board in 2009 will remember that the Park Board had conceptual discussions regarding the issue at that time. To date, the City does not have plans to approach the Park District on these plans as it recognizes that other issues are a greater priority. So far, I have received a call from the Elmhurst Press for a comment. The City has posted the options being posed on their website including going over or under York Street. Executive Director Rogers stated that although the Park District has no vote as to whether it will be an underpass or overpass, it does have input as to whether maintenance would be provided by the Park District if the crossing is in an underpass. York Street is city property.
- District offices will be closed on Monday, Labor Day. Sugar Creek will have its regular hours and Courts Plus will be open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the East End Pool will be open for its last day from 12 to 6 p.m.
- I will be out of the office this Friday but will be available.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Spaeth moved to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. and Commissioner Pelosi seconded the motion. The Board adjourned by voice vote.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 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 Howard at the September 10, 2014 Park Board meeting.

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Vince Spaeth, Board Vice President

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Nimfa Melesio, Recording Secretary