

**Monday, May 13, 2019**

**Elmhurst Park District Board of Park Commissioners –**

**Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

Elmhurst Park District

Wilder Mansion

Attendance: 7 Commissioners, 10 staff, ~18 visitors

LWV Observer: B. Lipton

1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance; Roll Call: All Commissioners present
2. 2019 Consolidated Election: Canvassing of Votes
3. Oath of Office - Administered by Hon. Ann Celine Walsh, Circuit Court Judge, DuPage County
  - Swearing in of Park Commissioner Vince Spaeth
  - Swearing in of Park Commissioner Claire Kubiesa
4. Appointment of Temporary Chairperson By President (Executive Director Rogers)
5. Election of President of the Board - Comm. Spaeth elected unanimously
6. Election of Vice-President of the Board – Comm. Graf elected 5 – 2 (Kies, Ennis)
7. Appointments By Board of Commissioners – All appointments below approved unanimously
  - A. Secretary – James W. Rogers
  - B. Treasurer – Christi Jacobson
  - C. Assistant Treasurer – Barbara Stembridge
  - D. Attorney – Andrew S. Paine, Tressler, LLP
  - E. Freedom of Information Act Designees - James W. Rogers, Christi Jacobson, Nimfa Melesio
  - F. Open Meetings Act Designees - James W. Rogers, Nimfa Melesio
8. Appointment to Committees and other groups by the Board President with approval of the Board (current committee members) – Appointments below delayed until next meeting so that Commissioners are able to determine their preferences

- A. City/Park/School Committee (two Board Members and Executive Director)
  - B. Elmhurst Art Museum (one Board member)
  - C. Ethics Committee (three members plus Ethics Officer (Attorney Paine))
  - D. Finance/Audit Committee (two Board members)
  - E. Gateway SRA (one staff member plus one alternate)
  - F. Human Resources Committee (Board President & Vice-President)
  - G. Legislative Committee (one Board member)
  - H. Park/School Joint Committee (President and Executive Director)
  - I. People for Elmhurst Parks (PEP) (one Board member and one staff member)
  - J. Policy Review Committee (two Board members and Executive Director)
  - K. Senior Citizens Commission (one staff member)
  - L. Sugar Creek Golf Course Administrative Board (three members plus one every other year)
  - M. Veterans' Memorial Commission (one staff member)
  - N. Youth Commission (one staff member)
9. Adjournment Sine Die (indefinitely) 7:12 pm Recess/reception follows

### **Elmhurst Park District Board of Park Commissioners – Regular Meeting**

#### **Immediately following Annual Meeting & Reception 7:33 pm**

1. Call to Order - Roll Call: All Commissioners present
2. Additions/Deletions/Changes to Agenda (Rogers) Annual EPD meeting coming up tomorrow
3. Remarks/Correspondence from Visitors: Kim Messina, Elmhurst Bicycle Club's Advocacy Co-chair, remarks on the proposed pedestrian bridge over Rte. 83. She wrote up the proposal; she spoke with City Mgr. Grabowski last week. She describes the many benefits of such a link to the Greenway route including recreation, commercial development, etc. especially for the North Elmhurst community.
4. Committee Reports

- A. Gateway - (May 9, 2019) met last week in Park Ridge
- B. Sugar Creek Golf Course (April 23, 2019) YTD rounds up 500 from last year, but down ~400 from the 5 yr average.
- 5. Upcoming Committee Meetings
  - A. Sugar Creek Golf Course - May 28, 2019
  - B. Gateway - June 13, 2019
  - C. Lizzadro meeting Thurs. June 18
- 6. Consent Agenda - All items below approved unanimously
  - A. Approval of April 22, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - B. Approval of April 22, 2019 Closed Meeting Minutes
  - C. Voucher Lists
- 7. Board Business - Unfinished (Old)
  - A. Resolution R-03-19 Lizzadro Museum: Comm. Kies moves to approve this resolution. Nine members of the Lizzadro family are called up to receive a plaque recognizing the contributions of the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art to Elmhurst since its opening in November 1962. The resolution is read aloud; photos; applause. Resolution approved unanimously. Following this all but 3 visitors depart.
- 8. Board Business - New
  - A. 2019 Fence Improvements Project: Staff members explain the details of the fencing needs at Berens & Van Voorst parks and the bidding process. The winning bid came in just under the budgeted amount of \$76,000. Approved unanimously.
  - B. City of Elmhurst Request for Support of Proposed Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Over Route 83; Dir. Rogers explains the details of the proposal as discussed with Ald. Dunn and City Mgr. Grabowski last month (Ald. Dunn is in attendance). Rogers presents the timeline for the work which includes engineering to plan the exact location in 2019-20; it is expected to result in construction during 2021. There are a number of grant opportunities available to fund this project. The City is requesting a letter of support from the Park Bd. as granting agencies look favorably on applications coming from multiple cooperating local agencies. Comm. Ubriaco provides additional information; there were >800 signatures of residents supporting the

idea. It would be a terrific amenity. Other Commissioners note that it would be a big improvement in safety; many benefits for the North Elmhurst community. Discussion follows. Dir. Rogers proposes that the Park District consider spending up to \$15,000 to fund planning. Approval of Letter of Support passes unanimously.

## 9. Information Items

### A. Commissioners

- Commissioner Kies describes the Spring Rd. pet parade and the prairie which is still flooded and replete with ducks.
- Comm. Sheehan suggests that a Park Board meeting be held at Sugar Creek GC; it should include a tour of the facility & grounds. This would make it much more real to commissioners as they discuss plans for the GC going forward. Discussion of additional sites for Board meetings at the various PD facilities.
- Comm. Ubriaco announces 2 DuPage community workshops on plans for Rte. 83; the 1<sup>st</sup> is this Thursday at City Hall.
- Comm. Graf announces that prairie restoration cleanup is set for this coming Saturday.

B. Future Agenda: Dir Rogers notes that next Board meeting, Tuesday May 26, will include a workshop to talk about green initiatives and pesticides and the registration software issues.

### C. Staff Announcements

- Courts Plus membership survey now at >650 members.
- Ray Graham Assn. orientation is on Monday.
- Asphalt restoration and tree plantings are in progress.
- Preparation for pool openings: East End pool is filled; York Commons filling has been delayed d/t weather.
- The HR office is getting summer staff hired and oriented.
- Audit is completed and ready to be presented in the next 2 weeks. Study of needs for indoor recreation.
- Dir Rogers invites all to take part in the Mem Day parade.

## 10. Closed Session begins 8:12

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

## 11. Adjournment

