

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

January 28, 2015

7:10 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Elmhurst Park District Board of Commissioners held on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at The Abbey, 407 W. St. Charles Road, Elmhurst, IL. Prior notice of the meeting was posted. Notification of meeting location change was posted. The meeting was called to order by Board President Ubriaco at 7:10 p.m.

Board President Ubriaco announced that Commissioner Spaeth requested to attend the Board meeting via electronic means by telephone. Commissioner Kubiesa made a motion that Commissioner Spaeth be permitted to attend the January 28, 2015 regular meeting via electronic means in accordance with Board Policy 5.16. Commissioner Kies seconded the motion. As there was no further discussion, the Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioners Howard, Kies, Kubiesa, Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, 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, Pelosi, and Ubriaco
Commissioner Spaeth attended via electronic means by telephone
At 10:01 p.m., Commissioner Spaeth 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

Visitors:

Micki Aran, 453 E. East Court, Elmhurst
Dorothy Asher, Director, Lizzadro Museum
Mike Baker, 432 E. Park, Elmhurst
Mimi Black, 275 Cayuga, Elmhurst
Michael Bram, 700 Van Auken, Elmhurst
Jill Buhrfiend, 703 Washington, Elmhurst
Lucia Cegielski, 194 Cayuga, Elmhurst
Ed Cegielski, 194 Cayuga, Elmhurst
Bill Chu, 273 Cayuga, Elmhurst
Peter Dabertin, 177 E. Cayuga, Elmhurst

Howard Killian, Public Works Director, City
of Elmhurst
Christina Langenstrass, 440 East Ct., Elmhurst
John Lizzadro, Executive Director, Lizzadro
Museum
Louis Lizzadro, Board President, Lizzadro
Museum
Graydon Megan, Chicago Tribune
Steven M. Morley, Mayor, City of Elmhurst
Bill Perry, 300 E. Oneida, Elmhurst

Visitors (continued):

Susan Eget, 232 E. Cayuga, Elmhurst
Doug Ennis, 447 S. Argyle Ave., Elmhurst
James Fertig, 436 E. East Court, Elmhurst
Dawn Fertig, 436 E. East Court, Elmhurst
Tracy Fleischer, 736 S. Washington, Elmhurst
Julie Gatesman, 886 Parkside, Elmhurst
Jim Grabowski, City of Elmhurst,
City Manager
Kevin Graf, 233 Cayuga, Elmhurst
Kevin Havens, Wight & Company
Mike Honquest, City of Elmhurst, 6th Ward
Alderman
Cheryl Jasek, 748 S. Washington, Elmhurst
Kent Johnson, Burke Engineering
Andy Joseph, Wight & Co.
Eileen Kennedy, 184 Cayuga, Elmhurst
Tim Kennedy, 184 Cayuga, Elmhurst

Suzanne Prost, 205 Cayuga, Elmhurst
Adam Putz, 444 East Court, Elmhurst
Carlton Rink, 114 Pine Avenue, Elmhurst
Luke Sherry, Burke Engineering
Purva Sule, 432 East Court, Elmhurst
Vikram Sule, 432 East Court, Elmhurst
Kathleen Sullivan, 133 Pine, Elmhurst
Noel Talluto, City of Elmhurst, 4th Ward
Alderman
Kendra Thompson, 204 Crescent Ave, Elmhurst
Theresa Tortorello, 449 East Court, Elmhurst
Pat Wagner, 684 S. Swain, Elmhurst
Greg Wolterstorff, V3 Engineering
Kevin York, City of Elmhurst, 4th Ward
Alderman
Dan Zacharski, 449 E. Park, Elmhurst
Andrew Ziola, 732 S. Washington, Elmhurst

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Agenda item 6a *Stormwater Subcommittee* was moved to 9a(1) and (2) *Stormwater Management*. Closed Session was added to the agenda pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for the “appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.”

Board President Ubriaco welcomed City of Elmhurst Mayor Morley, who requested an opportunity to address the Park Board.

