

Elmhurst Park District Meeting  
May 28, 2014  
7:00-8:20

Observer: Ricky Dufort

**Present:** President Carolyn Ubriaco, Vice President Vince Spaeth, Commissioner Bob Howard, Commissioner Mary Kies, Commissioner Colette Kubiesa, and Commissioner Patricia Morissette-Moll. The Executive Director of the Park District Jim Rogers along with 7 Staff members and 3 public citizens attended the meeting.

**Absent:** Commissioner Anthony Pelosi

**1) President Ubriaco called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.**

**2) Additions/Deletions/Changes to Agenda**

- a) Request to delete PC Replacement Purchases due to lending issues and more review.

**3) Remarks/Correspondents From Visitors**

- a) The first visitor Cheryl Jasek spoke about the storm water retention issue. Cheryl visited Downers Grove to see the storm retention system that they used to offer some direction for the board. Being an avid park user Cheryl said wants other actions taken instead of using park areas for retention waters.
- b) The second visitor was Mike Jasek (Cheryl's Husband) who is a civil engineer working on a retention project in another town. Mike said that there are plans that work the board just needed to decide on a plan and avoid retention waters reaching parks.
- c) The third visitor did not speak.

**4) Committee Reports**

- a) Lizzadro Museum
  - i) Mary Kies reported that she discussed the repaving of the parking lot. Kies reported that a grant was received for \$15,000 and another donation was received from the Diana Nicholas Foundation of \$12,650. Also the Faces of Humanity are coming, along with gift shop sales rising, which Kies said she was very happy with.
- b) Sugar Creek
  - i) Morissette-Moll reported that the first meeting for the Sugar Creek Golf Course was last night. The course she said due to roller coaster weather has seen rapid grass growth. She also said that the Junior Links is fully sold out. Out of all of the participants 95% of the juniors are boys, which Morissette-Moll said she would like to see more girls participate. Jim Rogers reported that the training of personnel had been complete.

**5) Upcoming Committee Meetings**

- a) Gateway – June 12, 2014
- b) Elmhurst Art Museum – June 18, 2014
- c) PEP – June 19, 2014
- d) Sugar Creek Golf Course – June 24, 2014
- e) Lizzadro Museum – November 2014

f) Storm Water Sub Committee – TBD

**6) Consent Agenda (The vote to approve was unanimous)**

- a) Approval of April 23, 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of May 14, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes
- c) Check Registers
- d) Committee Appointment – Elmhurst Art Museum

**7) Board Business**

- a) Unfinished Business (Old)
  - i) None
- b) New Business
  - i) PC Replacement Purchase was deleted for further review.
  - ii) 413 S. York Road

(1) Vice President Spaeth requested the to discuss 413 S. York and what the park district plans to do with it. Spaeth said he is very passionate about saving the property and feels that the property holds cultural value. Then he said that he fears that the historical value of the city is falling on deaf ears.

(2) Colette Kubiesa said that the Park District is not responsible and the preservation should be a private concern. She said she sees the passion and understands but does not see the Park District getting involved being a good idea. She suggested the board members should go as private citizens not as board members.

(3) Vice President Spaeth then said that Glen Ellyn bought a house similar to 413 S. York Road and made it a museum for the citizens. Spaeth said that the Park District should make the initiative to involve the community. He made clear that he is not looking for finances; he is looking more for someone to start the initiative. Morissette-Moll agreed that the board members should go as citizens and she said she would like to do what she can to help. (Morissette-Moll then left at 7:55 P.M.)

(4) President Ubriaco stated that she has no determination to make move on house as a Park District Commissioner. She said she felt that the house is in private hands and she does not want to interfere in private affairs. Then she talked about how the city has the most money and how they are building a 15 million dollar parking garage and should have some room to help with the finances.

(5) Jim Rogers pointed out that pursuing the preservation of the house is not the responsibility of the Park District. The biggest reason being that the long-term operations of the house. Rogers then said that if the park district took initiative on the project, they would be stuck with it long-term. Jim argued for not taking the lead and leaving the work for the elected level. Jim then suggested that private citizens should call their alderman not as park district officials.

**8) Commissioner Information Items**

- a) Announcements
  - i) Kies announced that the parade was great with a large turn out.

- b) Future Agenda
  - i) Added last 3 items from May 14<sup>th</sup> board policy and slotting them in as appropriate.

**9) Staff Announcements**

- a) Stars and Stripes Party
- b) There are two dance recitals at York High School on Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> and Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- c) Capital Planning Meeting is in the works.
- d) May 31<sup>st</sup> is the 1<sup>st</sup> annual décor swap and June 6<sup>th</sup> is Relay for Life.
- e) The Hub had perfect weather for operation and was very busy over the weekend.
- f) Updates:
  - i) V3 is doing a great job, pointed out that elevation is at 0 for flood basins which means that not only will the rain that falls on the basin but also the other waters from close by areas. V3 is preparing a macro summary of observations they have collected for a further meeting.
  - ii) LA Fitness will now be Xsport instead and the building will remain the same.
  - iii) TIF request meeting of developer is on June 9<sup>th</sup>
  - iv) TIF proposal is for a 500,000 incentive over 15 years and is a pay as you go system.

**10) Closed Session**

- a) The closed session began at 8:20.