

Elmhurst Park District Meeting  
September 10, 2014  
7:00pm- 8:35pm

5 Present; 2 Absent (Ubricaco, Kubiesa)  
9 Public; 5 Staff  
Elmhurst College Student Observer: E. Ehmann

- I. Vice President Spaeth called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Addition/Deletions/Changes to Agenda
- V. Remarks/Correspondence From Visitors
  - a. Written correspondence
    - i. **Citizen #1:** In response to York commons detention pond: Expressed frustration to the park district in regards to not answering the questions asked by local members. Continues to say, there is a lack of understanding about the restructure of the detention pond. The resident who wrote this correspondence does not support this concept and there are great concerns that are not being addressed.
    - ii. **Citizen #2:** Streets flood with the slightest rain and ask to vote against the storm water detention basin the city of Elmhurst is proposing because of cost, destroying the parks, maintenance, and feasibility.
  - b. Oral Respondents
    - i. **Citizen #1** goes into discussion about the effects of the water detention proposal and provides examples, such as the one of the main features, the shut-off valve. He attempts to prove discrepancy by the city and their proposed actions. Citizens feel there are vague responses from the city and that the city “has ignored the Kayuga residents”. On behalf of Kayuga residents he is asking from the city for more useful information about the detention basin proposal.
    - ii. **Citizen #2** emphasizes that they is not against a water basin concept, but the solution that the city is looking at is not unique and there will be a lot of sacrifices, like park land and costs.
    - iii. **Citizen #3** says her house is 18inches away from the Elmhurst park district, and her concern is if the land was given away to the city, the pipe would be extremely close to her house and is concerned with what would happen to her house if there were to be a flood.
    - iv. **Citizen #4** is concerned with the Golden Meadows project and does not see it as a negative. He goes on to explain the benefits, such as there would be additional parking, a soccer field, and be utilized by the community.
    - v. **Citizen #5** says if the Elmhurst Park District hasn’t been approached by the city or the city council, they will be approached soon about a renovation proposal of the prairie path and York intersection. The proposal goes up to \$3 million dollars. The city of Elmhurst says that it’s the most dangerous park of the prairie path, but it’s not according to the speaker. He goes on to give out facts, such as the ratio of car: human collisions, which is on average, one per year. He further investigated and looked at the reports filed from the incidents and there were no serious

injuries to be found. Therefore, he suggests that there is no reason to pass the proposal that will be brought to the park district, in order to make the prairie path and York “safer” because the area is safe. He says that the money they are proposing should be used from the storm water project instead.

## VI. Committee Reports

### a. PEP

- i. Board meeting was last Thursday (9/4/2014)
- ii. In the meeting there were some changes in the PEP bylaws that were initiated. They will be finalized in the next meeting. Some of the changes in the bylaws include:
  1. Change in requirement for donators
  2. Elimination of associate members
  3. Minor language changes
  4. Address of PEP
- iii. Golf outing results are almost in and how much proceeds will be donated
- iv. Possibility for a fall event

## VII. Consent agenda (Unanimous, 5 ayes)

- a. Approval of August 27, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Voucher Lists

## VIII. Board Business

### a. *Unfinished Business (Old)*

#### i. Stormwater Management Discussion

1. Neighborhood meeting minutes have been read and taken into consideration
2. Updates from park and school districts:
  - a. Park: there will not be a response prior to September 30<sup>th</sup> because they are not ready to render a decision yet.
  - b. School district: They have not discussed the letters yet by the public. They are going to look at the intergovernmental agreements before they speak on the storm water management discussion.
3. **Rogers:** There was some discussion of doing construction of the pipes at York commons, which would possibly be placed between the pool and playground. EPD said they would consult with their engineering company to look at options for York Commons.  
**Howard:** Says they wouldn't do anything that would risk or cause harm to the neighborhoods. He states, that there has been great input from the community and stresses that they will vote in October on a plan. They will do what's right for the park district and the taxpayers.  
**Spaeth:** says that EPD was asked by the city to focus on golden meadows too, and he is proud of the solutions that will be presented eventually.  
**Keis:** information about what EPD discusses will continue to be on EPD.org to keep up with current discussion

**b. *New Business***

**i. 2014-2016 Park District Audit (5 ayes- Unanimous)**

1. Kathy has departed from EPD
2. **Howard** makes the recommendation to retain Lauterbach & Amen LLP as their auditors  
**Rogers** emphasizes that there would be no additional or increase in cost for the first year.
3. Vote passed that Lauterbach & Amen LLP will be retained by the park district to conduct their audits.

**ii. Brochure Printing Bid for FY2015-2016 (5 ayes- Unanimous)**

1. The proposal from American Litho would produce an \$11,000 saving each year and would still be able to produce printing similar to whom the EPD currently uses.  
**Morsette-Moll** wants to pull back the printing of the brochures all together.  
**Rogers** emphasizes that there is a need for the brochure during the transition process of going paperless, but also reminds the board and community that there is an available online brochure for park districts programs.
2. Commissioners voted on American Litho and will now be using them for the EPD's printing company.

**iii. Wide Area Network (WAN) Infrastructure Upgrade (5 ayes-Unanimous)**

1. The upgrade would introduce big changes to the EPD's internet network. The park district looked at several companies, including their current provider, AT&T. When consulting with a couple of different companies, Comcast gave their numbers and were very direct, unlike AT&T, which gave ball park numbers. The park district does express that with the greater bandwidth, comes with greater costs; about \$35,000. Also, monthly costs would be reoccurring. Lasting, there would be an addition cost because they would have to break contract with AT&T. This proposal entails a three year contract.
2. The vote approves master services agreements and sales order with Comcast to fulfill 36 months of WAN infrastructure needs, cancellation of T1 circuit contracts with AT&T and authorize the executive direct to execute said contracts to that effect.

**IX. Commissioner Information Items**

**a. *Announcements***

- i.** The garden club raised \$21,000 on their garden walk, which was distribution for different scholarships and funds.
- ii.** Lizzadro museum has extended the jewels on display from the Smithsonian Institute until September 28<sup>th</sup>
- iii.** Touch a truck was a great success at Berens Park

**b. *Future agenda***

- i.** Unchanged since last meeting

**X. Staff Announcements**

- a. 261 Grant will begin a landscaping project on Thursday
- b. Membership sale there are 159 new members, and have been working with soles for African children, which has raised over 1,000 donated shoes.
- c. There is a big start for the fall programming
- d. There is new section of the website is “behind on the tree” on the EPD website
- e. There will be the 2014 volunteer recognition ceremony 7:30-8:30pm at Wilder mansion next Thursday (9/18)

**XI. Close Session**

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

**XII. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 8:28PM