Mayor Morley stated that on November 12, 2014 the City of Elmhurst requested the Park Board reconsider the use of the east lobe of York Commons Park. He provided a brief summary of the City’s challenges in mitigating stormwater, the process to alleviate the issue for residents, the expenses incurred thus far and future costs. The cost of using the west lobe of York Commons Park for stormwater detention would be \$3.5 million for 11 acre feet of storage as opposed to \$1.8 million for 12 acre feet of storage for the east lobe. According to Mayor Morley, supplemental stormwater mitigation for the proposed York Commons east lobe detention basin would require additional costs and time - approximately three years for numerous approvals from adjacent cities and agencies with costs of \$15 to \$20 million for super sizing without the inclusion of any incremental costs. He proposed an intergovernmental agreement allowing the Park District to retain ownership and with flexibility to regain the use of the detention sites. He stated he hoped the Park Board would partner with the City in its stormwater mitigation project as the City would remain open to partnering with the Park Board in the Park District's future projects. Mayor Morley thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak.

REMARKS/CORRESPONDENCE FROM VISITORS

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

January 26, 2015

Dear President Ubriaco and Members of the Park Board:

We recently moved to Elmhurst in August of last year and have been learning more about the flooding issues and some of the solutions to mitigate the flooding that occurred prior to when we moved in. It is our understanding that the Park District Board recently voted and responded to a letter from the city to give the West Lobe of Golden Meadows to the city for the use of a retention pond.

As residents whose home backs up to the West Lobe of the Golden Meadows park, we urge the Board to reconsider this decision. Not for our own personal interest, but for the broader benefit to all residents who are concerned with this project and whose homes will be directly affected. From the information we have gathered, it appears that the Dual Purpose Proposal for the East Lobe of Golden Meadows Park is the best decision to move forward with in order to alleviate potential flooding on Pine, Avon and East Streets.

This East Lobe project will provide an improved park and soccer field, will alleviate the current issue of parking during games on the weekends and will allow park land to be used for what it was designated for. It is also our understanding that Burke Engineering has completed the environmental testing needed to move forward with the project and would allow the flooding issue to be dealt with in an accelerated fashion. This has not happened with the West Lobe and would require months of geo-technical testing and rain measurements to ensure their recommendations are valid. This would also require additional tax dollars and we feel would not be a good use of those funds. Additionally, the West Lobe community garden that so many residents use on a regular basis would get to stay and our children would be safe from a potential drowning incident.

As the city mentioned in their letter dated November 12, 2014 to you, the Park Board:

“As outlined in the October 29, 2014 letter and communicated numerous times during our stormwater coordination meetings, we understand that the Park District used these three criteria in its decision making:

- 1) Try to help the City meet stormwater needs, if possible*
- 2) Ensure that the park sites, if used for detention, retain their playability*
- 3) Not adversely impact residents living in proximity to the park*

Over the last year, city staff, Park District staff, and their engineering consultants (Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. And V3 Companies) have worked diligently to achieve a dual-purpose facility that would be mutually beneficial to all stakeholders and would also satisfy the Park District's three objectives outlined above.”

Unless the Park District's objectives have changed, allowing the city to build a retention pond in the West Lobe of Golden Meadows would not meet these objectives. The park would not retain its playability, as is the case with the East Lobe project and it would adversely impact the houses on the South side of E. East Court. It would create a 'pit' for lack of a better term that could not

be used for anything except storm water on a very irregular basis. Our children would be in danger and the value of our homes would decrease. That is not acceptable to us.

We believe that utilizing the East Lobe of Golden Meadows Park will improve the playability of the field that currently exists there and provide the most cost-effective and timely solution to flooding. The dual-purpose use of the East Lobe is beneficial to all concerned and is the best opportunity to help residents alleviate the flooding.

Please do not take our absence from the meeting as a diminished passion for this issue. We regret not being present to have our voices heard, but firmly stand with our neighbors on this issue. We strongly oppose the use of the West Lobe of the Golden Meadows Park as a retention basin.

Should you have any questions or would like to talk with those that will be directly affected, please contact us. We truly appreciate the support that has been provided by the Park District and its staff since we have moved to Elmhurst. We look forward to your continued support, understanding and cooperation.

