



Approved January 21, 2015

**MINUTES OF THE
PARK BOARD MEETING
Monday September 15, 2014**

Present: Ken Borgerding, Park Board Chairman
Lee Campbell
Kelly Dupont
Lee Fell
Dan Hartman
Ted Heiser
Kathy Alred Lin (arrived at 7:05pm)
Suzi Siegel (arrived at 7:07 pm)
Scott Pippen, Superintendent of Administration, Fleet Services, and Facilities
Troy Taylor, Facilities Manager

Absent: 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 7:02 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Superintendent Pippen called roll and determined a quorum was present.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the August 18, 2014 Meeting of the Park Board (Village of Lincolnshire)

The Park Board reviewed the minutes of the August 18, 2014 meeting. Park Board Member Campbell requested a correction; at page 2, paragraph 4, line 2 "multiple games going on at once as **opposed to** single games". A motion was made by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Park Board Member Dupont, to approve the minutes as amended. 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 Lincolnshire Sports Association to Install a Lincolnshire Determination Award Plaque on the North Park Concession Building in Honor of Jack Greeley (Lincolnshire Sports Association)

Supt. Pippen reviewed the request presented by the LSA. The Determination Award is to be an annual award in honor of the first recipient, Jack Greeley. LSA will purchase the plaque and the nameplates that will be added each year. Public Works will do the installation.

A motion was made by Park Board Member Fell seconded by Park Board Member Heiser as follows:

“The Park Board recommends to the Village Board that the Lincolnshire Sports Association be granted permission to purchase, for installation by Public Works, a Determination Award plaque on the concession building at North Park.”

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6.2 Consideration, Discussion, and Recommendation to the Village Board a Lighting Concept at Whytegate Park (Village of Lincolnshire)

Supt. Pippen thanked Park Board Member Hartman for his assistance in getting a lighting demo put in place to be viewed by the Park Board, as well as his suggestions on the concept. The lights would continue down to the end of each path with three on each path. In addition two lights would shine down onto the gazebo. Up-lighting would be placed at the western arch from the parking lot, and the bollards would be replaced by new bollards in the parking area. There is really no other good option for lighting the parking area. Post lighting would be much more expensive.

The 2014 budget contains \$25,000 for the replacement of the existing bollards. During the budget discussions a year ago Supt. Pippen brought up that if a new lighting scheme was to be considered this was the time to do it. Parts are no longer made for the existing lights and replacements of some kind are needed. Mr. Campbell asked about the installation of the lights. Mr. Hartman said that a ladder can be used, or if it is really high, they might climb a tree. The lights in the demo were put up with a ladder. Mr. Campbell asked how durable the fixtures are and how long the bulbs last. LED bulbs would last a long time, possibly 16-20 years. Lights would be on a photo-cell. Exact cost for the new concept is not available but the contractor who installed the demo thought it could be done for the budget amount.

Timed lighting was discussed, for instance having the lights go off at 1:00 am. Photo-cell would be preferable to timed lighting because you don't have to change the time as the seasons change and time changes take place. The Police also prefer lighting whenever it is dark for security. No lighting is proposed for the new garden. The look of the proposed lighting will be softer than the existing bollards which have 150w metal halide bulbs which can be a bright, harsh light. Park Board Member Dupont would like to eliminate all of the bollards if possible. Supt Pippen said that the newer bollards are much less obtrusive than the current style.

A motion was made by Ms. Dupont, seconded by Mr. Heiser, as follows:

“The Park Board recommends to the Village Board that the Whytegate Park lighting project be amended to remove the current bollard lighting concept and replace it with a down-lighting and up-lighting concept as proposed by Village staff and discussed at the September 15, 2014 Park Board meeting.”

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Update on Basketball Court Installation at Balzer Park (Village of Lincolnshire)

Sealed bids were opened for this project and the successful bid was just over \$24,000 which was very close to the estimate. The Village Board approved the contract and it is to be placed on the Consent Agenda at the September 22nd meeting for final approval. The contractor has done work for the Village for many years and we have been pleased with their work and are happy they submitted the low bid. The courts should be installed by the end of October.

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Park Board Member Siegel asked if the Park Board has ever considered a dog park. Supt Pippen said that as new parks are being developed the idea has come up. Past Boards at those times have felt that the dog parks in the area are close enough that Lincolnshire didn't need to have its own. Many of the parks are neighborhood parks with homes close by. A dog run area was considered when North Park was being developed. At that time the feeling was that the need for the Village was athletic fields. When Spring Lake was being renovated this use was considered, with Landon Field ball diamond being fenced in for a dog park, but it was not pursued.

Chairman Borgerding said the idea was discussed about six or seven years ago. The consensus was that people have large lots and dogs can run there. Ms. Dupont commented that the fact that Lincolnshire doesn't have sidewalks can make it difficult to walk dogs. It would be nice to be able to walk through a park with a dog. Park Board Member Lin said she had brought up the idea with Director of Public Works Brad Woodbury about this use at Rivershire Park since that is how the park is being used now. Brad said it was the cost of insurance that would be prohibitive. Supt. Pippen said that if a park were to be designated, Rivershire would make the most sense since there isn't grass to mow there.

If the Park Board wanted to ask for one of those stands with a dispenser of pick-up bags that would go to the Village Board at budget discussions. Also, the Village Code states that dogs are not allowed in parks and that would have to be changed. Ms. Lin said it might be tricky negotiating how the school uses the property if dogs are off-leash. Dogs are not allowed at Ryerson Forest Preserve.

Mr. Campbell asked if most park districts ban dogs from parks and Supt. Pippen said yes, unless there in a designated area set aside for them. Playgrounds and athletic fields are not appropriate for off leash dogs. In addition, there are people who don't clean up after their pet. Supt. Pippen will provide information on the Village Code sections prior to the next meeting for further discussion if desired. At the park board tours next year areas can be evaluated for this possible use.

Ms. Siegel said another item to be considered for 2015 is a Lacrosse net, possibly for Old Mill Park.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Heiser, seconded by Ms. Siegel to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Borgerding declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.
