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**MINUTES OF THE
JOINT MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD
AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

Monday, March 18, 2013

Present: Ken Borgerding, Park Board Chairman
Lee Campbell
Kelly Dupont
Jamie Godshalk
Dan Hartman
Ted Heiser (left at 7:40pm)
Jennifer Hughes, Director of Public Works
Brad Woodbury, Assistant to the Director of Public Works
Karen Feldman, Trustee Liaison (arrived 7:03 pm)

Absent: None

Architectural Review Board Members:
Wes Grover, Chairman
Ramesh Gulatee
Cherise Kennerly
Peter Schlect
Steve McNellis, Director of Community Development
Stephen Robles, Planner

Absent: Roger Hardnock

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Borgerding called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

1.0 ROLL CALL

Director of Public Works Hughes called roll and determined a quorum was present.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**2.1 Approval of the Minutes of the February 18, 2013 Park Board Meeting
(Village of Lincolnshire)**

The Park Board reviewed the minutes of its February 18, 2013 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Godshalk, seconded by Mr. Campbell to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2013 Park Board Meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

3.0 RESIDENT COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

None.

4.0 ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Recreation

None.

4.2 Parks

4.2.1 Consideration and Discussion Regarding Conceptual Park Designs for Proposed Pocket Park Within the Lincolnshire Downtown PUD (Village of Lincolnshire)

Planner Stephen Robles introduced Steve McNellis, Director of Community Development. A packet of information including a review of concept designs for a pocket park in the Downtown area was provided to each board member. During Village Board discussion four design objectives were determined;

- Create a passive park, with a passive sense of place.
- Do not include traditional active playground equipment.
- Create a place one could sit on a lunch break, where kids could also play.
- Create an interesting place for someone to go.

Location maps were provided for three concept designs (Options 2, 3 and 4) based on Village Board feedback. Option 1 was discarded. A fourth option is melding toward a final design. Option 2 is influenced by Indian Creek and provides an amphitheater overlook to the creek. Option 3 has open passive sitting areas and active play areas within a natural stone outcropping setting.

Option 4 has a smaller footprint based on site constraints, with slopes for overland water flow, divided into sections. Section 1 is a formalized sitting area at the foot of the bridge. The ground would be constructed of pervious pavement. There will be a kinetic wind sculpture to provide movement. The seating area would have traditional benches with shade trees. Features include artistic bike racks to add visual interest, a solar powered recycle bin, site lighting (not shown) for safety but not to encourage use at night. Section 2 adds height with shade trellises which could be painted to add color. This section includes paths similar to what is around Village Hall pond. Interactive sculpture allows sitting/climbing (doesn't have to be an animal). A seating area with stone seating is proposed to overlook the creek restoration work. Landscaping will prevent access to the water.

Section 3 is similar to Section 2. There will be a lawn area for picnics and possibly a water feature. There is another area that is narrow and surrounded by prairie grasses and another sculpture. Benches will be stone due to the necessity to maintain existing overflow from the basin. Many of the trees are already present.

The original Downtown plan included a path around the detention basin, and this path may still be constructed.

Trustee Feldman complimented staff on a wonderful job of design work done in-house. Mr. Godshalk agreed that staff did a great job and asked why there are only benches and no picnic tables. Planner Robles said the intent is just to have a place to sit, not to have a picnic area. Mr. Godshalk said it seems like the seating areas are large enough to not need a table.

ARB Member Gulatee asked how the Village decided to have a pocket park in that location. Where are the people coming from and do we have the opportunity to develop a more comprehensive plan for the entire length of Indian Creek? Is there a bias given to connection with the Village Green? How many residents will come from the Village Green? Customers of the Fresh Market will come by car, e.g. riverwalk in Naperville. Will this make more opportunity for walkers? Who is the park designed for?