*Sincerely,
Conor Gee and Rebecca Gee
Residents of 452 E. East Court*

*Dear Chairman Ubriaco and Honorable Board Members,
We would like to respectfully request that the park district board reconsider its position to offer the West Lobe Golden Meadows Park to the City of Elmhurst for use as a detention basin. We are aware that several of our neighbors have made similar appeals to the board, and we stand with them. However, we would like to address our appeal from a different perspective. This perspective consists of three different viewpoints.*

As the longest tenured residents at 40 years on E. East Court, we have witnessed our neighborhood experiencing a rebirth and renewed vitality within the last ten years. The young families that have decided to make their homes in our neighborhood have demonstrated a stability not seen prior to this renaissance. Our first viewpoint is based on the perspective of decreased property values for ourselves and our neighbors. We fear that this reduction in value will lead to an exodus similar to those witnessed more than ten years ago, and that the stability recently witnessed will be lost.

Our second view point is concerned with the recreational use of the west lobe. When we raised our children, this part of the park district was used for a variety of recreational activities, like kite flying, volleyball, badminton, baseball, and football, which were not practical in our own back yard or on the street. Many of those same activities continue today, only now with our grandchildren. Those recreational activities will no longer be possible if the west lobe is converted to the use of a detention pond.

Our third viewpoint comes from the perspective of a long time renter of a garden plot in the west lobe. While not presuming to speak for all of the people who garden there, we feel that the social aspect and friendships developed with other gardeners will be lost, and perhaps, never regained if the plots are relocated to a different site.

In summary, we respectfully request that the park district board reconsider its offer of the west lobe of Golden Meadows Park based on the perspective of long term residents as outlined in the viewpoints above.

*Thank you for your time. Tony & Theresa Tortorello
449 E. East Court*

Carolyn and Jim:

My wife, Tracy, and I cannot make the meeting @ 7:00 tonight. However, please note and feel free to read this email.

We are in favor of the use of Park District land for water mitigation and support all the proposed projects.

The Golden Meadows Park Project will have an immediate impact on the quality of our lives. Thank you very much for your hard work, consideration and efforts to get these projects moving.

I am available to discuss on the phone if you'd like more information from me.

*Thanks,
Chris Farrell*

Dear Park District Board,

As residents and homeowners of Elmhurst, we're writing to encourage the board to reconsider the use of Golden Meadow's east lobe for storm water detention. It's our belief this area would be ideal for all of Elmhurst's residents.

The plans developed and presented at the August 5, 2013 meeting show a much superior soccer field from its current state for which all of the residents of Elmhurst can benefit. In addition these plans will not only relieving the homes on Avon and Pine from flooding but also the local residents on Richard and East Court with the updated plans to incorporate another pipe from that region's perpetually flooding area. The plans for the east lobe also incorporated parking within the park. This will help to relieve the current parking issues arising from the congested street parking during soccer games.

All of these things can be accomplished without the use of the west lobe. This will allow the garden plots to stay in their current location and the local residents to have peace of mind their children will be safe and not be confronted with the hazards of having a detention pond in their back yards.

For these reasons it's our belief the park district board should reconsider the use of Golden Meadow's east lobe for storm water detention. Thank you for your time and consideration,

*Tony and Micki Chan
453 E East Ct
Elmhurst, IL 60126*

To: Elmhurst Park District Board

Subject: Golden Meadows Park

Our families would ask the Park District Board to reconsider the East Lobe of Golden Meadows as the best and most viable option to help the city mitigate storm water issues on Pine/Avon/East. Below is a summary regarding why we collectively believe that the Dual Purpose Proposal for the East Lobe is the best decision for not only us, but for the entire Elmhurst community.

We first want to start by referencing the Mission and Vision Statements of the Park District, along the Decision Criteria used by the Park District Board as relates to park land use to help mitigate storm water issues.

Mission Statement:

- We provide experiences for the lifetime enjoyment of people who live and play in Elmhurst.

