



**Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Board Meeting**  
Lincolnwood Village Hall – Council Chambers  
September 27, 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, Victor Shaw

Parks and Recreation Department Staff: Laura McCarty, Katie Gamroth, Melissa Rimdzius, Olivia Antosz

Village Board Liaison: Jennifer Spino

Audience: Pauline Obermann, Lincolnwood Resident

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion Diaz Herrera/Shaw to approve the meeting minutes of the August 9, 2016. 5-0, motion passed.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/LETTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Presentation of Design Proposals for the Renovation of G.G. Rowell Park**

**Rimdzius-** As noted in presentation

**Obermann-** Comments on the design of playground number two:

- Unique equipment, not seen at any other park nearby
- Modern take on monkey bars
- Like to see a taller slide
- Questions if it is possible to change out swings, compares to Maggie Daley Park and a netted swing seen there

**Rimdzius-** Notes that the swings seen in other designs might not be possible if a different playground manufacture was chosen. Staff will research the swapping of swings, mentioning the cost might be affected

**Rimdzius-** Comments that design number six has an extra swing bay, design number two does not and we would potentially be losing the accessibility swing if an alternative swing is chosen

**Hardin-** Reads email that was sent to Superintendent of Parks for comments to be considered by the board:

- Current park is fine
- Would prefer to add or replace anything out of date, otherwise keep park as is

**Board Discussion**

- Thanks Pauline to coming out to voice her opinion
- Would like to see variation of the parent and baby swing (from design one)
- Questions possibilities of replacing swing types
- Questions refurbishing the playground, what would that mean financially and long term?

**Rimdzius-** Responds to board inquiries on refurbishing

- On average each component approximately \$1,500 to replace
- An estimate of \$25,000-\$30,000 was provided to staff from Landscape Structures to refurbish current components leaving the posts and decking
- Yearly maintenance would remain touching up paint and patching of posts and decking
- IRMA confirmed the average life expectancy in playgrounds in Illinois is 15 years, depending on material
- Most efficient way is to replace the entire playground at once

**Rimdzius-** Comments on reaching out to nearby agencies for input on replacement, finding some refresh playgrounds every ten years and then replace the entire playground after 20

**Board Discussion**

- Speaks to funding being earmarked for replacement in the budget
- Questions the demographics of those who provided input on playground design
- Thanks staff for hard work with public outreach

**Rimdzius-** Comments on the varied demographic group providing input from Club Kid and Camp participants to those in the surrounding neighborhood

**Rimdzius-** Provides overview of next steps:

- Prepare bid documents for installation
- Board approval for installation in November
- Construction to begin in March
- One to two weeks of construction with a completion date of March 31

On motion Kaniff/Tomacic to approve design number 2 with recommendation of alternate swing options. 5-0, motion passed.

**B. Presentation of the 2016 Summer Day Camp Season Report**

**Antosz-** As noted in presentation

**CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT –**

**COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS –**

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT –**

**McCarty-** Thanks everyone that participated in the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. Very successful event and staff will be looking to program the promenade in the future. The ribbon cutting for new Valley Line Trail is October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am at Gobelt Park. Pickeball lines have been added to the East tennis court in Proesel Park. The All Out Marketing Girls Softball Tournament will take place next weekend in which all four softball fields at Proesel will be utilized. A reminder that the next Board meeting is November 8.

**STAFF REPORTS**

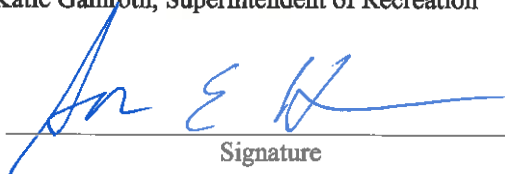
- A. **SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION – GAMROTH**  
**Gamroth-** Updated Turkey Trot number to 247 registered participants
- B. **SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND FACILITIES – RIMDZIUS**  
Thanked the Board for their support during this past pool season.
- C. **RECREATION SUPERVISOR – ANTOSZ**  
As noted in 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 8:14 P.M.

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

Park and Recreation Board President:

  
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 Signature

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