Planner Robles said the origin of the park idea was to provide something specifically at the foot of the bridge. Potential users include employees of adjacent office centers, employees of the site, residents of the south Village Green and Village residents as a whole, possibly grandchildren of the Village Green residents and users of the connecting bikepath system. Regarding the size of the park, the slopes along the creek and future building pad do not leave any additional room to expand. There is a secondary park east of the Marathon station which will be more of a plaza.

Mr. Gulatee said there is no pedestrian traffic on Half Day or Milwaukee Avenue. Landscapers dream to do something in the Downtown that is more comprehensive. He suggested that the design should pick up on the Indian Creek theme. The park does not seem democratic as it is on the Village Green. The topography gives lookout points; why not draw more people from further north?

Trustee Feldman stated she likes the idea of extending the length of the park. Planner Robles showed the location of existing paths.

Mr. Godshalk said he had an office at the Spectrum Office Building and walked to lunch. He is looking forward to this park. Walgreens has lunch items. He has sat at a picnic table at Spectrum.

Ms. Dupont said it is another destination to sit and play. Trustee Feldman said it is not intended to be a play park. She is concerned that the faux natural materials don't look too fake.

Mr. Godshalk said that Indian Creek can flood as high as the Spectrum parking lot and asked if there is anything to prevent kids from going near the creek. Planner Robles said there is compensatory storage and the bank restoration may prevent it. Landscaping will be used to protect it in low flow. Mr. Godshalk said it may need temporary barricades. Director of Public Works Hughes said it will flood. Amenities will be anchored and we will put out barricades when needed.

Mr. Heiser asked how many vehicles can park in lots by Fresh Market, along the spine road. Director of Community Development McNellis said there are 126 parking spaces. There will be a crosswalk to the park area.

Mr. Hartman asked if we can plant on the north side of the creek. Planner Robles said the north side is owned by the condos, we won't be planting there. Mr. Hartman asked about the angle of the bridge relative to the creek. Director Hughes said the bridge is perpendicular to the centerline of the creek to minimize the size of the bridge.

The ARB members like the path around the detention pond. The statues and water features raise questions about maintenance. What is the cost/benefit? Planner Robles said we will be looking at cost.

Trustee Feldman asked about a rain garden. Planner Robles said we have not defined plant types and can look at elevations.

A resident asked if there is a natural way to handle rainwater by installing grasses. Planner Robles said we will have an opportunity to do that with a combination of formal and natural plantings.

Mr. Godshalk stated that last fall the Lincolnshire Garden Club donated native plants to the Indian Creek Watershed Project, which installed several hundred native plants on the east side of the basin.

Ms. Kennerly noted the Garden Club has donated plantings for the Daniel Wright native gardens. Anthony Haffner started the program three or four years ago.

Trustee Feldman added that the North Park native plants in the parking lot medians absorb a lot of water.

Mr. Schlect asked what the design parameters are and the cost per square foot. Planner Robles said that no costs were associated with the design concepts at this time. There are parameters such as topography and flood areas which limit opportunities to stretch out the park, but the Board's direction has to focus the park at the foot of the bridge. Mr. Schlect asked how the Village knows it can afford the park. He stated the next step is to know how much it will cost. It is not a destination. You can only get to it by car or bike. Village Green residents don't see the Green as a public space but as part of their front yard. Planner Robles said the goal is not to make it like other parks.

Mr. Gulatee said it is not being democratic to only connect the park to the "north and south" while not connecting it to the "west and east". Planner Robles said there is no opportunity to connect west since Milwaukee Ave is controlled by IDOT. Mr. Gulatee said we are doing a downtown development. Director of Community Development McNellis pointed out it is not a traditional downtown. Mr. Gulatee said the Village of Lincolnshire doesn't have an open area where we can do an open park: to quote Daniel Burnham, "make no small plans."

