

## Elmhurst Park District Meeting

Oct. 14, 2015

7:00-9:17

6 commissioners present

7 public present; 6 staff members

Observer: Gianfranco Ocampo

**I: Call to order begins the meeting 7:00 PM**

**II: Pledge of Allegiance:**

**III: Roll Call** Commissioner Vincent Spaeth is absent.

**IV: Additions/Deletions/Changes to Agenda** None

**V: Remarks/Correspondence from visitors**

1. People for Elmhurst Parks (PEP) present donation
  - a. Presents \$4,763 check.
  - b. Proceeds from annual golf outing, 22<sup>nd</sup> year.
2. Citizens speak for the board
  - a. First speaker- Concerns with the planned detention areas in Butterfield Park.
    1. Believes there will always be residual water left in the lower levels until it evaporates. Will lead to problems in the growing of vegetation.
    2. Will lead to breeding more mosquitos, and a likelihood of small animals and rodents.
    3. 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the park will be inaccessible.
  - b. Second speaker
    - i. Objects to a detention program for the park.
      1. The clay pits in the park will not allow any plants to be planted, unless people are willing to excavate land and bring in dirt that will percolate.
      2. The park being a hill, a slope, will not allow for a detention plan.
    - ii. Objects to the layout of the park and the fields: Makes accessing much of the park inaccessible and difficult to get to.
  - c. Third speaker  
Opposed to basketball nets. The money should be put on other things
  - d. Fourth speaker
    - i. Opposed to the basketball courts being placed in the park
      - a. Surveyed 80 residents; 78 residents disapproved of the basketball courts
    - ii. Wondering if the district is seeking the approval of the community for the implementation
  - e. Fifth speaker: Worked with previous speaker on the survey
    1. Should implement another court rather than a basketball court
    2. The people of the community should have a voice before the board implements a decision
  - f. Sixth speaker
    - i. In favor of detention areas in the park
    - ii. The district should provide more updates on the storm water
  - g. Seventh speaker
    - i. Opposed to the basketball courts. Fears the safety of the community for players attracted to play
      - a. Wondering if there are permits for playing or if anyone can play
      - b. If anyone can come it might risk safety of the community
    - ii. Opposed to detention areas in the park
      1. Isn't safe
      2. Better use of tax payer money
  - h. Eighth speaker
    - i. Feels this decision for water detentions in the park was made in secrecy and the community wasn't made aware.
    - ii. Objects to basketball court
      1. Foul language, fights, and alcohol use. Not safe for children in the park
      2. Asks what security measures will be taken to accommodate a new court

iii. Ninth speaker

Objects to a lighted basketball court: Residents near Butterfield Park do not play basketball

**VI: Committee Reports**

1. Gateway
2. PEP
  - a. Met on Sept. 24
  - b. A fundraiser for the "Playground for Everyone"
  - c. 1400 dollars in tips and donations was raised for the playground in their "Touch a truck" event.
3. Stormwater Subcommittee [Moved to 9A1 below]

**VII: Upcoming Committee meetings**

1. PEP- Oct. 15
2. Sugar Creek Gold Course- Oct. 27
3. Storm water Subcommittee- Oct. 29
4. Lizzadro- Nov. 5
5. Gateway- Nov. 12

**VIII: Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Sept. 23 Regular Meeting minutes
2. Approval of Sept. 23 Closed Meeting minutes
3. Voucher lists
4. Disposal ordinances 0-11-15

**IX: Board business**

1. Unfinished Business
  - a. Storm water management discussion
    - i. The storm water subcommittee met with the city subcommittee on Wednesday Sept. 30. 16 residents in attendance
    - ii. The resolution of the funding component is what will lead to possible discussion with the IDNR. The subcommittee will meet with them on Thursday Oct. 29
    - iii. The city requested that the board provide documentation to them concerning the INR sites
      1. They provided them with a copy of the IDNR grant program participation manual. Outlines all the requirements of the grant and the processes for conversion
      2. Provide copies of any properties; including boundary maps
        - a. They will give them copies of post-completion inspection certification reports.
        - b. Send them reports from the 1990s
        - c. Send information on Golden Meadows Park, Wild Meadows Trace, and East End park, only the western part.
      3. The city is purchasing two properties that border East End park
        - a. 289 and 285 Geneva
        - b. East side of the street that lie at the lowest point of the block
      4. Discussions with the DNR state they are flexible with what the district would be willing to do with the park. They are understanding of the problem the board has with storm water.
      5. The city is looking to bundle 3 other sites
        - a. Wild Meadows- 4 homes benefit (Final number of homes removed from 100 year flood)
        - b. Crestview park- 2 homes
        - c. East End park- 7 homes
        - d. The location of the detention pond in Crestview: Open space area in front of parking lot (location of the old ice skating building)
2. New Business
  - a. Tax Levy Resolution R-04-15

- i. Since 2010 declining Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV). Projected for 2015 is an increase 7 percent- 1.9 billion dollars
  - ii. New construction in the area
    1. 2014 levy for construction was 29 million
    2. 2015 is projected at 38.5 million
  - iii. 2015 v. 2016 levy comparison
  - iv. Dupage County Park District tax rate 0.42%
  - v. Line 1 in tax resolution - 2014 levy 6 million
  - vi. Line 2 tax resolution is what it's proposing for 2015 aggregate extension, which is 6,686
  - vii. The park district is also proposing a 30,000 increase in the SRA fund
  - viii. Tax resolution ends
3. Board development process
    - a. A library for records is being put together
      - i. Includes indoor facilities study
      - ii. Strategic plan
      - iii. Community wide survey

**X: Commissioner information items**

1. Commissioner announces prairie restoration starts at 9 am changed from noon
2. Playground for everyone. Elmhurst garden club pleased to invite commissioners to the 1930s event, celebrating its founding then

**XI: Staff announcements** This week is league appreciation week for the sports teams

**XII: Closed session begins**

**Link to meeting-related documents:** <http://www.epd.org/park-board/board-meetings/board-meeting-october-14-2015>