



Lincolnwood Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Lincolnwood Village Hall – Council Chambers
July 12, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M.

PRESENT AT MEETING

Park Board Members: Sarah Hardin, Laura Tomacic, Amy Kaniff, Grace Diaz Herrera (arrived 7:09pm), Victor Shaw (arrived 7:12pm); Reese Gratch; Village Board liaison Jennifer Spino
Parks and Recreation Department Staff: Laura McCarty, Katie Gamroth, Melissa Rimdzius
Village of Lincolnwood Staff: Ashley Englemann, Andrew Letson
Audience: Jeff Perl, 4601 W. Touhy; Marilyn Klien, 4601 W. Touhy; Stanley Consultants

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion to approve Diaz Herrera/Kaniff the meeting minutes of the June 14, 2016. 6-0, motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/LETTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. ComEd Bike Path Touhy Overpass Presentation

Englemann- Provides background of the 2006 bike master plan

- Two bike paths Union Pacific, and ComEd right of way.
- Village secured Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grants for both projects
- 2011 received grant CMAQ for Touhy Overpass Bridge.
- 2014 began phase one, concept meetings at the Park Board level, site meetings and approval at the Village Board level in May of 2015.
- March of 2016 received approval for phase two process. Phase two is to refine aesthetic elements of the bridge. .

Stanley Consultants- As noted in presentation

Englemann- Looking for discussion about architectural elements.

Board Discussion- Size of identifier sign 18” vs. 24”

- Comments on the bridge being a gateway into Lincolnwood, 24” is fitting
- Discusses 24” not being overwhelming, but a better visual overall
- Questions the size of “Village Op”, is it necessary

Englemann- Recalls from a previous meeting wanting people to know they were coming into Lincolnwood, and that Lincolnwood is not a part of Chicago

Board Discussion- Logo on the side of the of stairs

- Questions what logo does the Village use more
- Questions the reason one is used more than the other
- Comments on the tree having Lincolns profile
- Like the tree, more outdoorsy on the bike path
- Tree is more inviting

Englemann- Confirms the Village utilizes both logs, but the Lincoln bust is used more. The tree elements are found in Centennial Park

Stanley- Brings force concerns with Lincoln bust setting in precast cracking overtime, whereas the tree is abstract

Board Discussion- Color of structure and texture

- Comments on the contrasting colors in presentation
- Questions lightness of columns

Perl- Likes that the colors in the Village are prairie style and keeping with that

Klien- Talks about the light building she works in and how dirty it looks with weather and rain.

Village Hall as a darker color seems to look cleaner

Englemann- Village Hall gets cleaned fairly regularly

Klien- Questions if there is a reason why we would go with something so light when the Village has darker colors

Stanley- Talks about the proposed design matching the original column by the bank. A textured design will also help with showing of dirt and fading

Board Discussion- Position and color of up lighting

- White makes it pop
- Questions if path and bridge path is lit
- Questions if there is light in the stairwell

Stanley- Only lighting is on the columns and the back lit sign, the path and stairwell itself will not be lit.

Englemann- Informs the board the new street lights will have white lights that would match the proposed white

Perl- Questions if the bridge be open 24 hours

Englemann- Explains the path will not be blocked off, but not lit to help decrease use during late hours.

Perel- Questions if the source of the up-lighting be visible?

Stanley- Confirms bulbs will not be visible at the base of the column

Englemann- Confirms there is no proposed lighting on the stairs at this time

Board Discussion- Landscape elements

- Questions additional screening trees
- Questions the budget
- Comments on the how the high impact makes the overall feel more of a gateway

Klien- Questions the type of screening trees to be added

Stanley- Confirms a mixture of Evergreen and deciduous trees

Englemann- Comments on how the higher impact would have more plantings and lower impact would have more grass, with no landscaping provided on the path itself. Mentions the idea of irrigation as well to help maintain the area.

Englemann- Addresses having received additional grant funding to add elements like the high impact landscape elements

Stanley- Comments on being limited to small areas for landscaping and budget, if needed the high impact landscape could be scaled back

On motion Shaw/Tomacic to approve 24" lettering, use of tree logo, darker tinted wall color, textured wall, white lighting for backlit and column illumination, and high impact landscaping. 6-0, motion passes.

Englemann- Next steps will be the August 16th board meeting

Klien- Questions if there be a parking lot

Englemann- Confirms no parking lot

B. Consideration of a Request from M-NASR to hold Trivia Craze at the Community Center on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 6:30-10pm

McCarty- M-NASR requesting to hold first annual trivia night at the Community Center. Alcohol will be served, the goal will be to raise money for scholarship funds

Board Discussion

- Need for approval
- Similar events in the Community Center

McCarty- Confirms the need for approval for the fundraising aspect

On motion Tomacic/Gratch to approve the request from M-NASR to hold Trivia Craze at the Community Center on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 6:30-10pm. 6-0, motion passes.

C. Pickle ball Program

McCarty- Shows video of Pickle ball. Comments on how Pickle ball is the fastest growing sports in America and is designed for all ages and will be tried out in Proesel Park this fall. Staff will purchase some equipment and rent it out through the Parks and Recreation Department.

Board Discussion

- Possibility of running classes
- Would like to see demonstrations to promote it

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS –

DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

McCarty- Provides an overview of Park Passport program and reminds board of Lincolnwood Fest next week

Gratch- Questions how planning is going for the Lincolnwood Fest

McCarty- Comments on the last planning meeting and that everything is ready to go

Shaw- Questions if the new tent in Proesel Park is for the Lincolnwood Fest

Gamroth – Informs the board the tent is a new Parks and Recreation tent and will be used for the growing camp programs and Turkey Trot

STAFF REPORTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION – GAMROTH

Gamroth-

- Updates board on the approval of grant funding from Niles Township for the Social Club and Taxi Program.
- Provides update on the Multicultural Task Force and the September 19, clergy event

B. SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND FACILITIES – RIMDZIUS

Rimdzius-

- Comments on no Park Patrol Report, due to head being out of the office
- Updates pass sales; 1,584 resident passes sold, and sold out of non-resident passes.
- Provides revenue updates
 - Daily attendance \$21,000
 - Total \$91,000; about \$14,000 above last year at this time
- Hearing much positive feedback from non-residents

Gratch- Nice to see non-resident sales go up

C. RECREATION SUPERVISOR – ANTOSZ

As noted in report

D. COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MARKETING COORDINATOR – VERING

As noted in report

E. YOUTH PROGRAMS COORDINATOR - FLETCHER

As noted in report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Park Board Minutes prepared by: Katie Gamroth, Superintendent of Recreation

Park and Recreation Board President:


Signature


Date