

**ELMHURST PARK DISTRICT**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

375 West First Street

April 24, 2017

7:00 p.m

8 staff; 7 Commissioners; Dir. Rogers; no visitors

LWV Reporter: B. Lipton

**NOTE:** Starred items below have related documents that can be accessed via the EPD website

**CALL TO ORDER** by Pres. Spaeth

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – all Commissioners present

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA**

Approval for Comm. Graf to attend IPDF next week

**REMARKS/CORRESPONDENCE FROM VISITORS** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

\* Gateway Cindy – This month had a productive meeting. Approved renewal of contract w/Ray Graham Assoc. and reviewed all budget items. Also approved re-hire of auditor for next year. Reviewed biosketches of potential new Board members.

**UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Elmhurst Art Museum – April 25, 2017

Sugar Creek Golf Course – April 25, 2017

Gateway – May 11, 2017

PEP – April 27 and May 11, 2017

Lizzadro Museum – May 18, 2017

**CONSENT AGENDA** – All items approved

\* Approval of April 10, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

\* Approval of April 10, 2017 Closed Meeting Minutes

\* Voucher Lists

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Unfinished Business (Old): None

New Business:

\*2017 Fencing Project Bid: Presentation of scope of work and acceptance of bid of Peerless Fencing at \$42,620. Nine invitations were sent out but just the one bid rec'd; their references checked out. Funds for this project were budgeted at \$60,000, and as athletic field user fees will fund \$30,000 of the amount, this will be well within budget allocations.

- Approved unanimously after very short discussion.

\*2017 Paving, Seal Coating, and Striping Bid: Discussion of \$219,400 bid Evans & Son Blacktop; process of bidding and scope of project were presented. Sealed bids were advertised; 15 letters of invitation were sent out and 9 sealed bids rec'd. Evans & Son sent lowest comprehensive bid; their references checked out. Total funds projected were \$241,705, so this is well within budget. Work will be scheduled in the fall. Discussion of the potential for piggybacking with the City on this kind of work in the future.

- Approved unanimously after discussion.

\*Contract Amendment for Executive Director J. Rogers: Increase annual salary by 1% to \$169,983, and add a one-time bonus of \$8000, based on his recent performance evaluation. This was posted at least 6 days prior to this meeting in compliance with state law.

- Approved unanimously, no discussion.

\* Resolution R-02-17 in Recognition of Retiring Park Commissioner Anthony Pelosi. President Spaeth & Dir. Rogers read the proclamation; unanimous applause. Commissioner Pelosi expressed his respect for Commissioners and staff members. Dir. Rogers presented a resolution from the State Legislature recognizing his service as well. A photo was taken. Commissioners expressed their gratitude to him for his 6 years of service, commitment; pleasure to work with him and reluctance to let him leave.

- Approved unanimously.

## COMMISSIONER INFORMATION ITEMS

### Announcements

- Comm. Morissette-Moll announced the Friday May 19 PEP outing.
- Comm. Kies was invited to the recent Seniors Housing meeting; she presented the EPD strategic plan; another meeting May 10 invited fellow Comm's.  
She also attended the Easter Egg Hunt for kids and dogs; she complimented EPD staff for their wonderful job. So much effort was expended for a 3 minute event.  
The prairie burn was held on April 12; it was done in sections so as not to disturb the small creatures, particularly the mice, whose numbers have increased markedly this year compared with prior years.

### \*Future Agenda:

Comm. Ubriaco noticed there have not been any regular City-Schools-Parks meetings lately, since the stormwater issue has been resolved. Dir. Rogers states he discussed this very issue with City Mgr. Grabowski last week; they plan to resume these meetings now that elections are over and new personnel are in place.

### STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Report on the York Commons stormwater detention basin project: The walkway to the skate park will be completed soon so it can be opened again. Comm. Ubriaco asks if there will at least be grass over the bottom of the detention basin; Dir. Rogers says that will be one of the last things and they plan to be finished in another 3 weeks. The project is about 4 months behind – original completion date was December 2016. Tree planting will be done over the next 2-3 years; Comm. Kies is happy that the Park District will have control over what trees are planted.
- Tree planting will be going on this week across Elmhurst.
- Auditors' reports are being finalized to be presented at June meeting.
- Pool preparation is ongoing.
- Easter egg hunt – there was an increased # of eggs this year, and they added Bunny pictures.
- The Adopt-a-Park kickoff this past week was a success.
- There were over 300 participants in the Mom Prom mother/son party last week. Had games, magician, DJ. The Elmhurst Garden Club did the centerpieces.
- Courts Plus annual Health Fair last week was a success.
- Dir. Rogers report:
- IPDF meeting this week; the next Board meeting will be the May 8 annual meeting in Wilder Mansion.
- Garden plots are not ready yet but there still could be a freeze or two before Mother's Day.

### Meeting adjourned for the CLOSED SESSION:

- Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5) for the discussion of "the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District."
- \* b. Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for the "appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body."

Meeting-related documents and audio can be accessed at:

<http://epd.org/park-board/board-meetings/board-meeting-october-24-2016>