



Approved August 15, 2016

**MINUTES OF THE  
PARK BOARD MEETING  
Monday, July 18, 2016**

Present: Ken Borgerding, Park Board Chairman  
Lee Campbell  
Lee Fell  
Suzi Siegel  
Scott Phippen, Operations Superintendent  
Josh Markham, General Maintenance Streets and Parks  
Tim Baynon, General Maintenance Streets and Parks

Absent: Kathy Alred Lin  
Ted Heiser  
Sandra Wright  
Dr. Mara Grujanac, Trustee Liaison

Location: Village Hall, One Olde Half Day Road, Lincolnshire Illinois 60069

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Borgerding called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2.0 ROLL CALL**

Superintendent Phippen called roll and determined a quorum was present.

**3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the June 20, 2016 Meeting of the Park Board (Village of Lincolnshire)**

The Park Board reviewed the minutes of the June 20, 2016 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Fell, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**4.0 RESIDENT COMMENTS AND REQUESTS**

**4.1** Mr. Phippen notified the Park Board that a group of young people had attended a Village Board meeting in June and presented a petition for a skate park at North Park. The petition had over 200 signatures. After some discussion the Village Board referred the group to the Park Board, specifically the July meeting. The group was unable to attend, but plans to attend the August meeting. Information will be provided in the August Park Board packet.

**5.0 RECREATION**

5.1 None

**6.0 PARKS**

**6.1 Consideration and Discussion of the 10 Year Capital Budget Plan for Parks, Paths, Facilities, and Equipment (Village of Lincolnshire)**

Mr. Phippen reviewed the ten year capital plan, provided spreadsheets of the proposed budgets for 2017- 2026 for consideration, and also provided a memo to the Park Board

including some of the items that came up in the July park tour.

Ms. Siegel mentioned that the ADA improvements for the path at Rivershire may be dependent on getting wheelchairs for students with wider wheels and this may be an item that could be provided by grant funding. Mr. Pippen said the ATV wheelchairs may have been needed because of the current condition of the paths. The capital improvements suggested should make the paths accessible for all types of wheelchairs. The path under consideration is only from the building to the first bridge. To do the entire path system at Rivershire would cost an estimated \$40,000. The cost for the part of the path suggested would cost between \$6,000 and \$9,000 depending on the material used. Limestone screening is less expensive than the red rotten granite.

Ms. Siegel mentioned the possibility of a grant for the path. Mr. Fell said that with a grant you may spend more money in engineering and design costs than you might pay just doing the path. Village staff can investigate the options. The School District could be approached regarding sharing the cost. Mr. Pippen suggested putting the project out a year to give the Village and School District an opportunity to explore options. Mr. Fell suggested presenting the option of the improvement for the entire path system when discussing the cost sharing with the School District. Mr. Pippen noted that the path improvements would not be only for disabled students but would make the paths accessible for anyone who wanted to use them. Maintenance of this kind of path includes annual top-dressing and more complete maintenance about every three years. In case of a flood there would have to be a major repair but it would be covered by insurance. Mr. Fell would like to have the suggested budget item be for the entire path.

The second ramp considered for the Rivershire Nature Center would allow children in wheelchairs to exit the building in the same place as the other children providing full inclusion.

Regarding the lacrosse practice wall, Mr. Campbell asked for more information about what it involves and what different options could be. Mr. Pippen said that the photo included in the Park Board packet showed a ball wall at the basketball court at Balzer Park but it could be located at another park. The product recommended is a composite product, not wood or fiberglass, which should handle the impact of the hard lacrosse balls. The sizes available range from 8'x10' to 24'x10'. Ten foot is the maximum height, which is the height of the fence at Balzer Park. Ms. Siegel suggested the tennis court since the basketball court is used all the time.

The prices provided in the memo are based on size, and range from \$4,000 for the smallest to \$8,000 for the largest including shipping. The walls can also be used for pitching or tennis practice or any other similar practice use. Regarding location, the walls are designed for tennis practice and would be most secure attached to a fence. It could be installed at any of the Village's tennis courts. Mr. Campbell noted that the last time the Village considered installing a ball wall at North Park it was a concrete block wall requiring a foundation which was going to cost over ten times the amount of this type of wall. Chairman Borgerding suggested putting one at Spring Lake Park and one at Balzer Park at the tennis courts.

Mr. Pippen said the issue came up because a young man was practicing at the Spring

Lake wooden practice ball wall and because it was wooden he was putting holes in it. The young man came to the Park Board and said he didn't intend to damage the wall and he would appreciate a place to practice lacrosse. Balzer was suggested because new fencing is budgeted for next year. The Park Board concurred that one ball wall to start is a good idea and they would like to try the 10' x 20' size.

The split rail fence replacement at Rivershire Park is budgeted in 2020 at an estimated current cost of \$17,000 for approximately 1,550ft of fence. At the last Park Board meeting-tour Ms. Lin said the fence is falling apart and will probably need replacement before 2020. The fence replacement project could either be moved up to next year, or we could remove the broken parts and leave it in the budget for future replacement. Ms. Siegel said it was in pretty bad shape and Mr. Baynon noted that at the last flood we lost a lot of fence rails and posts. Mr. Fell asked if a new fence would be installed differently or would it be subject to the same flood damage. Mr. Baynon said that the same style of fence would be subject to the same type of damage depending on water height and current. The fence is more vulnerable to damage as it ages. Staff recommends moving the project up since the existing broken down fence is no longer serving its purpose of marking the paths and is unattractive. The existing fence is probably 15-20 years old. Mr. Fell recommended moving the project up to 2017 and the other members present agree.

Mr. Phippen noted that the four picnic tables requested to be moved up to 2017 are a result of a resident request. Staff moved the existing tables around, however the Spring Lake Park picnic areas are in need of more tables. Staff also investigated providing larger trash cans. The Waste Management large solar compactor trash collectors are \$5,000 per set. These would probably not be warranted if the lifeguards are able to collect trash more frequently. The existing trash containers can't be moved down closer to the beach because it is too shady for the solar collectors to work. The solar collectors in use were provided at no cost to the Village by Waste Management as a demonstration of a new product. The Park Board agreed to add the request for additional tables to the 2017 budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Fell, seconded by Mr. Campbell as follows:

*"The Park Board recommends approval of the proposed 10 Year Capital Plan for Parks, Paths, Facilities and Equipment as presented by staff and amended to include the Park Board project requests for a lacrosse wall at Balzer Park, fence replacement at Rivershire Park, and four additional picnic tables at Spring Lake Park in 2017; and conversion of the chipped paths at Rivershire Park to an ADA accessible surface and construction of a second ADA accessible ramp from the Nature Center in 2018 pending Village discussions with School District #103 and research of grant options for shared funding of the path conversion and ramp construction."*

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

## **7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7.1 None

**8.0 NEW BUSINESS**

8.1 None

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

9.1 A motion was made by Ms. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Fell, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Borgerding declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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