

Elmhurst Park District Board of Park Commissioners – Regular Meeting

Monday, April 22, 2019 – Began at 7:00pm

Attendance: 7 Commissioners, 9 staff, 3 visitors

LWV Observer: A Yeazel

1. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Roll Call - Vince Spaeth: **Present**, Kevin Graf: **Present**, Doug Ennis: **Present**, Mary E. Kies: **Present**, Patricia Morissette-Moll: **Present**, Tim Sheehan: **Present**, Carolyn Ubriaco: **Present**

2. Additions/Deletions/Changes to Agenda – None

3. Remarks/Correspondence from Visitors – None

- a. Elmhurst citizen named Steven has a 3 acre. property on Frontage Rd. Wants to keep his property as a green space.

4. Committee Reports

a. Gateway (April 11, 2019)

School superintendent spoke about efforts to bring more pre-school programming for disabled individuals.

Age has been dropped for summer camps to 4 years for those with special needs.

5. Upcoming Committee Meetings

- a. Gateway – May 9, 2019
- b. Sugar Creek Golf Course – April 23, 2019
- c. Elmhurst Art Museum – May 14, 2019

6. Consent Agenda (UNANIMOUS APPROVAL)

- a. Approval of April 8, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of April 8, 2019 Closed Meeting Minutes
- c. Voucher Lists
- d. 2019 Spring Tree Planting

7. Board Business- Unfinished (OLD)

a. Program & Service Report: Vision 2020

- i. Athletic Field Study: 35% responded to invitations to complete the survey. Will lay out maintenance plans based on these responses.
- ii. Dog Park Update: Tree removal to get ready for construction when funding is available. Next step is to finish operating plan and cost estimate.
- iii. Facilities Theme: Coming up with plan to expand Wagner Center, new senior center and meet the community's desire for a new indoor sports facility.
- iv. Partnerships: Cross promoting adult programs with Elmhurst Public Library. Cooperative agreement launched with College of DuPage. 12 people in Spanish, 4 people in sign language 1 & 2. Ages range from 22-72 years old.

- v. Customer Service Model: 3 standards set: positive attitude, attentive service & give a little extra. In May flyers in facilities will be out with focus of the month to keep everyone accountable.
- vi. Community Reengagement: Looking at what phases 2 & 3 should be to reach community in the best way.
- vii. Strengthen Organizational Health: Working to strengthen organization culture and employees' connection to the mission of the Park District. 146 employees recognized in first quarter.

8. Board Business – NEW

a. Resolution R-02-19 First Amendment to Park Lease with City of Elmhurst

- i. The City of Elmhurst has requested the Elmhurst Park District consider entering into an amendment to the July 1995 Park Lease (Salt Creek Land - St. Charles Road to Harrison Street) to release eight rights-of-way and/or portions of rights-of-way from the 1995 Park Lease.
- ii. Recommended that the Board of Park Commissioners approve Resolution R-02-19 approving the terms of the First Amendment to the 1995 Park Lease with the City of Elmhurst.

(UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED)

b. Contract Amendment for Executive Director J. Rodgers

- i. The Park Board has completed its annual performance evaluation of Executive Director Rogers and discussed his contract and compensation with him on April 8, 2019 in closed session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for the “appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.”
- ii. That the Board of Park Commissioners amend Executive Director Rogers’ contract effective May 1, 2019 as follows: 1) increase his annual compensation by 2% to \$175,115; 2) award a one-time bonus of \$8,000, and 3) provide a \$500,000 one-year term life insurance policy effective January 1, 2020 at a cost not-to-exceed \$1,845.

(UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED)

c. Resolution R-01-19 in Recognition of Retiring Park Commissioner Morissette-Moll

- i. WHEREAS, during her tenure as a Park Commissioner, Patricia Morissette-Moll held the office of Vice-President of the Board of Park Commissioners, served on the Board of Elmhurst Art Museum, Sugar Creek Golf Course, and People for Elmhurst Parks, and Committees including the Ethics, Finance, Human Resources, and Policy. Patricia Morissette-Moll was instrumental in helping the Elmhurst Park District in promoting and attaining the following initiatives: completed the Comprehensive Plan, the ADA Transition Plan, five Strategic Plans, five community-wide Attitude and Interest Surveys, and countless focus groups and public meetings; achieved Illinois Distinguished