Mr. Schlect stated if this park is tied to the master plan, then we could

connect to other paths. The spine road will be heavily travelled to get to the library. The road should be elevated to speed bumps at the crosswalk to slow vehicles down. He noted that porous pavers take vacuuming. He thinks the compactors are a good idea and likes the natural areas and vistas. The water down the bank will have a nice sound and look.

Mr. Schlect asked how much vegetation there will be and will it be natural or irrigated? Planner Robles said it will be mostly natural. Mr. Schlect asked if we can use existing water sources. Mr. Hartman said we should use natural plants to eliminate irrigation. Mr. Godshalk said the detention basin is toxic due to salt; creek water would be better for irrigation. Planner Robles said there will not be a pool of water in the basin from which to draw upon.

Mr. Hartman said the path goes nowhere; eliminate it if it only goes to the cell tower. He doesn't like the overlook facing the bridge and suggests that it should be rotated to look downstream at the river. He is concerned about trees adjacent to the sculpture.

Mr. Godshalk asked about the climbing structure, will it be on safe ground? Planner Robles said yes.

Trustee Feldman noted that the Board liked the shade trellis and natural features. This is not a kids' park but a serenity park. She likes the idea of extending the park along the river but suggested that the park is here in lieu of "dead space". The spine road will generate cut through traffic. She asked if there will be access to the Village Hall. Mr. Godshalk stated there will be a path along Milwaukee Ave when the road is widened.

Chairman Borgerding asked who owns the Village Green area. Director Hughes stated that the Village owns it. Mr. Borgerding asked how you connect the bridge to the Village Green. Planner Robles said there will be a small path.

Mr. Godshalk asked if parks close at dusk and Director Hughes said yes. Planner Robles said the Board made it clear that there will be low-level lighting to illuminate the park. Mr. Schlect asked if Police will be able to see the park from the spine road. Planner Robles said it depends upon the plantings.

Mr. Gulatee asked how many park users are estimated per day; 500? 50? Planner Robles said we don't know if there will be 5 but we know that there will be a demand. Mr. Gulatee said this discussion should have taken place years ago. He said that he has been living here long enough to know this is a car-driven community. We need to encourage pedestrians. It would be a shame not to have a place where residents can linger. Are there streets conducive to walking? The Route 22 path is ice covered west of Berkshire. What are the priorities of the Village? Is this really a motorist society? Mr. Gulatee added that if you have amenities people will linger. They should be encouraged to walk.

Mr. Grover stated the audience for this park will be condominium owners.

Mr. Godshalk noted there are bicycles in front of Einstein's.

Director McNellis commented about way-finding; there are plenty of opportunities to get to the park. We have bike path maps that will need to include this park. Trustee Feldman said this is great if it isn't piecemeal to show how to get there.

Mr. Schlect said this location is the place to put the park. The bigger question is about connectors. He would like to see the Bike Path Master Plan.

Director McNellis said that staff will bring back to the Boards information about costs and interconnectivity for access to the park. He added that the access connections are probably better than board members think.

Mr. Gulatee said architecturally, the least intrusive design is the best. He recommended minimizing water impacts.

Mr. Schlect asked about the time frame. Director McNellis stated there is no need to rush. Staff will bring back the issue. Trustee Feldman said there is a rush to complete the bridges and Director McNellis said the bridges are ordered. Mr. Gulatee asked if the bridges are part of the TIF expenditures, Director McNellis confirmed this. Mr. Gulatee asked about the price and Director Hughes said approximately \$340,000 for both bridges.

Director McNellis stated that this matter would be brought back before another joint meeting of the Park and Architectural Review Board meetings.

4.2.2 Consideration and Discussion of Olde Mill Park Toy Renovation Project (Village of Lincolnshire)

Assistant to the Director of Public Works Woodbury introduced discussion of the Olde Mill playground. He began that the area for the playground is small. Unlike Bicentennial Park, we can't open up the curb area to expand the play area. It is challenging to come up with a new design while including ADA and ASTM design standards.

