

# APPROVED

Minutes of the Park Board Tour held Saturday, June 5, 2010, 8:00 a.m., at  
North Park, 1025 Riverwoods Road, Lincolnshire, IL 60069

Present: Ken Borgerding, Chairman  
Lee Campbell  
Jamie Godshalk  
Mara Grujanac  
Ted Heiser (left at 8:14 a.m.)  
Stephanie Gould, Recreation Supervisor  
Troy Taylor, Facilities Supervisor  
Chris Fisher, General Maintenance of Open Space

Public: Robert and Mary Gremley  
Dave Keevins, President of Spring Lake Sports League  
Mike Muth, Spring Lake Sports League

Absent: Ron Previn  
Pat Sanders  
David Saltiel, Trustee Liaison  
Ken VanOverberghe, Alternate  
Jennifer Hughes, Director of Public Works  
Scott Phippen, Superintendent of Streets and Parks

## 1.0 Call to Order

Chairman Borgerding called the meeting to order.

## 2.0 Roll was called and it was determined a quorum was present.

## 3.0 A motion was made by Mr. Godshalk, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the Minutes from the May 1, 2010 Park Board Tour. The motion was accepted by unanimous voice vote.

## 4.0 Resident Comments

None

## 5.0 Old Business

5.1 None

## 6.0 Recreation

6.1 None

7.0 New Business

7.1 Spring Lake Sports League Affiliate Request and Field Use Application – Northshore Baseball

Staff presented a request from Spring Lake Sports League to grant affiliate status to Northshore Baseball. If affiliate status is granted to Northshore Baseball, they would hold their annual tournament on August 1, 2010 at North Park. Spring Lake Sports League regularly participates in this annual tournament.

A motion was made by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Godshalk to recommend the request by Spring Lake Sports League to grant affiliate status of Northshore Baseball to the Mayor and Board of Trustees. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

7.2 Field Use Application – Deerfield Warriors

Staff presented to the Park Board a baseball field usage application from the Deerfield Warriors. Spring Lake Sports League was contacted and this group does not conflict with current SLSL programs.

There are no Lincolnshire residents on the team; they will not be eligible for a resident discount.

Mr. Godshalk made the recommendation to conditionally allow the Deerfield Warriors use of the North Park playing fields when they are not being used by Spring Lake Sports League, to the Mayor and Board of Trustees. This motion was seconded by Mr. Heiser and was carried by unanimous voice vote.

At 8:14 a.m., Ted Heiser left the Park Board meeting.

7.3 Park Board Tours

**North Park Nature Preserve**

Staff discussed various maintenance issues and tasks which were accomplished this past year. Such as, the removal of invasive species like buckthorn and garlic mustard. Staff was thankful for the volunteer support for Chicago River and Chicago Wilderness workdays. Portions of the woodland path were resurfaced, garlic mustard was pulled, native plants were monitored and macro invertebrates were addressed on the workdays. The State Endangered Purple Trillium was used as an example of the progress being made, since this rare plant was not observed until only three years ago, and it is believed that this was because of the

restoration. Discussions were held regarding budget cuts for natural areas management. The current budget is approximately 25% due to the addition of the Old Mill Preserve and budget cuts this past year.

### **Florsheim Nature Preserve**

Staff discussed the various maintenance tasks that have been accomplished. Of particular interest was the benefits of controlled burning and deer removals. The spreading of the white Trillium was used as an example of the benefits of the current maintenance work.

### **Old Mill Nature Preserve**

Staff stopped at the recently built boardwalk that was donated by the Boy Scouts as part of an Eagle Scout project. Also, staff and board members stopped at the Olde Mill outlot and discussed the large stand of buckthorn that was removed. Board members inquired about any feedback from residents and staff reported that the local residents were pleased with the results, and in fact some residents asked if buckthorn south of the bike path will be removed.

### **Rivershire Nature Center**

Staff discussed the on going challenges of maintaining this native area. Staff has not been able to provide any time to this site due to the budget cuts and staff reassignments and the resurgence of buckthorn and reed canary grass was a clear example of how quickly things can regress if they are not maintained even at a minimal level.