

APPROVED

MINUTES REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING June 4, 2011

Present: Ken Borgerding, Chairman
Lee Campbell – Arrived 9:21 AM
Jamie Godshalk
Dan Hartman
Brian Thornburg, Alternate
Jennifer Hughes, Director of Public Works
Lydia Scott, Environmental Services Supervisor – Left 8:30 AM
Chris Fisher, General Maintenance Open Space
Troy Taylor, Facilities Supervisor

Absent: Ted Heiser
Ron Previn
Ken VanOverberghe
Karen Feldman, Trustee Liaison

Location: North Park, 1025 Riverwoods Road, Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Borgerding called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Director Hughes called roll and determined a quorum was present.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1 A motion was made by Jamie Godshalk, seconded by Dan Hartman, to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2011 Special Park Board Meeting as revised. Corrected spelling of Brian Thornburg from Brian Thornberg; Page 2. Item 4.1, Paragraph 1, Line 2 should read: "roller blades be kept off of the **tennis** court"; and, Page 3, Item 4.5, Paragraph 1, Line 1 should read: "appropriate to install **a** bathroom at the park"; Page 3, Item 4.6 should be added: "Mr. Pippen described a request from Trustee Feldman to install a step for the drinking fountain at Balzer Park. The Park Board agreed that the step would be a good idea." The motion was accepted by unanimous voice vote.

4.0 **RESIDENT COMMENTS AND REQUESTS**

4.1 None.

5.0 **RECREATION**

5.1 None.

6.0 **PARKS**

6.1 **Inspection of Parks**

6.1.1 North Park Recreational Facility

Troy Taylor updated the Park Board about projects at North Park. Workers are currently replacing portions of the deep well that irrigates the park. Replacement of the batting cage, which was damaged in wind storms in 2010, is complete. A new irrigation system, which will utilize potable water, is being installed for the roundabout.

There have been 435 events at North Park already this year despite losing 12 days due to weather. We lost 7 days all of last year.

Spring Lake Sports League will be introducing a new name very soon. Last year, they requested new dugout covers, lights and score boards. The Village has not been involved in any further discussions with SLSL regarding these items since August of last year.

The Village Board has requested that Staff reduce the plant height in the islands within the parking lot. Staff has mowed and burned this area once and will continue to cut these areas. The Park Board suggested that Staff focus on the areas where vehicles can pass from one parking area to the next, as the sight distance is most important at the turns.

6.1.2 North Park Natural Area

A new chip path has been installed to connect the picnic pavilion with the open space for Boo Fest.

North Park is 62 acres in size, of which 25 acres is utilized for active recreation. The majority of the area has “Nature Preserve” status. The open space corridor along the North Fork of the West Branch of the Chicago Area totals 110 acres and includes Florsheim Nature Preserve. Lydia Scott stated that this area is likely to expand if there is development of the Banner Day Camp or Mrs. Florsheim’s property.

Lydia Scott stated that the Village spends approximately \$160/acre to maintain Open Space and stated that additional funds are needed. The Village is losing ground on invasive plants it is not conducting burns in as many locations. There was only one session of burning this year. There has been no deer management or monitoring due to funding cutbacks. Deer/Vehicle collisions are up from 4 in 2009 to 13 in 2011.

The Village continues to look for additional resources to supplement Staff. Lydia Scott is making connections through her activities in regional planning related to wildlife management. The Village recently had 13 volunteers who spent a day removing invasive plants in North Park. A PhD student candidate is studying Green Dragons at North Park.

Chris Fisher showed the areas where Trillium is growing and being monitored. He stated that the Village is not treating Ash trees for the Emerald Ash Borer in the open space.

6.1.3 Florsheim Nature Preserve

Chris Fisher pointed out the boundaries of the Florsheim Nature Preserve and the location of the wetland just north of the Preserve.

6.1.4 Old Mill Addition to Florsheim Nature Preserve

Jennifer Hughes stated that the Old Mill Addition contains a man-made detention/retention basin that filters storm water from the Old Mill Subdivision prior to discharge to the West Fork.

6.1.5 Old Mill Park

Bees nesting in the Old Mill Park play structure will be treated by staff. Jennifer Hughes stated that the park was not mowed just prior to the inspection. The field area is scheduled to be mowed early in the week

following the Park Board tour. The turf height is representative of the maximum height that Staff allows before mowing active space. For comparison, the area at the volleyball court has not been mowed at all this season. This area will be mowed within the next week.

The bike path along Route 22 from Old Mill Park to Riverwoods Road needs to be trimmed.

6.1.6 Memorial Park

Memorial Park is maintained by a combination of Staff and contractors.

A long term project is to install rain gardens in the park to mitigate areas of standing water near the gazebo.

6.1.7 Whytegate Park

Troy Taylor indicated that Staff is looking at using funds saved in the painting of the Balzer Park play structures to paint the FitCore System. The Park Board stated that they would like to consider at a future meeting whether this system should be preserved.

The volleyball court will be rototilled in the next few weeks.

Staff is preparing a capital project to resurface the basketball court in future years.

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

None.

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1 Jennifer Hughes stated that she proposes to schedule future Park Board tours as a part of the official calendar so that “regular” meetings do not need to be canceled. The Park Board agreed and requested that the tours be separated by more than two weeks.

9.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

10.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Lee Campbell, seconded by Jamie Godshalk, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was accepted by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Borgerding declared the meeting adjourned at 10:09 A.M.
