



Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Lincolnwood Village Hall – Council Chambers
November 14, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Park Board Members: Laura Tomacic, Victor Shaw, Grace Diaz Herrera, Maria Leberis, Carol Orah

Parks and Recreation Department Staff: Laura McCarty, Melissa Rimdzius

Village Board Liaison:

Village Staff: Nadim Badran, Assistant to the Public Works Director

Audience: Daniel Brinkman, Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion Orah/Shaw approve the meeting minutes of October 10, 2017. 5-0, motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/LETTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

OLD BUSINESS

A. Drake Park Naming Request

McCarty- Introduced request to name Drake Park, reviewed naming policy, and read an email from Board Chairperson Reese Gratch.

Board Discussion-

- Comments regarding signage continuity throughout the parks (bronze and stone)
- Mention of a dedicated bench not being enough to acknowledge Ms. Loyd
- Comment on location of signage due to the nature of the basketball courts

Rimdzius- Showed the entrance to the Drake Park courts pictured in the presentation slides

Board Discussion-

- Question of where funds for a bench would come from

McCarty- A bench could be funded from the park maintenance budget or a donation

Board Discussion-

- Additional discussion regarding the type of signage (bronze and stone)
- Question of park location (Drake Park or Proesel Park)
- Question about sign wording

McCarty- Presented a few options from other agency signs

Board Discussion-

- Mentions of being on the right track

- Comments regarding Ms. Loyd needing to be recognized as a role model, Lincolnwood's own, and an WNBA Star
 - Recommendations to work together with the Loyd family in determining the text for the sign and to incorporate parts of the letter submitted to the Board
 - Mention that all parks are named after men and it will be great to honor a woman
- McCarty-** Will follow up with the Loyd family regarding park preference

NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation and Discussion of the Lincoln/Pratt Avenue Lining and Signing Project

Badran- Presents overview of the project

- Village applied and received an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant in 2010 for the installation of bike lane lining and signing on Lincoln Avenue, Pratt Avenue, and East Prairie Road
- ITEP is a federally funded grant program administered through IDOT
 - Purpose – Enhance the transportation experience through enhancing connectivity, safety, aesthetic, environmental, and cultural/historical aspects of transportation infrastructure
- Village applied for installation of bike lanes on East Prairie Road, Lincoln Avenue, and Pratt Avenue. The application also included:
 - Lining of on-street bike lanes
 - Installation of bike-friendly sewer covers
 - Installation of pedestrian push button and countdown crosswalks
- Gewalt Hamilton, Associates, Inc. (GHA) retained to design project
- Delay due to discussions with IDOT on acceptable areas for signing and striping and the proposed U.P. Bike Path
- IDOT review of scope determined the width of East Prairie Road and Pratt Avenue west of U.P. Path too narrow for designated or shared bike lane
 - Minimum bike lane width based on average daily traffic and speed, typically 4-6 feet
- IDOT agreed to consider moving forward with shared bike lane “sharrows” on Pratt Avenue, from the U.P. Bike Path to McCormick Boulevard and Lincoln Avenue as part of Phase I design
- Additional photos and diagrams included in slideshow presentation
- Staff is seeking feedback on the Phase I plans for the Lincoln and Pratt Avenues Lining and Signing Project

Tomacic- Opens the discussion

Herrera- Asks to confirm the locations and nature of the lanes (shared or designated)

Badran- Confirms that connectivity is a requirement; the lanes cannot go past the Union Pacific path, as that path is considered the target destination

Brinkman- Comments that having logical termini is a federal requirement. Lists the logical termini for this project (UP Path and Path on McCormick, entire length of Lincoln Avenue, and Devon and Jarvis)

Tomacic- Asks if the Public Works Department has had any community input or comments

Badran- Uncertain as to the extent of public comment received in 2010. If it has not been done, the Public Works will speak to the Village Manager to determine how to proceed

Tomacic- Positive comment of the parking lanes on Pratt

Badran- Comments that the Public Works Department will complete phase one plans for the project and submit it to the state

Tomacic- Thanks Badran and Brinkman for providing the information and sharing the plan with the Board

B. 2018 Meeting Dates

McCarty- Provides proposed 2018 meeting dates

Tomacic- Review of the dates

On motion Herrera/Oraha to approve the 2018 meeting dates. 5-0, motion passed.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT-

COMMISIONERS' REPORTS-

DIRECTOR'S REPORT-

McCarty

- Mentions Katie Gamroth has moved on to become the Superintendent of Recreation at the Round Lake Area Park District
- Shares the proposed restructuring of the Parks and Recreation Department
- Updates the Board on the Central Park playground equipment replacement project. The equipment has been removed and donated to Kids Around the World, work will begin on Thursday, and the goal is to complete the project by the end of the month.
- New winter programs are running this year, including Breakfast with Santa, Gingerbread House Decorating, a Candy Cane Hunt at Lincolnwood Lights, and Winter Break Camp
- Mentions the upcoming IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference and comments that additional information will be sent to the Board

STAFF REPORTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND FACILITIES - RIMDZIUS

Turkey Trot Registration Update

B. RECREATION SUPERVISOR – ANTOSZ

As noted in report

C. COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MARKETING COORDINATOR – VERING

As noted in report

D. YOUTH PROGRAMS COORDINATOR – FLETCHER

As noted in report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Park Board Minutes prepared by: Melissa Rimdzius-Marsh, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities

Park and Recreation Board President:


Signature


Date