Assistant to the Director of Public Works Woodbury introduced John Simonitis president of Parkreation. This company is the selected vendor as it is the only playground vendor in Illinois that distributes the Little Tikes replacement parts for the toy at Olde Mill Park. The project involves introducing playground components to replace worn parts and freshening up the appearance of the playground. The approach to the project is similar to the one taken with Bicentennial Park last year and Spring Lake Park this year.

Mr. Simonitis presented drawings for Option 1, which includes a wall, and Option 2 which is similar to the existing structure.

Mr. Godshalk asked if we have an idea of the ages using the park.

Assistant to Director of Public Works Woodbury said ages range from 5 to 12. Director Hughes said the LSA uses the park for younger kids. Mr. Simonitis said the standard age ranges used are 2 to 5 and 5 to 12. Play equipment needs to provide a variety of difficulty but still needs to be safe for younger kids.

Trustee Feldman said if you build it they will come. To get kids to go to parks it better be pretty cool. Assistant to Director of Public Works Woodbury said the Village is trying to save money by identifying compliance issues and by using existing elements. We will get another 5 to 10 years of additional use out of the current equipment. The Spring Lake Park renovation is an example of what will work; renovation is the best way to go. Balzer Park will give us the opportunity to change how we approach parks by constructing a play area from the ground up. We have budgeted \$20,000 for this improvement.

Homes in the area are 30 years old, a good park is needed to bring people out to it.

Staff noted that Olde Mill Park is underutilized, mostly used as a soccer park. This project will balance the needs of the 2-year-olds with those of the older kids. The majority of the toy is in good condition. If we spend \$20,000 we can bring it up to date and freshen it. The park needs to be more accessible, the bike and parking spaces are not obvious on Old Mill Road. Stone steps are considered to make another access to the park creating another entry point near the parking structure but not on the path. Staff mentioned the Olde Mill Park volunteer day to take place on April 20th.

Todd Jensen, 103 Surrey Lane, addressed the Park Board. His residence abuts the volleyball court. The resident doesn't understand the accessibility issue as he can get to the park. He stated that swings are broken and need to be replaced. There are no nets on the soccer goals and no nets on the basketball hoops. He asked if these items can be replaced. He added that the volleyball net is good and is used. The resident commented that 5-12 is a good estimate of the age range of children using the park toys.

A second resident commented that there is only one picnic table and asked if a few more can be added.

Assistant to the Director Woodbury stated that resident questionnaires will be available at the work day for area residents to submit questions and suggestions about the park. Trustee Feldman asked if the volleyball court is striped and staff answered no.

Discussion continues regarding the playground toy improvements. Option 1 features a climbing wall and Option 2 adds a roof, platform and fourth side. Mr. Simonitis pointed out that both options add risers to meet ADA requirements. Mr. Godshalk asked what the red helix is shown on Option

1. Mr. Simonitis said this is a hoopla climber, to climb over and under using hand-holds. Assistant to the Director Woodbury added that we have one of these at Bicentennial: It is thick plastic to hold up. Mr. Godshalk asked if the climbing wall is plastic. Mr. Simonitis replied that is cast fiberglass to look like real wood but have no splinters.

Trustee Feldman asked if there was no room at the park for a see-saw. Staff replied that it is a tight fit and Mr. Simonitis added that for continuous play it needs a six foot perimeter. The teeter-totter is spring loaded requiring a 20' x 16' area for kids. We would need to expand the curbing with an additional \$15-\$20 per square foot for rubber surfaces. Staff said there may be room on the south side of the play area.

The second resident asked about the dead area on the photograph of the park. Assistant to Director Woodbury replied that it is a bocce ball area. The Village added a sign recently to explain the game.

Mr. Campbell said if the bocce ball is not being used why not replace it with something that will be used? The bocce ball court has been there for more than twenty years. Assistant to Director Woodbury said it is used at times. The sidewalk would also present an issue for moving the play area in that direction but it is an option

Mr. Simonitis summarized the options of the equipment. Items which remain under both options: cargo net and balance chains. Option 1 adds a cat walk bridge, play panel, hoopla, and x-climber. Option 2 adds a zip bridge, platform, clatter bridge, roof, and play panel.