Vision Statement:

- We aspire to be a customer centered organization through innovation and sustainability

In addition, the criteria used in decision making regarding storm water is listed below:

- 1) To help the City meet storm water needs if possible
- 2) To ensure that the park sites, if used for detention, retain their recreational function
- 3) To ensure that any decision would not adversely impact park neighbors

It is our belief that a decision to utilize the West Lobe of Golden Meadows does not meet the Mission & Vision of the Elmhurst Park District, and in addition does not meet the decision criteria for the following reasons:

- Deeding the park land over to the city will eliminate 'Lifetime Enjoyment' of the West Lobe
 - The Garden Plots are utilized by many local residents of Golden Meadows and is a mechanism to bring a diverse community together for a common purpose. This will be lost if the land is deeded to the city.
 - The Open field used frequently by the local community for a variety of recreational activities. This will also be lost if the land is deeded to the city
- Deeding the park land over to the city does not meet the Vision of being a 'Customer Centered Organization'
 - Eliminating the West Lobe as parkland is not customer centered – the local residents purchased their homes for many reasons and one common reason is the location and access to the park. This will be lost if the land is deeded to the city. In addition, the home values of the immediate residents will be negatively impacted.
- Decision Criteria is supposed to guide the decision making process, but a decision to utilize the West Lobe does not meet 2/3 of the decision criteria
 - The west lobe would no longer retain its recreational function (gardens lost & utilization of the field will no longer exist) and most of all it will no longer be park land.
 - The neighbors would be negatively impacted as the land would no longer be parkland, home values will be negatively impacted and the land would have little to no recreational use for the surrounding community

It is our opinion that the East Lobe fits with Mission & Vision Statements of the Park District, and in addition satisfies ALL three Decision Criteria. The dual utilization of the East Lobe will mitigate the flooding concerns on Pine/Avon/East, upgrade a soccer field utilized by residents from ALL of Elmhurst and resolve parking issues that impacts the residents of Hampshire from Spring through Fall. In addition, the engineering study was conducted on the East Lobe and would be close to execution - moving to the West Lobe will delay the storm mitigation and spend additional tax dollars.

We appreciate all that you do for the community and thank you in advance for your revisiting the decision regarding the West Lobe of Golden Meadows Park.

Visitor Remarks:

Kevin Graf, 233 Cayuga

Spoke in support of the Park Board's decision to use the west lobe of York Commons Park for a detention basin. Stated that digging out parks for stormwater detention is not the best long-term sustainable solution for stormwater mitigation. In the April 2013 storm, he witnessed Crescent Street storm sewers drain into York Commons Park. The claim that York Commons drains poorly is inaccurate as the real cause is the antiquated infrastructure. Stated he preferred the proposed spending of \$16 million earmarked for a parking garage structure be spent on improved stormwater infrastructure to relieve flooding for all Elmhurst residents.

Adam Putz, 444 East Court

Inquired as to what guided the Park Board's decision for using the west lobe as opposed to the east lobe as it is apparent that the east lobe solves the stormwater issue. He interviewed neighbors of Downers Grove's Washington Park, who said the detention basin in Washington Park has relieved their flooding.

Noel Talluto, City of Elmhurst, 4th Ward Alderman

Advocated for the use of the east lobe of Golden Meadows Park. Although either lobe would achieve flooding relief for the 4th Ward, it would be a better return on public investment to enhance the asset while retaining ownership as opposed to transferring ownership of the west lobe to the City.

Andrew Ziola, 732 S. Washington

Stated he was concerned for the reduction of property values in his neighborhood due to flooding issues. Many of his neighbors have sold their homes at a loss. Spoke in support of the east lobe for stormwater detention at York Commons Park.

Eileen Kennedy, 184 Cayuga

Stated that the City is essentially requesting 18% of the Park District's park space by tearing down trees and creating fields with dirt bottomed basins which do not serve as good playing fields for created sports. The Park Board has generously given two park spaces to the City for unattractive stormwater detention to relieve flooding on Crescent and some relief to Washington. Residents' comments did not focus on the Park Board's request for the City to commit to improved infrastructure. According to the City it would take three years to get permits approved and cost \$15 to \$20 million to complete. The City should begin applying for approvals and looking at bond rates now to show that they are committed to go beyond digging up parks and schools.

