

**Elmhurst Park District Board**  
**Aug. 12, 2015**  
**7:00 pm – 8:40 pm**

**All Commissioners in attendance**  
**Public: 1 Staff: 9 Press: 0**  
**Observer: B. Lipton**

Board President Ubriaco called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the pledge of allegiance. She noted minor changes to the Agenda. She noted upcoming subcommittee meetings as follows:

August 13: Stormwater; Gateway

August 19: Art Museum

August 20: PEP

August 25: Sugar Creek Golf Course

**Consent Agenda:** Unanimous approvals for the July 22 minutes; voucher and non-accounts payable disbursements; waste removal and recycling service provider for 2016-18.

**Public Comments:** None

**Old Business:** An in-depth presentation of the revised Stormwater intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the City, received today 8/12, was made by attorney Andrew Paine. This IGA revision followed the wishes of the Park Board that recreational facilities not be granted by the City in exchange for allowing detention sites on park land; instead the City will extend the term for sharing of its maintenance facility with the EPD. A lengthy discussion followed.

Director Rogers stated the City regards this draft of the IGA as a fine starting point, as does he. It is not set in stone. The main continuing points of concern were:

- a) Legal: the overall structure of the IGA needs to be cleaned up.
- b) The IGA covers all 5 sites requested by the City, despite the EPD agreeing only to the west York Commons site at this time. A revision agreed by Director Rogers with the City, to change the wording of the incorporation paragraph from “intend to construct...” to “will consider constructing ...” seemed acceptable in that it does not commit the EPD to allowing the 4 additional detention sites at this time.
- c) Liability issues related to the construction (temporary) and maintenance (permanent) easements for City access to the parks.
- d) The need to maintain control of possible additional changes to the parks by the City in the future. Easements should be strictly limited.
- e) The possibility of reversal of the detention ponds structures in the future, if a better solution emerges (i.e. sewage infrastructure improvements) or if the detention pond scheme does not work. Commissioner Spaeth suggested including ‘backout language’ in the IGA.
- f) Business concerns: Allowing enough time for EPD to examine and approve construction plans before work begins; specifying overflow routes; shutoff valve placement. Specifying performance criteria, including the impact on landscaping; maintenance responsibilities (mowing; sediment removal; post-storm inspections; etc). How will problems be resolved?

Finally, Director Rogers noted that tomorrow's joint meeting should focus on the overall plan rather than specific details in order to best use the public's time for input and information. The subcommittee will meet with IDNR on 8/21 to discuss the sites for which their approval is required.

**New Business:**

- a) Gateway Special Recreation Association: Ginger Wade presented the results of the first ever Elmhurst family survey of Gateway program participants. Of the 118 surveys sent out, 28% were returned. Overall, a high level of satisfaction with the programs was expressed, and most respondents took part in more than one activity in the past year. Some problems with the transportation service were noted. There was a suggestion to repeat the family survey every two years. After a brief discussion, and based on the overall positive response of participants, it was decided to continue with Gateway rather than exploring other SRA programs.
- b) Laura Guttman and Director Rogers presented the 2015 mid-year Strategic Plan Progress Report and the proposed 2016 Strategic Plan. Highlights of progress and areas of remaining concern were discussed; the mid-year report was approved unanimously.
- c) Announcements: Commissioner Graf invited all to attend this Saturday's prairie restoration activity. Commissioner Keys reported that the staff cookout was a great success. Director Rogers invited Board members to take part in the annual City golf tournament on August 21. Staff announcements followed.

**Adjournment:** The Board moved to enter into closed session at this time.

**Documentation:** An audio recording of the meeting, written minutes, and the documents presented during the meeting are available at the following website:  
<http://epd.org/park-board/board-meetings/board-meeting-august-12-2015>