Second resident asked what the cost difference is. Assistant to Director Woodbury said \$3,000. Option 1 is more expensive, it is \$22,000.

Ms. Dupont asked if all of the things not working will be repaired and staff answered yes. Resident #2 said the zip line is not working.

Ms. Dupont said she would like to see more exciting elements than roofs. She prefers Option 1 and thinks it will have more impact. Residents go to a park because the toy kicks butt. Trustee Feldman cited a recent article in the New York Times which questioned whether playgrounds are too safe. She stated that she is concerned the canopy will collect beehives.

Chairman Borgerding said he wants to keep the log roll. Can we find a place for two chin-up bars? He suggested that we could remove one bar and put the log roll there while still adding the climbing wall.

Mr. Simonitis said kids learn to test their limits, but if a child falls we want the playground to be safe. It is good risk management to upgrade parks. Assistant to Director Woodbury said this will be our challenge to look toward in the future.

Trustee Feldman asked about monkey bars. Mr. Simonitis replied that the

monkey bars are now geospatial climbers with nets in the higher bars. The engineered wood is the best option. Rubber looks great but can result long-range in more injuries. The swings will stay in the selected option.

The following motion was made by Ms. Dupont, seconded by Mr. Godshalk:

The Park Board recommends approval to the Village Board to construct improvements to the toys at Olde Mill Park, based on the facts and statements made in a Public Meeting held on March 18, 2013, and subject to Staff's recommendations, as presented in Staff's memorandum dated March 13, 2013, and further subject to constructing Option 1 and the addition of a log roller.

The motion passed 5-0: AYES: Chairman Borgerding, Madam Dupont, Messieurs: Godshalk, Campbell, and Hartman. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Heiser. ABSTAIN: None. Chairman Borgerding declared the motion carried.

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 Assistant to the Director of Public Works Woodbury introduced discussion of the vending machine at North Park. Coke will be pulling the current vending machine based on low volume of sales. This is partly due to the seasonal use of the park. One option is to go with a self-serve machine. Coke would provide the machine and Village staff would stock it, using product purchased from Coke. This option may also be used at Spring Lake Park where the volume is too low to place a traditional vending service machine.

Mr. Godshalk suggested offering to resident groups the opportunity to stock the machines to make money. It was discussed that someone would have to get the key and deal with money. Ms. Dupont is in favor of the self-fill and said it will be interesting to see how many units are sold in the peak of the season. Stock would continue to be the flavored waters.

The following motion was made by Mr. Godshalk and seconded by Mr. Campbell:

The Park Board recommends approval to the Village Board of a self-serve vending machines provided by Coke for placement at North Park and at Spring Lake Park.

The motion passed 6-0: AYES: Chairman Borgerding, Madam Dupont, Messieurs: Campbell, Godshalk, Heiser and Hartman. NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None. Chairman Borgerding declared the motion carried. ***Corrected: Chairman Borgerding abstained from voting.***

- 6.2 Assistant to the Director of Public Works Woodbury introduced discussion of a Work Day planned for April 20th at Olde Mill Park. Assistant to the Director Woodbury has been in contact with the schools and scout troops. Specifically, he will be doing a presentation at a 5th grade class at Daniel Wright Middle School. A workshop on invasive plants will be presented by Gardener Jane Joos.

Information about the Work Day event is in the current newsletter and will be posted at the website and Village's Facebook page. Chairman Borgerding suggested distributing flyers to the surrounding area and Assistant to the Director Woodbury said a flyer will be mailed to the residents in the area.

7.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Dupont, seconded by Mr. Godshalk, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was accepted by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Borgerding declared the meeting adjourned at 9:18 P.M.