Carlton Rink, 114 Pine

Spoke in support of using either lobe at Golden Meadows Park and asked that an agreement be reached with City in order to begin construction as soon as possible.

Tracy Fleischer, 736 S. Washington

The Park Board was awarded a \$400,000 PARC grant for Butterfield Park improvements. Inquired as to why the Park Board sought a grant for park improvements to Butterfield Park but refused proposed improvements to York Commons Park by allowing the City to use the east lobe and at the same time help residents whose homes flood. Requested the Park Board reconsider the use of York Commons Park's east lobe for a detention basin. Residents have continually requested the Park Board help them.

Cheryl Jasek, 748 S. Washington

Has been saddened by the reaction of residents who stated that they are in support of a detention basin to reduce flooding but are unwilling to have the basin near their homes. Residents may want alternative solution but may be unwilling to pay increased property taxes due to the \$20 million price tag for improved infrastructure.

Jill Buhrfiend, 703 Washington

Stated that in less than six months, DuPage County approved use of the quarry for stormwater detention for Oak Brook, Oakbrook Terrace, and Hinsdale. Stormwater mitigation is the right thing to do. Detention basins in the parks and schools is the only feasible option. Requested the Park Board do what is right.

Vikram Sule, 432 East Court

Spoke in support of the east lobe of Golden Meadows Park for stormwater detention. Stated that the use of the west lobe would not allow the park to retain its recreational use (playing area and garden plots) and would adversely impact the safety and welfare of local residents. Use of the east lobe would increase the usability for sports thus benefiting all residents. City engineers have not completed an engineering study of the west lobe and are unaware of the impact to homes on East Court, where sump pumps work overtime during a storm event.

Purva Sule, 432 East Court

Requested clarification as to why the west lobe was chosen for a detention basin in lieu of the east lobe at Golden Meadows Park. At the recent 4th Ward stormwater meeting, Park Commissioner Ubriaco explained that it would be easier to relocate the garden plots as opposed to the ball field. This is confusing as the detention basin on the east lobe would also serve as a ball field thus a better choice. She challenged the Park Board's assumption that a dual purpose basin would be a bad choice. Acknowledges that the Park District would get property of equal value but asked that the Board consider the intangible costs to local residents. Requested more transparency surrounding the Park Board's decision to relinquish use of the west lobe.

Kathleen Sullivan, 133 Pine

The engineers' sheet of expenses to resolve stormwater mitigation did not include the residents' losses - financial, injuries, property losses, possible lives, residents leaving the city, tax revenue from decreases in EAV, and inability to attract potential businesses and new residents. Spoke in support of both detention basins.

Susan Eget, 232 East Cayuga

Thanked the Park Board for their deliberation on the stormwater issue. The east lobe of York Commons does not allow a clear view thus can be a potential hazard.

Peter Dabertin, 177 E. Cayuga

The Park Board has been diligent in making a choice of allowing the west lobes of both York Commons and Golden Meadows parks because green space is very valuable and must be retained in a city that has very limited recreational space. Giving land to the City is not the most pertinent idea but a very generous compromise. No one here is against flood mitigation but spending more money on improved infrastructure would benefit a greater part of the City. Using the parks is not the full answer to flood mitigation. The \$16 million being spent on a parking garage would have been better served on updating stormwater infrastructure.

Mike Honquest, City of Elmhurst, 6th Ward Alderman

Five years ago there was City-wide flooding, engineers were hired to validate a plan along with 40 residents. Stated not everyone will be happy with the same plan, but it is important to do the right thing for people in this town. York Commons is one park on the south part of town. We have Butterfield Park and Van Voorst Park. We are requesting the use of only one park to address stormwater flooding for residents in that part of town. Requested the use of York Commons' east lobe as it makes sense based on the engineers' plan. It is one plan for one town.

