

Elmhurst Park District Meeting
April 22, 2015
7:00 – 9:13 p.m.

8 Present; 0 Absent
12 Public; 10 Staff
Elmhurst College Student Observer: M. Schulz

- I. Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 p.m.
 - a. Commissioner Attendance via Electronic Means --- None
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Additions/Deletions/Changes to Agenda
 - a. Dropping 2nd Closed Session
 - b. Lizzardo Board of Directors will meet
- V. Remarks/Correspondence
 - a. Written Correspondence
 - i. Resident #1: Love and appreciation of the Elmhurst Parks. Concerned about new location of Lizzardo museum in Wilder Park.
 - ii. Resident #2: Support keeping current park in East End Park.
 - iii. Resident #3: Removing East End Park would deprive children of safe area to play. Believes removing the park is a move in the wrong direction
 - b. Spoken Correspondence
 - i. Resident #1: Comment on proposal of relocation of East End Play Ground. Has no objection to adding a new park but does not believe we should have to tear down a good playground
 - ii. Resident #2: Thinks it is wonderful that Park district is planning on building a new park but this new park will only be good for occasional users, the old park is good for the neighborhood.
 - iii. Resident #3: Plea to the maintain the old park at East End Park until it is need of replacement, and then replace the old park with new equipment. The old playground is a significant asset to the neighborhood. East End Park services enough people to warrant having two playgrounds.
 - iv. Resident #4: Excited to have new park in East End. Old park is a neighborhood park and is a large reason why many people buy their homes in this neighborhood. Hopes the Park Board will reconsider tearing down the old park in East End.
 - v. Resident #5: Not opposed to a new park but hopes the Park Board will consider keeping the old park. Hopes the Board will choose to look for alternative funding.
 - vi. Resident #6: Excited to hear about the new park in East End Park. Would not even consider the idea of tearing down the old park, still believes the old park is safe and usable.
 - vii. Resident #7: Believes it is premature to remove a park that is in good shape.
 - viii. Resident #8: Old park is the main reason why he moved his family to this neighborhood.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. PEP
 - i. 2015 Golf Outing is May 8, 2015

- ii. Gave funds to have floors redo in Wilder Mansion
 - VII. Upcoming Committee Meetings
 - a. Sugar Creek Golf Course – April 28, 2015
 - b. Gateway – May 14, 2015
 - c. PEP – May 21, 2015
 - VIII. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of April 8, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. Approval of April 8, 2015 Closed Meeting Minutes
 - c. Voucher Lists
 - IX. Board Business
 - a. Unfinished Business (Old):
 - i. East End Park – Disposition of Existing Playground
 - 1. Proximity to rest rooms
 - 2. Plan brought to board March 11 and Board chose to move ahead with planning.
 - 3. Number of issues that come into play when it comes to the disposition of the Existing Playground
 - a. Guidelines for park have become more rigorous
 - b. Size and usage of park
 - c. Old playground’s inability to meet Americans with Disabilities Act standard.
 - d. Life of playground before it becomes unrepairable
 - 4. Playground is not unsafe; it simply does not meet standards of the Elmhurst Park District.
 - a. Proceed with plan to replace old playground
 - b. Maintain old playground until it is unrepairable and must be torn down
 - c. Retain existing playground until about able to play with different, smaller playground
 - 5. Proposed budget for new \$340,000
 - 6. Motion to retain the existing playground until the staff determines that it has met the end of its life and must be replaced.
 - a. Amend motion: to retain existing playground until staff determines it has reached the end of its safe and functional life and then possibly remove it or funds are allocated to replace it with smaller playground that meet applicable codes.
 - b. New Business
 - i. Audit for the Year Ending December 31, 2014
 - a. Elmhurst Park District
 - i. Received clean or unqualified opinion
 - b. Sugar Creek Golf Course
 - i. Received clean or unqualified opinion
 - ii. Resolution R-01-15 and R-02-15 in Recognition of Retiring Park Commissioners: Colette Kubiesa, and Bob Howard
- X. Commissioner Information Items
 - a. Announcements

- i. 60 people working in the Prairie last Saturday
 - ii. Good Lizzardo public meeting Monday
 - iii. Second Lizzardo Museum Meeting Saturday at 2:00 p.m.
 - iv. Reminder of PEP Golf Outing
 - b. Future Agenda
- XI. Staff Announcements
 - a. Introduced new Park Planner
- XII. Closed Session
 - a. Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for the “appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body”
 - b. Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for the discussion of “the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District”
- XIII. Adjournment at 9:13 p.m.