

APPROVED
VILLAGE OF LAKE ZURICH
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
JANUARY 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL: *Present* - Chairperson Maureen Degen, Board Members Phil Dlatt, Al Froehde, Mike Hilt, Kathy Kozlowski, and Teri Pytel. *Absent* – Spring Green.
Staff present - Park and Recreation Director Perkins and Recreation Supervisor Hammon.

ADDITION TO AGENDA:

Future OSLAD Grant Projects

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A correction was made to page 2, the last sentence in *Paulus Park New Fence Gate Request* to read, “Al Froehde recommended one 24-foot gate be considered instead of two 13-foot gates and also to use the 5-foot gates instead of the 4-foot gates.”

MOTION made by Teri Pytel, seconded by Mike Hilt, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2007 Park Advisory Board as corrected.

Voice vote, AYES have it. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: - None

ITEMS FOR REVIEW/DISCUSSION/APPROVAL:

Volunteer Recognitions:

Director Perkins gave a brief presentation listing the contributions made by volunteers Shane Abbott, Doug Bartel, and Tom Powers. They were thanked for their extensive work on the Lake Zurich Haunted House and given certificates of appreciation and gifts.

AHCF Request for 2008 – Kelly Andrasco, Representative:

Kelly Andrasco, representing AHCF (Alternating Hemiplegia of Childhood Foundation) requested the use of Paulus Park to hold a walk-a-thon on September 21, 2008.

MOTION made by Al Froehde, seconded by Phil Dlatt, to recommend the Public Works Committee allow AHCF to use Paulus Park on September 21, 2008 to hold a walk-a-thon.

Voice vote, all in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Sparrow Ridge Park Playground Reassessment:

Director Perkins gave an overview of the changes made to the proposed playground at Sparrow Ridge Park as requested at the previous Park Advisory Board meeting. Recreation Concepts put in a bridge to replace the criss-cross ropes at an additional cost slightly under \$500.

Brian Kidd, 609 Bushrun Court, and Chad Pratt, 474 Rush Court, who had requested changes to the equipment at the December meeting, were satisfied with the revisions.

MOTION made by Mike Hilt, seconded by Kathy Kozlowski, to recommend the Public Works Committee approve the revisions to the Sparrow Ridge Park Playground.

Voice vote, all in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Future OSLAD Grant Projects:

Director Perkins summarized the discussion with TD&A at a meeting earlier in the day regarding possible future projects for an OSLAD grant. Possible options include selling Kuechmann Park or turning it into a dog park, developing Phase 2 of Paulus Park, and improvements to Old Mill Grove Park including an additional playground, restoration of the wetlands, and a Frisbee golf course.

Discussion followed. Al Froehde said he is opposed to a dog park on Lake Zurich park property and noted a dog park requires labor to clean up after the dogs. Chair Degen said Old Mill Grove Park is built on peat and is soggy. Additionally, she thinks it is too close to homes for the golf course and suggested putting the golf course at Manor Park or acquiring new property instead. Director Perkins said Manor Park was too small for the golf course.

There was a strong desire expressed by Director Perkins and the Park Advisory Board to acquire property at Routes 12 and 22 to provide retention and parking and to allow for the expansion of Paulus Park if the property was available and if funding could be attained. Director Perkins will check into vacant parcels for potential park purchase including the parcel at Routes 12 and 22 and a parcel on Surryse Road south of the new Knights of Columbus hall. He asked the Park Advisory Board to review the Park Master Plan and consider ideas for future OSLAD grants. He will also look into getting an appraisal for the Kuechmann Park property although there was agreement this is not a good time for the sale of property due to the sluggish real estate market.

Additional discussion took place on the need for a referendum to purchase property and to pay for a community center. A concept and location for the community center is needed to move the idea forward. Director Perkins said he favors Paulus Park as a location for a community center. The skate park could be moved to Manor Park, and the sled hill eliminated. Director Perkins will discuss the next steps for a community center with TD&A and report back.

Director Perkins will schedule a joint meeting with the Park Advisory Board and the Board of Trustees to take place at 6:30 p.m. on a Monday in March or April in addition to the regular Park Advisory Board regular meeting.

ITEMS ATTACHED:

The following items were reviewed.

- Update memo to Park & Recreation Advisory Board
- Park Improvement Fund Reserve (December)
- Supervisors' Quarterly Reports (Recreation and Park Maintenance)
- 2007 Program Reports

The program reports were reviewed and discussed. It was noted that the program revenue in many cases was quite small. Director Perkins was asked to review the agreement with Frank Sacks Tennis Programs and negotiate an arrangement more profitable to the Village of Lake Zurich.

Discussion followed on the appropriateness of the Park and Recreation using private companies such as Frank Sacks to provide programming. Director Perkins said certain programs could be quite time and labor-intensive, and it can be difficult to provide quality and professionalism for some skilled sports, so “outsourcing” programs could be beneficial to the participants and the Village in some cases. Phil Dlatt preferred to see the Village provide their own programs and not serve as a “registrar” as they did in the case of the tennis programs. Other programs discussed included T-ball, golf, and fitness.

Al Froehde referred to future budget meetings that staff will be having and said creating a position for a recreation manager is essential. He attributes deficiencies in programming to the failure to fill this position and said a recreation manager is extremely important to the future of the Park and Recreation Department. Chair Degen agreed.

Director Perkins responded that the budget is very tight this year, and it is unlikely new positions will be approved. He also provided an update on the OSLAD grant project inspections and reimbursements. Both projects will be inspected at the same time to save the Village time and money. Reimbursement from the State of Illinois in the amount of almost \$400,000 for Staples Park and approximately \$400,000 for Paulus Park will follow completion and inspection of the projects.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Community Center and Land Acquisition – February Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Mike Hilt, seconded by Kathy Kozlowski, to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by: *Janet McKay, Recording Secretary*

Approved by: _____ *2/12/08*