Christina Langenstrass, 440 East Court

Requested the Park Board reconsider the use of the east lobe at Golden Meadows. Purchased a home in that area because of the park where her children play. Stated that the garden plots are widely used and a community of gardeners has evolved. The Mayor stated that there is flexibility to return the property to the Park District in the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Stormwater Subcommittee report was moved to Unfinished Business 9a(1) and (2) *Stormwater Management*.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Gateway – February 12, 2015

Elmhurst Art Museum – February 25, 2015

PEP – February 19, 2015

Sugar Creek Golf Course – February 24, 2015

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Kubiesa made a motion for the Board to approve the Consent Agenda of January 14, 2015. Commissioner Morissette-Moll seconded the motion. The Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioners Kubiesa, Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Spaeth, Howard, Kies, and Ubriaco. Nays: None. Motion passed unanimously.

It should be noted that the following items were approved on the Consent Agenda: January 14, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes, January 14, 2015 Closed Meeting Minutes, and Voucher Lists for: 01/16/15 - \$6,500.00, 01/16/15 - \$141,428.06, 01/23/15 - \$179,643.54.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (OLD) –

Stormwater Management – York Commons

Commissioner Kies made a motion that the Board of Park Commissioners review the information attached and presentation, and that, given the magnitude of the request for reconsideration, no motion be made, or vote taken, until the February 11, 2015 Park Board meeting after all Board members have had the opportunity to thoroughly review the information. Commissioner Howard seconded the motion. The Board voted to bring the discussion to the table. Ayes: Commissioners Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Spaeth, Howard, Kies, Kubiesa, and Ubriaco. Nays: none. Motion passed unanimously. Executive Director Rogers summarized the process in developing a cost comparison of using the east and west lobes of York Commons and introduced Greg Wolterstorff of V3 Engineering, who presented a slideshow illustrating the information and figures provided by Burke Engineering comparing the number of homes benefiting from the proposed detention sites at York Commons Park. The presentation was videotaped to be posted on the Elmhurst Park District website (www.epd.org). Comparisons included the number of homes relieved of flooding in a 100-year storm event, the cost of mitigation per home with the use of the west lobe only, both lobes, the east lobe only, each lobe separately or together with improved infrastructure and the use of Madison School property. The comparisons showed that using the west lobe of York Commons Park only with sewer expansion, pump expansion, and compensatory storage would provide relief to 222 homes at an increased cost of \$21,600 per home when compared to using both lobes and the same expansions with compensatory storage. The Board discussed the difficult position in choosing which homes should be relieved of flooding. The cost of using the west lobe was significantly less than the east lobe as it does not have as much infrastructure and amenities, has a smaller facility and contains lower volume. Board President Ubriaco was surprised that the use of both lobes did not have a significant impact on Washington Street and asked if there was any way of knowing which homes on Washington Street would be relieved of flooding. V3 Engineer Wolterstorff did not know but made an assumption that it would be homes in higher elevations or near the perimeter. Commissioner Howard stated that a reduction of 8 inches in water levels would be welcomed by residents in the Washington area because that would be the difference of water in the front yard or the foundation. Commissioner Spaeth added that he would want to help all of the homes that are flooding and improved infrastructure would increase property values as opposed to detention areas. The impact of improved infrastructure to the number of homes is significant. Board President Ubriaco reiterated for clarification that the change in infrastructure costs would be either zero or possibly \$1 million in savings if the west lobe was not used and infrastructure improvements pursued. Mr. Wolterstorff confirmed that Madison School was not included in the calculations based on the information for just the infrastructure assuming that the York Commons Park east lobe basin occurs then the additional cost is \$600,000 to \$1.5 million. If Madison School is rolled in, the cost decreases. If property acquisition is required for the storage, then another estimated \$3.5 million would be added to the cost (based on the 13 lots required to make up the volume with an estimated \$250,000 per lot). Madison School has not been part of the equation, does not change the number of homes impacted but its use shows a very slight decrease in incremental costs. Commissioner Pelosi asked if both engineering firms were interlocked with the information presented. Mr. Wolterstorff confirmed that the information presented was valid. Commissioner Morissette-Moll stated that her concern was that Washington Street residents will remain severely impacted by a stormwater event because they will not be able to eradicate to the level it needs to be eradicated because the concentration

