Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
August 13, 2014
6:00 pm

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

President Main called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

Agenda Item #2 Roll Call

Comm. Bernas, Comm. Karesh, Comm. Long, Comm. Main, Comm. Smith
Staff present: Ron Gunter, Director, Bob Fleck, Supt. of Parks & Planning, Kim Baxter, Supt. of Recreation, Sharon Macak, Supt. of Finance, Steve Golembiewski, Asst. Supt. of Recreation, Keith Johnson, Greens Supt., Craig Grember, Golf Course Manager, John Chorney, Facilities Coordinator, Joel Hymen, IT & Rec Supervisor, Kevin Siewak, Athletics Coordinator, Lenore Farmer, Admin. Asst., Patrick Hays, Intern
Guest present: Edward Richard, Chair, Village of Westmont Planning & Zoning Commission

Agenda Item #3 Consent Agenda

a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2014
b. Claims Ordinance – August 13, 2014

Comm. Main called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Long to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #4 Open Forum and Correspondence

a. General Public
Ed Richard from the Village Planning & Zoning Commission was present to discuss a proposed assisted living facility to be built on 63rd Street, west of Virginia, near Muddy Waters Park. The facility will be built on a three-acre parcel of land, with approximately 95% lot coverage and will be three or four stories tall. He expressed concern about flooding on 63rd Street and questioned the storm water detention in Muddy Waters Park and how it can be increased. Bob stated that the detention is separate from Muddy Waters Park and was built to satisfy the storm water requirements as originally designed and engineered by the builder. Ron explained that we were trying to enhance the neighborhood and address the flooding with the detention area.

b. Written
Ron read a thank-you letter from the Westmont Junior High School dance committee. They thanked us for providing props from our theatre group for the eighth grade dance.

c. IAPD Events
Comm. Main listed upcoming IAPD events:
-Legislative Awards Picnic, September 6 at Joliet Park District
-Best of the Best Awards Gala, October 24 at Chevy Chase Country Club, Wheeling Park District
Comm. Main encouraged us to apply for the Intergovernmental Cooperation Award.

d. Other
Joel introduced the new intern, Patrick Hays, who will be working with us through October. Patrick, who is a sports and recreation major from Concordia University, was welcomed by the Board.

Agenda Item # 5 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-3

a. Public Hearing
Comm. Main opened the public hearing on the 2014-2015 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-3. No one was present from the general public. Comm. Main closed the public hearing.

b. Board Action
Comm. Main called for a motion to approve the 2014-2015 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-3.

Motion was made by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Karesh to approve the 2014-2015 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-3.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays 0 Absent: 0
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #6 Unfinished Business

a. Signage at Fritz Werley Park
Bob was not able to provide any designs at this time, so he suggested finding a graphic designer for ideas. He also discussed options with the Board: staying with the current sand blasted cedar signs or switching to recycled plastics. The wood sign will cost approximately $3,500 and needs to be painted every four years. The cost of the recycled plastic sign is approximately $1,000, but we do not know what the life span is. The Board agreed to consider the plastic signs which led to discussion about possibly changing the district's logo. The Board will discuss logo and sign changes after the NRPA Conference in October, where they will get more ideas.

b. Rotary Park Playground Update
Bob had good news to report. The equipment was delivered, excavation has been done, the concrete was poured and all equipment is in now in place. The playground will be open by next week.
Comm. Main received an e-mail from a resident questioning the playground delay. She replied promptly and the resident thanked her for the quick response and complimented the work done in Rotary Park.
Both Comm. Main and Ron stressed the importance of answering phone calls and emails promptly.
Bob presented pictures of the new equipment, noting the new, different colors.

c. WCC Gym Floor Renovations/Bleacher Replacement
Ron explained that this is a capital improvement project that was approved this year. The original floor was twenty-two years old and this is the first time it was completely sanded. The total cost was $11,000. Bob presented pictures of the work in progress. In addition to basketball and volleyball striping, soccer lines were removed and pickle ball lines were added.
In the WCC, new floors were installed in rooms 1, 2, 3, and 4, and in Steve's office. It is a vinyl material that looks like wood.
The old bleachers from the WCC Gym have been removed. Bob explained that they were very heavy and difficult to open and close; they were beyond repair. Bob presented pictures of new plastic bleachers, which are lighter and more comfortable. The cost is approximately $10,000 for plastic, while the wood would cost approximately $11,000. Ron explained that we have the money because $80,000 was budgeted this year for WCC improvements. The Board liked plastic more than the wood bleachers. There was discussion about whether or not ADA seating is necessary. Bob will get quotes on new bleachers, which will need to be installed before Biddy Basketball begins in November.

d. PARC Grant Update
This is the grant application for the South Wilmette property. Bob explained that the grant administrator liked the South Wilmette project, but it may not be a done deal. The governor is adding additional funds to the current grant cycle, so $29.5 million in funding is now available.

e. Park Projects Update
Bob presented a picture of drainage swale at Ty Warner Park, which has now been cleaned up. The rocks were removed and the channel has been re-done.
At Sentinel Park, the fence was removed and the park was re-graded. The park is much more open and Keith said the grass is starting to grow. There was discussion about using this park for a practice field.
Bob provided a picture of the work in progress at Fritz Werley Park. The fence was removed by our staff and Peerless Fence is working on the new fence, which will be five feet tall. In addition, two ash trees will be removed from that park.
Bob explained the routine of completing park projects. Since athletics have tapered off, there is now more time to do park projects. However, we lose staff at this time of year because seasonal staff is returning to school. He stated that the work at Ty Warner should

be complete in the next couple of weeks. There was discussion about the work that gets accomplished because of the kids we are able to hire in the summer due to the DNR Youth Grant.

