



May 23, 2013

Mr. James Grabowski
City Manager
City of Elmhurst
209 North York Street
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Dear Mr. Grabowski,

On May 8, I gave a presentation to the Park Board in which I provided a general overview of the City's conceptual draft plans for stormwater management potential solutions that are proposed to utilize Park District property. My presentation included both the original proposed grading plans you had presented to us at an initial meeting with City staff and Burke Engineering on December 17, 2012 and also the proposed development plans in more refined form that you presented on May 2.


During that presentation, and subsequently at their meeting on May 22 and individual conversations with me, the Park Board generated a list of questions that they have asked me to forward to you and request that the City and Burke provide answers to in order to assist them in their consideration of the City's request.

I will leave it to you and Burke to determine if you will provide answers to the questions prior to or during your presentation at the Park Board meeting on June 12.

Finally, we are moving the time and location of the June 12 Park Board to the Abbey, 407 W. St. Charles Road at 4:30 p.m., in order to facilitate your presentation and to accommodate attendance by the public.

We are looking forward to furthering these discussions. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,


James W. Rogers
Executive Director

cc: Board of Park Commissioners

Enclosure: Stormwater Management Solution Questions

Stormwater Management Discussion
May 8 & 22, 2013 Board Meetings and Individual Board Member Comments

QUESTIONS:

- The fire station at York Commons has an underground storage, could it be linked/added to the list of proposed areas for water retention?
- Are retaining walls primarily for ADA?
- Would like to look at full scope of plan.
- How vital is the Park District to the whole?
- Are there plans to offer a cost-sharing program to residents for the cost of installing backflow, overhead, side yard, and/or draining systems? Grant program for glass blocks or raising driveway.
- What happens if the Park District is unable to provide the required land space? Is there eminent domain?
- How soon does the City plan on implementing the plans?
- What are the capacity issues?
- Are turf fields proposed at Golden Meadows?
- Will areas be fenced?
- Are there any safety issues in regard to depth (2 – 8 ft)?
- Will the system be pump or gravity fed at Golden Meadows? If pump, what will happen during electrical power failure?
- Will the proposed sewer line at East End be tied into the Caroline sewer? What will be the impact – positive/negative?
- What impact at East End on York's cross country running team?
- What flexibility will the District lose with the plans?
- How long will it take for water to drain?
- What is the distance of the retaining wall from the soccer field lines at Pioneer Park?
- What is water flow direction at Prairie Path and Wild Meadows Trace? How many trees will be lost?
- How many homes will benefit from proposed plans?
- If soccer fields are flooded, will there be runover to other areas?
- Will those who don't have water problems have flooding problems?
- Where are the funds for the proposed plans coming from?
- If similar plans are being used at the Downers Grove Park District, did it prevent flooding during the April 18 storm?
- Has City decided to change ordinance on impermeable surface restrictions for the proposed plans? Will new construction ordinances be developed? Are we pushing problem 10 years out?
- Terraced versus large berms?
- Have the old trailer park properties adjacent to Roosevelt Road been considered?
- Are the costs for the park improvement portions (i.e., backstops, seating, etc.) included in the Burke report? If not, have they been determined?
- What level of rain event will trigger these facilities to begin taking on water? How frequently would they be in use?
- Can Burke present the proposed development plans in animated 3D video flyover?
- How long would it take to construct these facilities?
- How does the before and after of Washington Park, in terms of grading, etc., compare to what is being proposed for East End Park?
- Are there other examples in Elmhurst of existing stormwater detention facilities that function similar to those being proposed in the parks (public or private)?

IDEAS:

- Placing guardrails on Seminole at Wild Meadows Trace.
- When constructing new facilities, add underground storage.
- Use of permeable pavement at York Commons, move proposed plans for York Commons to the parking lot.
- Use of Great Western Prairie Areas
- Would like to see more green alternatives addressed.
- Using Berteau Street hospital complex as an alternative.
- Eldridge Park as an option.