



Approved August 18, 2014

**MINUTES OF THE  
PARK BOARD MEETING  
Monday July 21, 2014**

Present: Ken Borgerding, Park Board Chairman  
Lee Campbell  
Kelly Dupont  
Lee Fell  
Dan Hartman

Scott Phippen, Superintendent of Administration, Fleet Services, and Facilities

Absent: Ted Heiser  
Kathy Alred Lin  
Suzi Siegel  
Karen Feldman, Trustee Liaison

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

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Borgerding called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 16, 2014 Meeting of the Park Board  
(Village of Lincolnshire)**

The Park Board reviewed the minutes of the June 16, 2014 meeting. Park Board Member Dupont requested two corrections to the minutes. In Item 6.2 "...Mr. Cope said expressed...", remove one of the verbs. Two paragraphs below, after "park setting..." remove a duplicate period. Park Board Member Hartman pointed out that in Item 9.0 "Chairman Borgerding declared the meeting adjourned..." should be changed to "Acting Chairman Campbell declared the meeting adjourned...". A motion was made by Park Board Member Campbell, seconded by Park Board Member Dupont, to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**4.0 RESIDENT COMMENTS AND REQUESTS**

4.1 None

**5.0 RECREATION**

5.1 None

**6.0 PARKS**

**6.1 Consideration, Discussion, and Recommendation to the Village Board a  
Request by the Village Club of Lincolnshire to Use North Park for a Charity  
Fundraiser on Sunday, September 28, 2014 (The Village Club)**

Superintendent Phippen introduced this request from the Village Club for the use of North

Park for a charity event. The fundraiser would be the second annual and final Kick'n it for Jack kickball tournament event to benefit the Cystinosis Research Fund. After the date was requested, Village Club President Robin Babbo called Supt. Pippen to request an alternate date of Saturday, September 27th, or October 5th if the LSA schedule will allow it. The Bears vs. Packers game takes place in Chicago on Sunday, September 28th. The decision to use an alternate date would be made before the item is presented to the Village Board for approval. A motion was made by Park Board Member Hartman seconded by Park Board Member Dupont as follows:

*"The Park Board recommends approval of the Village Club request to use North Park for a charity event at a date to be determined pending review of the LSA schedule, as well as waiver of the field use and picnic permit fee"*

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **6.2 Continued Consideration and Discussion of Conceptual Location for the Balzer Park Basketball Court (Village of Lincolnshire)**

Supt. Pippen said the resident request for a place to play basketball at Balzer Park was originally made at a park board tour two years ago. This led Village staff to include the installation of a basketball goal at the tennis court area in the 2014 Capital Budget. During this year's Park Board tour concerns were raised regarding the potential conflict between tennis players and basketball players. Balzer Park tennis courts are the most heavily used in the Village. Staff was directed to investigate other options for the Basketball goal. An area where dead ash trees were recently removed allows room for a 44' x 46' asphalt court which is 4' shorter and 4' narrower than a regulation high school half court at a cost of approximately \$22,000. This would be an unbudgeted expense. The originally proposed use of the tennis court for an added basketball goal was budgeted at \$3,500.

Tennis court fence repairs are included in the current capital budget. The tennis court fencing is over 30 years old and may actually need replacement rather than repair; however this can be put off for a few years. Supt. Pippen suggested that the funds budgeted this year for tennis court fence repairs could be directed to the basketball court construction with a major overhaul of the tennis court fencing to be budgeted in another year. A proposed layout and budget was provided to the Park Board. If the proposed basketball court is approved by the Village Board it could be bid and constructed within this fiscal year.

Park Board Member Dupont asked if there are any issues with neighbors. Supt Pippen and a Village Planner reviewed the proposed court. In this case the closest yards are actually side yards. The minimum setback for a side yard is 10' and the proposed courts would have a 30' setback. The residents have not been contacted by Village staff. The courts would not be lighted. A 6' solid privacy fence could be installed if requested by residents after the installation however it would require a variance. Screening landscape could also be added. Access would be by a path from the parking area at the main entrance of the park.

Chairman Borgerding requested that the staff notify the residents in the immediate area that the matter is under consideration and include the fact that the court will be unlighted.

Supt. Phippen said this could be done tomorrow.

A motion was made by Park Board Member Campbell seconded by Park Board Member Dupont as follows:

*“The Park Board recommends that the Village Board approve the installation of a basketball court and goal at Balzer Park north of the playground area, and defer the tennis court fence maintenance item budgeted in the 2014 Capital Budget to FY 2015 or FY 2016.”*

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Update on Lighting Options at Whytegate Park (Village of Lincolnshire)**

Park Board Member Hartman presented some lighting options provided by an outdoor lighting specialist he works with. Options include a bollard light similar to the current fixtures with a domed top and bollard lights with a peaked roof top more like the architecture of the park. Alternative lights are also available for energy efficiency or color of light. Other types of lighting such as uplighting from ground level and downlighting from trees can also be provided. Both can be made relatively vandal resistant. A demo at the park for Park Board consideration is planned when the daylight ends earlier, however in order to get the project done in this fiscal year a decision would have to be made before the ground freezes.

Park Board Member Campbell suggested that the board might be able to see a demo early in September and still be able to recommend an option to the Village Board at the September Park Board meeting.

## **8.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Report on the Lincolnshire Sports Association Baseball Tournament (Chairman Borgerding, Board Member Fell)**

Park Board Member Fell gave a report of the LSA tournament held at North Park. The turnout was very good; 26 teams from 8-U to 12-U participated. Four to six games took place each night with lights, and on weekend days from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm or 10:00 pm. A large storm caused a weather delay on Sunday that pushed the schedule back. Concessions were great and the total of money received after expenses was just under \$10,000. A lot of compliments were received on how great the fields looked.

Parking was not an issue. On Sunday morning with three games going on and teams warming up there was parking available. Next year field 5 may be modified to be usable for full-size play allowing more teams to be added.

There were foul-ball incidents and in one case a player was slightly injured. Chairman Borgerding said we need to start thinking about how to keep foul balls in the field. Supt. Phippen said that the Village has had a fence contractor look at the issue. There is a system that would work on the existing fencing using netting at a 45 degree angle instead of continuing the existing chain link. Park Board Member Fell has looked at what other fields have, including an awning in Wheeling and in Vernon Hills black posts with

straight screening (netting). In Waukegan they have another option; the netting over the play may take a few balls out of play but would contribute to safety for spectators as well as participants. Supt. Pippen suggested that the Village staff obtain pricing for the various options, bring it back to the Park Board for discussion at the August meeting and possible inclusion in the 2015 budget. Chairman Borgerding prefers the netting that may take a few balls out of play but would protect spectators and players. If any other options are available the Park Board would be happy to review them at the next meeting.

The consensus of the Park Board was that the tournament was a great success. It was very well attended, the concessions were a big hit and kudos go to Lee Fell and his team as well as to the Public Works Department for all their hard work.

#### **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Park Board Member Dupont, seconded by Park Board Member Campbell to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Borgerding declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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