

APPROVED
VILLAGE OF LAKE ZURICH
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
JULY 17, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m. An informal visit to Paulus, Breezewald, and Quail Run parks to view improvements had taken place prior to the meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION made by Mike Hilt, seconded by Kathy Kozlowski, to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2007 Park Advisory Board as submitted.

Al Froehde wanted more detailed information about the discussion on staffing under Other Business, but the others members thought the minutes should be approved as written.

Voice vote, AYES have it. MOTION CARRIED. Al Froehde voted NAY.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

Director Perkins asked that an e-mail he received from Judi Thode dated July 16, 2007, regarding a citizens group helping with the restoration of native plantings at Oakwood Marsh. Ms. Thode asked if they could form a group called the Friends of Oakwood Marsh and if the park department could assist in hauling debris, etc.

Discussion followed. Al Froehde said the Tree Commission would like Oakwood Marsh to be rezoned Natural Open Space, which is a recent addition to the Lake Zurich Zoning Code. This would require the preparation of a maintenance and improvement plan by the Tree Commission and result in an improved passive park. Chair Degen had concerns about the rezoning of a park and questioned why the Tree Commission was discussing a park and asked that the Park Department be involved if this proposal moves forward. She would prefer a foundation for all the parks be formed rather than a group for just one park. Chair Degen also wanted the Park Department to maintain control over all parks and did not want a citizens group fund raising and deciding upon improvements or changes to a park. Director Perkins said he and the Village arborist would be involved with the residents working on Oakwood Marsh.

MOTION made by Kathy Kozlowski, seconded by Mike Hilt, to authorize Director Perkins to have further discussions with Judi Thode regarding her proposal to form a citizens group to restore Oakwood Marsh.

Voice vote, all in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: - None

Use of Kuechmann Park – Discussion and Recommendation:

Director Perkins said he would like to review options on the house and development of Kuechmann Park. He said programming could be moved to another location if the home was demolished.

Chair Degen provided historical information and the Park Advisory Board's recommendations on the park that were presented to the Board of Trustees approximately eight years ago. Local architect Lynde Anderson was hired to assess the condition of the house and determined it would cost at least \$250,000 to bring the house up to code and that did not include remodeling or other improvements. The Park Advisory Board recommended the house be demolished and asked the Board of Trustees to proceed with demolition, but no action had been taken.

MOTION made by Chair Degen, seconded by Al Froehde, to authorize Director Perkins to look into possible alternatives for Kuechmann Park.

Voice vote, all in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

30-Year Anniversary Invitation – Discussion and Attachment:

Director Perkins highlighted the scheduled events for the July 28 30-Year Anniversary Celebration and invited all Park Advisory Board to attend.

Phil Dlatt suggested staff pursue a media sponsorship. There was agreement that this was a good suggestion and Director Perkins should follow up on it.

Playground Replacements – Update:

An informal visit to Paulus, Breezewald, and Quail Run parks to view improvements had taken place prior to the meeting. Director Perkins provided further information on the Quail Run playground equipment. He said he received an e-mail from a resident who did not want the old equipment removed for sentimental reasons.

Paulus Park OSLAD Grant Projects – Update:

Director Perkins provided an update on the construction and improvements at Paulus Park. He is expecting the permit for the sprayground at the end of the week. He is hopeful it will be open in mid August.

Phil Dlatt suggested not charging for admission to the beach and sprayground as a way to promote the sprayground. Discussion followed. Director Perkins was concerned that some residents would complain because they purchased their beach passes and others would be allowed free entry. Phil Dlatt and Kathy Kozlowski liked the free admission and offered suggestions on how complaints could be addressed.

Staples Park OSLAD Grant Projects – Update and Attachment:

The Design Development for Staples Park prepared by TD&A was reviewed and discussed. Director Perkins said he is meeting with the Superintendent of District 95 to discuss the need for an easement on the property between the park and the school that both boards will need to sign.

Bristol Trails Park OSLAD Grant Application – Update:

Director Perkins said he has been having discussions with a resident regarding the proposed sidewalk off of Stanton that will be used as another entrance into the park. The resident has expressed concerns about damage to his tree, trash, and other issues. Director Perkins has been working to address his concerns. He provided a brief update on the OSLAD Grant application schedule.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Director Perkins provided information requested at the June meeting. He said the fitness trail portion of the new Bristol Trails pathway will be 14,045 feet or slightly over ¼ mile and the distance will be labeled. The chains for the new playground swings will be galvanized.

ITEMS ATTACHED:

The following items were reviewed.

- Update memo to Park & Recreation Advisory Board
- Park Improvement Fund Reserve (June)
- Recreation Program Bottom Line Revenue Report
- Thank You from Amanda Niemi

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 8:46 p.m.

Submitted by: *Janet McKay, Recording Secretary*

Approved by: _____ 8/14/07