of the water depicted in the slideshow will help only homes in the perimeter of the Washington Street area. President Ubriaco said if both lobes were used 52 homes would be removed in an inundation zone in a 100-year flood but 188 would remain. If infrastructure upgrades were completed, 222 homes would be removed. The change in infrastructure to help 222 homes instead of 52 might be between zero and \$3.5 million if Madison School is included and necessary property acquired for storage. Board President Ubriaco found the difference in cost and impact by using the detention basins only saddening. Commissioner Kubiesa recaptured her conversations with other Illinois park districts in cities facing the same stormwater issues. Most cities/suburbs have sought a referendum to help their community and the same was said at the national conference. She added that even if the park district would reconsider the east lobe, it would only help 52 homes. In a 50-year rain event, 80 homes at Vallette and Swain will still flood even if both lobes were used for detention. Board President Ubriaco observed that the City's prioritization list has Vallette and Swain lower on the list. Board President Ubriaco stated that she could not sleep at night knowing that she had contributed to a decision that allowed flooding to continue for a cost differential of zero to \$1.5 million. The park district took on the stormwater management project because the status quo was unacceptable and wanted to help its constituents. Upgrading infrastructure is the best solution. Commissioner Morissette-Moll concurred that the City needs to go for a referendum.

It was determined that it would take the City 2 to 3 years, including the required permits and use of the west lobe at York Commons Park, to implement the improved infrastructure. The City can start now, but the true spending cost is 2 to 3 years away because of designs and permit applications. Commissioner Howard reminded the Board that the Burke report is from 2011, it flooded in 2013 and again in 2014. The City is willing to make a \$15 million investment on infrastructure if the Park District allows use of the east lobe and can start immediately accelerating a benefit to 14 homes. Executive Director Rogers stated that the east lobe does not start the clock ticking on the rest of the infrastructure. Commissioner Pelosi questioned the City's delay in applying for permits since improved infrastructure was part of the solution. Commissioner Spaeth stated that infrastructure is the only solution for these homes. The Park Board ended discussions of the proposed York Commons Park detention site to continue on to the next proposed park detention site.

Stormwater Management – Golden Meadows Park

Commissioner Howard made a motion that the Board of Park Commissioners review and discuss the latest information provided concerning Golden Meadows Park and maintain its current position as regards to use of the park per the City's request. Commissioner Pelosi seconded the motion. The Board voted to bring the discussion to the table. Ayes: Commissioners Pelosi, Spaeth, Howard, Kies, Kubiesa, Morissette-Moll, and Ubriaco. Nays: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Rogers gave a brief explanation of the status of the Park Board's position on use of Golden Meadows Park for stormwater detention. In December, a notice was received from the IL Dept. of Natural Resources confirming that the west lobe of Golden Meadows Park that was purchased with IDNR grant funds can be used as an off-site storage detention so long as the site retains its recreational use. Prior to the Park Board approving the use of the west lobe, a matrix was provided to help the Board make a decision. On Oct. 1 at a public meeting, the Park

Board was considering the east and west lobe at Golden Meadows. Some of the rationale for the west lobe at Golden Meadows Park was for perpetual use and to allow the City to use the property as it saw fit by deeding over the property. Using the west lobe is not easier but the Park Board agreed to help residents who flood on Pine Street despite the fact that it goes against the District's mission. The Park Board could have decided not to allow the city to use parkland at all but instead decided to because the Park District wants to be part of the solution which would be half of Golden Meadows Park. It is feasible to move 75 garden plots, which are a community amenity not a neighborhood amenity that can be distributed to create garden plots in various parts of the city. Relocating a full-sized soccer field is not as practical. If there was room for another full size soccer field in another, it would have already been built. East Court residents' concerns about the loss of using the park can walk a short distance to the east lobe. No matter where the detention basin is in Golden Meadows it will still back up to homes whether in the east or west lobe. The Park Board would prefer not to have athletic fields serve as detention basins if at all possible. Board President Ubriaco commented that not one area in any of the parks would be easier than the other. Commissioner Kubiesa stated that the Park Commissioners are representative of an entire not just one area and must do what is best for it entirety. Commissioner Howard suggested residents take a look at the area in front of Courts Plus as a representation of the basin's slope. The Board consensus was that decentralizing the garden plots was a great idea for distributing the amenity across the city and the best concept for those on Pine Street to alleviate flooding. The Park Board values the garden plots and the benefits to the community as a whole. Commissioners Kies, Kubiesa, and Spaeth concurred. Board President Ubriaco concluded the discussion.