Agency Accreditation and Reaccreditation; became a five-time National Park and Recreation Association Gold Medal Award Finalist; received multiple Outstanding Facility Awards from the Illinois Park and Recreation Association; maintained Park District Risk Management Association Accreditation; awarded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency award for Prairie Management and the Illinois Governor's Sustainability Award; finalist in the International Nations in Bloom competition; purchased over 29 acres of property to increase the District's open space and enhance park and recreation opportunities; improved the District's financial stability and reporting resulting in twelve consecutive budgeting and financial statement awards from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA); obtained numerous legislative member initiatives and Illinois Department of Natural Resources grants totaling over \$14 million working closely with state-elected officials and agencies; developed legally compliant and comprehensive administrative, operational, personnel, and safety policies; rebuilt Smalley Pool at York Commons; built a new East End Pool including a new bathhouse; reconstructed the Sugar Creek Golf Course and clubhouse; sold \$1.6 million in bonds with the Village of Villa Park to purchase 5 acres of land adjacent to Sugar Creek Golf Course and developed and built a driving range; completed Salt Creek Greenway Trail Interagency Agreement and construction; purchased MacCormac College and seven acres of green space and redeveloped building into the Wagner Community Center; rebuilt the 1860's Wilder Mansion, a historically significant building in Wilder Park and secured a \$246,000 donation and developed the Wilder Mansion Formal Gardens; built Eldridge Park Canoe Launch on Salt Creek waterway; initiated and developed the Park Ambassador program; sold over \$15.1 million in bonds for capital projects; secured over \$280,000 in donated funds and constructed a NCAA Women's softball field at Salt Creek Park with Elmhurst College; consolidated the Pick Subdivision Park District with the District; created Fit for Life youth fitness program; constructed two synthetic turf athletic fields at Berens Park of which one field was funded in part by Elmhurst College; installed lightning prediction system; constructed the community's first Skate Park; secured over \$150,000 in donated funds and constructed a permanent Safety Town facility; secured a \$1.8 million grant for the renovation of the historical Wilder Park Conservatory and greenhouses; approved a Tobacco Ban on District properties; passed Resolution for the protection of Monarch Butterflies; maintained an herbicide-free test site at Van Voorst Park; instituted the use of a paperless board packet software environment; built twenty-three new playgrounds including a Universal Playground for Everyone at Butterfield Park funded partially through grants and donations; redeveloped eighteen parks; moved garden plots to Marjorie Davis; approved conceptual plan for a dog park; created courts for

pickleball play; negotiated intergovernmental and agency agreements with the following organizations, which have saved taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in funds: DuPage County Forest Preserve District, City of Elmhurst, Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst Public Library, Elmhurst College, and Elmhurst School District 205; hired two Executive Directors; and gave countless hours toward the park and recreation movement in Elmhurst and the State of Illinois. Thanks to Pat's countless hours of effort to enhance Illinois' parks and recreation opportunities and ensure that taxpayer funds are responsibly invested back into the community, residents from Elmhurst and throughout the state will enjoy an improved quality of life for generations to come. NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Elmhurst Park District, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois that Patricia Morissette-Moll be recognized for her service to the Elmhurst Park District, the citizens of Elmhurst, the Board of Park Commissioners and Staff and, THAT the Elmhurst Park District extends its appreciation to Patricia Morissette-Moll for helping make the District's Mission of "ENRICHING LIVES" a reality and that a suitably framed copy of Resolution R-01-19 be presented to her and read into the official record the 22nd day of April, 2019.

(UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED)

9. Information Items

a. Commissioner Announcements

- i. Elmhurst Art Museum auction is online.
- ii. Easter Egg Hunt was a success.

b. Future Agenda

- i. Pesticide-free parks discussion hoping to lead to future workshop.

c. Staff Announcements

- i. Closed adult softball registration. Will have 83 teams.
- ii. Egg hunts went very well both for kids and dogs.
- iii. Eldridge Lagoon restocked with 330 fish.
- iv. Mowing and spring turf maintenance underway.
- v. Pool maintenance begins tomorrow (April 23, 2019)

10. Closed Session

- a.** Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2©(5) for the discussion of the "purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District"

11. Adjournment – 9:18pm