

**Elmhurst Park District Meeting**  
**December 2 , 2015**  
**7:00-8:24**

**All commissioners present**  
**4 guests; 8 staff**  
**Observer: Gianfranco Ocampo**

**I: Call to order 7:08 PM**

**II: Roll Call**

1. All commissioners present

**III: Additions/Deletions/Changes to Agenda**

1. 7a Stormwater Subcommittee report
  - a. Moved to item 9a3

**IV: Remarks/Correspondence from visitors**

1. First speaker addressed the need for the park district to address the needs of senior citizens.
  - i. The Elmhurst Senior commission, aimed to enhance the life of adults, on Sept. 9 discussed the need for a full service senior center and recommended the park district address the issue.
    1. Asked the park district define what would be needed for a functioning senior center.
    2. Should include transfer to the center, research information, and community dining.
  - ii. Recommendations for how the board should move forward with this project.
    1. Should conduct focus groups and incorporate questions to the annual survey for senior citizens.
    2. Patterning with the city of Elmhurst and the Elmhurst Center for Help and coordinate a feasibility study for full service senior center with professionals.
2. Second speaker brings up objections to citizens who are against setting up basketball courts in the park. Argues that those who object to the basketball courts don't want outsiders to play in the courts, but those outsiders some of the people of Elmhurst don't want are specifically black people.
  1. It would be wrong for the district to take this step to not implement basketball courts, it excludes black people from the community.
  2. Would lead to the exclusion of other ethnicities.
3. Third speaker asks the board to implement a full service senior center.

**V. Committee reports**

- a. PEP meeting on the fundraiser,
  - i. Playgrounds for everyone, funds helped with the committee's accounts.
  - ii. All current Board members kept their seats as a result of the recent election.
  - iii. Golf outing date set for May 20<sup>th</sup> 2016.
  - iv. Fundraiser set for the 20<sup>th</sup>. 15 people set for sponsoring the fundraiser.
  - v. Move meeting times potentially to encourage more members to join PEP.

**VI. UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- a. Stormwater Subcommittee – December 9, 2015
- b. Gateway – December 10, 2015
- c. Elmhurst Art Museum – December 16, 2015
- d. PEP – December 17, 2015

**VII. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of November 18, 2015 Budget Hearing Minutes
- b. Approval of November 18, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes
- c. Approval of November 18, 2015 Closed Meeting Minutes
- d. Voucher Lists & Non Accounts Payable Disbursement of Funds
- e. Disposal Ordinance O-13-15
- f. Medical Insurance Renewal
- g. Dental Insurance Renewal

**VII: Board Business**

- a. Unfinished Business (Old)
  - i. 2015 Third Quarter Financial Report
    1. The tax revenue for the park district, 2014 was higher in all the funds listed than '13 and '15
    2. In 2013 tax revenue in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter was higher than 2015. Merchandise sales were higher due to concession operations.
    3. Illustration of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter revenue compared to last year.

- a. Revenue is down 20% Due to the bond refunded last year
- b. Donation revenue is 160% higher.
- c. Program fees are 9% higher.
- d. 800,000 dollars of unspent capital dollars.

ii. 2016 Proposed Budget Continued Discussion: The golf course is still in a significant amount of debt.

iii. Stormwater Management Discussion

1. The city will pay no less than the appraised cost of the properties and no more than 1.5 of the appraised cost.
2. Close to getting an IGA done for York Commons. Doing an individual IGA.
3. If three properties that equaled 3 acres were found, the DNR would be flexible.

b. New business

i. 2016 Proposed Board Meeting Dates

1. January 13 and 27 2016
2. Feb 10 and 24 2016
3. March 9 and 23 2016
4. April 13 and 27 2016
5. May 11 and 25 2016
6. June 8 and 22 2016
7. July 13 and 27 2016
8. August 10 and 24 2016
9. September 14 and 28 2016
10. October 12 and 26 2016
11. November 2 and 30 2016
12. December 14 2016

ii. Board Policy Committee Recommendation: The board to consider a board member to be given award for recognition of his/her service.

#### **IX: Staff Announcements**

- a. A ton of IT equipment was recycled
- b. Dec. 5 is the beginning for winter registration
- c. Dec. 3 is the 2th annual tree lighting in Wilder Park
- d. The board has saved 46,000 dollars from insurance premiums.

X: Closed session begins at 8:24

Meeting related documents and audio can be found at:

<http://www.epd.org/sites/default/files/board-attachments/00%20Agenda%2012-02-15.pdf>

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