At 10:01 p.m., Commissioner Spaeth discontinued his attendance via electronic means.

NEW BUSINESS –

Lizzadro Museum Presentation

Dorothy Asher, Director of the Lizzadro Museum thanked the Board for the opportunity to present early plans to construct a new building and requested the Board provide direction as to a specific location for the new building in Wilder Park. She stated that the museum's current facility no longer supports the museum's needs and the lack of direct street access has hindered the museum and its visitors. Andy Joseph of Wight & Co. presented a slideshow displaying four potential sites within Wilder Park for the proposed new building. The Board had preliminary discussions with a consensus to table the topic for further discussion and hold public meetings jointly with the museum to gather residents' feedback.

2015 General Obligation Bond Timeline

Commissioner Pelosi made a motion that the Board of Park Commissioners approves the timeline for the 2015 General Obligation Bond sale. Funds in the amount of \$657,000 (principal and interest) will be used for Debt Service and Capital Projects according to the 2015 Budget. Executive Director Rogers stated that the bid for the solicited bond sale will be brought to the Board for final approval on February 25, 2015 and will be filed with the DuPage and Cook counties accordingly. As there was no further discussion, the Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioners Kies, Kubiesa, Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Howard, and Ubriaco. Nays: None. Motion passed unanimously.

East End Tennis and Basketball Courts Bid

Commissioner Kubiesa made a motion that the Board of Park Commissioners (1) awards the East End Park Tennis Court project to J & R 1st in Asphalt, Inc., Hickory Hills, IL, in the amount of \$109,643.56; (2) rejects alternates #1, 2 and 3; (3) accepts alternate #4 for \$630 and (4) authorizes the Executive Director to execute said contract. As there was no further discussion, the Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioners Kubiesa, Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Howard, Kies, and Ubriaco. Nays: None. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER INFORMATION ITEMS –

Commissioner Kubiesa

- On Friday, January 23, attended the IAPD/IPRA Conference which had over 4,000 attendees from all over the State of Illinois.

Commissioner Kies

- The Elmhurst Garden Club will have a new Blue Star Memorial plaque in the Herb Garden to commemorate service people.

Future Agenda –

No additions nor changes.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director – Rogers

- Last years' garden plot holders were sent notification that it was time to reserve garden plots for this year in Golden Meadows Park. Since the City has yet to accept the Park District's offer to use the west lobe, it was best to go ahead with the garden plots for this summer. Should the City accept the offer, time will be needed to draft an IGA and then engineering to draw up final plans.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion to adjourn to Closed Session was made by Commissioner Kubiesa pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for the "appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body" at 10:46 p.m. Commissioner Pelosi seconded the motion. The Board was polled. Ayes: Commissioners Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Howard, Kies, Kubiesa, and Ubriaco. Nays: None. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 11:44 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 Pelosi moved to adjourn at 11:44 p.m. and Commissioner Kies seconded the motion. The Board was polled. Ayes: Kies, Kubiesa, Morissette-Moll, Pelosi, Howard, and Ubriaco. The Board adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the The Abbey, 407 West St. Charles Road, Elmhurst, IL. Prior notice will be posted.

Note: Roll call voting will start with Commissioner Morissette-Moll at the February 11, 2015 Park Board meeting.

Carolyn Ubriaco, Board President

Nimfa S. Melesio, Recording Secretary

Date Reviewed	
Date Approved	