



Park District/City Joint Projects Committee **Minutes**

Date August 17, 2021

Location: Wood Dale City Hall
Executive Session
404 N Wood Dale Rd
Wood Dale, IL 60191

Present: Mayor Nunzio Pulice, Alderman Art Woods, Alderman Sonny Sorrentino, Commissioner Greg Stimpson, Commissioner Denice Sbertoli

Absent: None

Also Present: Matt Ellmann, Ben Appler, Kate Buggy, Ryan K. Sauers

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pulice called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Attendance was taken at the door. A quorum was present.

III. BUSINESS ITEM

- A. Approval of Minutes – June 15, 2021
Motion by Commissioner Stimpson to approve the June 15, 2021 Minutes.
Second by Alderman Woods. Motion carried.

IV. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Lake Mini Ha Ha Water Conservancy and Flood Reduction
Mr. Sauers was invited to attend the Committee meeting by Mayor Pulice. Mr. Sauers gave a presentation on water conservation at Lake Mini Ha Ha. He had previously prepared a report on the topic. Mr. Sauers suggested that installing a rain garden and making other landscaping changes to Lake Mini Ha Ha would reduce area flooding and be of significant value to the City. He recommended that the Park District pair with scouts, classrooms, and other groups to provide education about water conservation while working on landscaping projects.
- B. Pool Sign
Ms. Buggy asked the Committee whether there was any interest in installing a permanent sign directing people to The Beach, the public swimming pool. She reported that there are wayfinding signs for City Hall and the Police



Department. If both the City and Park District are interested, the two parties could share costs for a wayfinding sign or a standing, monument-type sign. Mr. Ellmann stated that it would be good to pursue a sign because people are not aware of the location of the pool. He suggested a more prominent sign might be beneficial because people tend not to notice wayfinding signs. Commissioner Sbertoli suggested that Community Square also needs a sign so perhaps the two signs could be combined. Ms. Buggy stated that she would look into costs and designs and bring additional information to the Committee for consideration.

C. Operations Status Update

Mr. Ellmann reported that the Park District is now requiring all staff to wear masks. Visitors are only required to wear masks if they are unvaccinated. Ms. Buggy reported that the City is also requiring all staff to wear masks when they cannot maintain 6 feet of separation. Visitors are all asked to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status.

D. Update on White Oaks Park Project

Mr. Appler reported that the Park District has seen an uptick in reservations for parties on weekends. A movie is scheduled for Friday at the park and the Scare Walk will be held there on October 23. Mr. Appler reported that another community buckthorn removal party will be held on November 7, with a rain day scheduled for the following weekend.

E. Update on Park District Property

Mr. Ellmann reported that the Mohawk Manor land exchange closing has been moved to the end of August. Additionally, the developer is moving ahead on Devon without the Park District at this time.

F. Update on Joint Special Events

Ms. Buggy reported that the previous night was the final cruise night of the season. She noted that there are still two more City-sponsored movies coming up and a final concert on August 27. The City is also looking forward to the Public Works Open House, City-Wide Garage Sale, Green Fair, and Trunk or Treat. Mr. Ellmann reported that the Park District will be holding its Scare Walk in October.

G. Future Items

1. Mr. Ellmann reported that the Park District Board of Commissioners will discuss policies for the walking track at its next meeting. The Board will determine whether there will be a fee for using the track as well as whether non-residents may use the track.



V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Other Items

1. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Mr. Ellmann noted that the Park District Board of Commissioners has a conflict with the October 19 meeting. Ms. Buggy will survey the Committee to determine if it is possible to reschedule the meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alderman Sorrentino to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Stimpson. Mayor Pulice adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kate Buggy, Director of Administrative Services