Agenda Item #7 New Business

a. Lions Club Request for Alcohol at Lions Park
Ron explained that the Lions Club is hosting a regional meeting at Lions Park on August 27 and they want to serve beer and wine. They are not selling alcohol and no police presence is required.

Motion was made by Comm. Bernas and seconded by Comm. Smith to give the Lions Club permission to serve alcohol at Lions Park.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 0
Comm. Karesh abstained because he is a member of the Lions Club.
Motion Carried.

b. Spray Park Party Rental Cabana
Bob presented pictures of plans for a new party rental cabana/pergola at the Spray Park, which will mimic the architecture of the Gazebo. The dimensions will be 20' x 14' and it will have white columns and a blue roof. Bob explained that it could hold approximately 25 people and the main purpose would be for children's events, like birthday parties. It would be for rentals only and the fee would be for the cabana only; there would still be a separate admission fee for the Spray Park. The Board expressed concern about one group monopolizing it all day, so Bob suggested having three rental times per day. The cost to build would be approximately $5,000 for the roof and $4,000 for the concrete. Bob will put together framing plans and site plans with an architect and hopes to begin construction in September.

c. Park-Village IGA Update Properties Ordinance No. 2014-4
This is an amendment to an existing intergovernmental agreement which needs to be included in the grant application for the South Wilmette property. Ron explained that the Park District owns the property but the Village of Westmont maintains it.

Comm. Main called for a motion to approve the Park-Village IGA Update Properties Ordinance No. 2014-4

Motion was made by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Karesh to approve the Park-village IGA Update Properties Ordinance No. 2014-4.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0
Motion Carried.

d. TLGC Update
Craig reported that due to outings and nice weather, things are going well. The Junior League ended August 14, which had approximately a $5,000 increase from 2013. Craig explained that rounds of golf are up 66 and he is confident that we will catch up to last year. There was discussion about increasing the size of the holes/cups to 15 inches. This will make it easier to putt and open up the golf course to foot golf, which is played with a soccer ball.

e. Fitness Club Update
Since Rick was not at the meeting, Joel gave the report. Joel presented a picture of the storage area on the east wall of the gym, which now stores equipment for the fitness classes. Joel provided the 2012-2014 Comparison, which showed a total of twenty-five expired and cancelled memberships and twenty-five total new and renewed memberships. Joel also reported that there is a new printer at the Club and the new elliptical machines with TVs are up and running.

f. Other
There was no other new business.

Agenda Item #9 Reports of Staff

Joel reported that he installed a new prices/advertising board at the Golf Course. This TV is by the register and currently shows the rates and weather but has the potential to do more. He also received a credit from AT&T for $1,800 for charges that should not have been billed to us. He continues to keep the website updated.

Sharon discussed the Cash & Investments report. She reported the CD was put into a new money market account and we are constantly looking at ways to earn more interest. She noted the bank statements are now included in the Board packet, which she will continue to send. There was discussion about pledge requirements which we will begin to receive quarterly. Sharon will report on these at future meetings.

Steve reported on his current programs. Summer Camparama is currently going on and a community blood drive was held at the end of July. The PVPN community theatre group is preparing for the Performances in the Park entitled, "Bard in the Park," which will be held the next three weekends in August. PVPN also held their second Steak Feed Dinner fundraiser at Ty Warner Park. The Kids Club before and after school care program will start at the end of August, and he has begun planning the Haunted Forest Tour on October 25. Also, Steve stated he has been elected to the position of Rec. Section Director Elect for IPRA.
There was discussion about extending the Backstop concession stand hours, especially during little league baseball games.

Kevin reported that he has been busy with Wildcats football and cheer. We currently have three teams for football and 4 cheer teams. He explained that this in the first year since he became Athletics Coordinator that we have had a Bandits football team, which is the youngest age group. The first game is August 30. Men's fall softball will start soon and try-outs for Peak travel basketball were held in August.

Kim reported that the Fall Program Guide is out and will be delivered to Westmont residents by August 17. Kim continues to monitor payment plans and scholarship payments. She recently visited the SEASPAR sensory room and learned how they use the space and how it benefits their participants. Kim explained that Cindy is off this week but she is preparing for preschool to begin in September.

John reported that he is continuing to work on park projects.

Keith reported on an incident at the Golf Course in early August in which a woman slipped on a wet bridge near the 7th hole and broke her wrist. Keith acknowledged that the bridge was slippery and he has since repaired it.

Agenda Item #9 Adjournment

Comm. Main called for a motion to adjourn the regular session.

Motion was made by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Long to adjourn the regular session.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0
Motion Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.