

MINUTES
Joint Meeting of the Village Board and Park Board
Special Committee of the Whole Meeting
August 27, 2007

Present: **Village Board and Staff :**

Trustee Brandt	Trustee McDonough
Trustee Saltiel	Trustee Servi
Trustee Walder	Trustee Walrath
Mayor Blomberg	Village Clerk Mastandrea
Village Manager Irvin	Deputy Village Clerk Marshall
Village Engineer Hughes	Ass't. to the Director of Public Works Scott
Recreation Supervisor Gould	Streets & Parks Superintendent Pippen
Director of Public Works Tripicchio	Gen. Maintenance Parks Supv. Taylor
Village Engineer Hughes	

Park Board:

Ms. Mary Batsford	Mr. Campbell
Mr. Godshalk	Mr. Heiser
Mr. Previn	Ms. Sanders
Mr. Van Overberghe	Ms. Borgerding

Location: Village Hall, Community Room, One Olde Half Day Road, Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Blomberg called the meeting to order at 9:05 p.m. and the Roll was called.

ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

Parks and Recreation

3.11 Consideration and discussion of improvements to North Park and other long term recreational needs

Director of Public Works Tripicchio updated the Boards on this matter. The Park Board recommended the enlargement of the concession stand at North Park with an addition of 2,600 square feet which would cost approximately \$706,000. Staff recommended expanding the structure somewhat so that it could be used as an "all purpose room" where some programs currently held at the Village Hall could be held. This would cost approximately \$1,572,000. During the meeting the question came up if there was a need for a larger facility that included basketball courts.

Mr. Godshalk advised that the initial recommendation by the Park Board was for the purpose of getting camp participants out of inclement weather when rain storms occurred. He said the further expansion of the concession stand was not a Park Board initiative. Trustee Saltiel asked if it was safe to assume that the Park Board does not endorse the fully enclosed structure. Mr. Godshalk said the Park Board felt the temporary shelter was sufficient, and it is reluctant to put so much money into the building that it could not do other projects down the line.

Staff's concern is the parking at the Village Hall. When programs are held at the Village Hall, participants are reluctant to park in the Village Hall outlot. Recreation Supervisor Gould was asked what programs take place at the Village Hall. She indicated that Kindermusic is held at the Village Hall, one day a week from September to June, and there is a huge parking problem on that day. Trustee McDonough felt that there may be a need to get children out of inclement weather at North Park, but there may be a greater need for some type of indoor facility.

Trustee Brandt indicated that the enrollment for sports is going down dramatically. The schools' enrollment numbers were discussed. Although Daniel Wright Jr. High School numbers have increased, the "telling numbers" according to Spring Lake Sports League President Tara Savarise, are the lower grades and those schools' demographics are declining. It was suggested that the community be surveyed again to see what the residents want. The community was last surveyed in 2002.

Trustee McDonough said that he met a member of the Park Board in Lake Forest, and Lake Forest is talking about building a facility on Everett Road or Route 60. The city is struggling with the size, cost, etc. He said, if Lincolnshire is struggling with the same issues, perhaps the communities should get together and go 50-50 on this.

There was a consensus, at this time, to put the addition to the concession building at North Park on hold in order to have a needs' assessment and to survey residents to see what they want. Trustee Saltiel said if we do a survey we should hire a firm to handle it and do it right. Mayor Blomberg said that once we have the survey results, we could determine if a facility would be needed. If so, are we joint venturing; are we going to the corporate center; or lease space temporarily to see how it works. There has to be a logical order and steps that need to be taken.

Mr. Heiser feels the Village is long overdue for an multi-purpose, indoor facility with basketball, soccer, baseball, and meeting rooms. The Lake Bluff facility was brought up. Village Manager Irvin advised that he believes that Lake Bluff built its facility on donated land, the debt service is paid for through property taxes, and the operations are covered by user fees.

Use of the Swim Club facility during the winter was discussed. Staff should look into this as well as the possibility of sharing a facility with Lake Forest. Park Development Funds were reviewed, and Village Manager Irvin will check to see if Brookwood Farm has been included. The Village Manager will research available firms that could conduct the survey.

Mr. Heiser brought up the need for a batting cage, and staff will look for a suitable location for one.

Trustee McDonough feels there should be bleachers at North Park, and that there should be netting to stop some of the balls from going out onto Everett Road. There were some questions about whether bleachers should be purchased as children could fall out of them. Also there was a question as to where the bleachers would be stored in the winter months.

Mr. Campbell said that the Board has been talking about building a wall to hit tennis balls against, whiffle walls, etc. It would be as wide as the singles lanes on a tennis court, about 36 feet wide, ten feet tall, on the east side of the basketball court at North Park. One side would be grass so you could practice your soccer ball shots or whiffle ball; and on the basketball court side it, could be used for tennis. It was felt it would be utilized a great deal. Director of Public Works Tripicchio advised that if we were to build a 100 foot long wall with the proper thickness and height, it would cost \$103,000 to build. A 36' wall would be significantly less, and that should be more than adequate.

There was a discussion regarding resurrecting la crosse. Director of Public Works Tripicchio advised that usage of the fields during the fall soccer season is absolutely maxed out.

Director of Public Works Tripicchio asked for direction from the Park Board as staff needs to get real numbers for any capital expenditures.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Brandt moved and Trustee McDonough seconded the motion to adjourn. The voice vote was unanimous, and the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

VILLAGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE

Carol S. Marshall
Deputy Village Clerk