Board of Park Commissioners
Parks and Properties Committee
Meeting Minutes

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MINUTES of the Parks and Properties Committee Meeting of the Northbrook Park District Board of Commissioners held Monday, January 16, 2017 in the Joe Doud Administration Building located at 545 Academy Drive, Northbrook, Illinois.

CALL TO ORDER– The meeting was called to order at 6:20pm by Chair Chambers.

Members Present– Chair Chambers, Commissioners Chalem and Randel
Members Absent– None
Ex-Officio Members– Commissioners Schyman, Simon, Slepicka and Ziering; Executive Director Hamer
Staff– Directors Baron, Dalton, Loftus, Munn, Trongnetpanya and Ziolkowski; Administrative Assistant King

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS–
Matt Farmer & Jim Baxa, of the Village of Northbrook, were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Parks and Properties Committee Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2016 were approved as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS– None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Regarding West Park Storm Water Management Concepts

Matt Farmer, Village Engineer, and Jim Baxa, Civil and Special Projects Engineer, from the Village of Northbrook presented a potential storm water improvement project to the Committee. They noted that the proposed project would help reduce flooding at the intersection of Keystone Road and Chartres Drive and its surrounding neighborhood. Mr. Farmer and Mr. Baxa's presentation included three different gravity-based storm water management concepts for possible construction at West Park.

The Committee reviewed the concepts and clarified that the Village would fund the project and maintain the piping and sculpting. If approved, Mr. Farmer and Mr. Baxa estimated that construction would occur from August - October 2017 and West Park would reopen in spring 2018. The Committee also clarified that the District would be able to use two ball fields during construction.

After further discussion, the consensus of the Committee was to support the project. However, the Committee asked that Mr. Farmer & Mr. Baxa provide answers to questions such as: how long it will take for the detention basins to drain, which areas of the park will be wet during significant storm events and how often the basin will hold six inches of water. Mr. Farmer & Mr. Baxa thanked the Committee for their time and agreed to research their questions.

Adopt Comprehensive Master Plan

After reviewing the Master Plan, the consensus of the Committee was not to move the Moving Forward 2026 Comprehensive Master Plan to the full Board for adoption, as further editing was requested. Staff will work with Hitchcock Design Group to revise the document and will redistribute for Board approval in February.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/VERBAL UPDATES

Capital Improvement Projects

Northbrook Sports Center Pool–

Director Dalton noted that pool construction is ahead of schedule, due to the mild weather. Since his last update, both pool shells have been poured and 90% of the underground piping has been installed. Additionally, the locker room floors are complete, the walls have been painted, and the lights were installed. He further noted that this is the third time the mechanical building has been retrofitted. Although the building is safe, many areas have been reinforced and the space inside is limited. Therefore, Director Dalton recommended replacing the building during any future renovations.

Paddle Tennis Court Rental

Vice President Randel introduced the idea of renting paddle tennis courts at the Green Acres property. However, alcohol is typically a component of paddle tennis culture, so the liability of offering alcohol would need to be researched.

Indoor Playground

Vice President Randel mentioned the idea of renting indoor space in or near Northbrook, in order to offer an indoor playground for the community. After further discussion, the Committee noted that an indoor playground is not currently a District priority.

Accessibility at Bluegill Shelter

As follow-up to a previous Committee discussion, Director Dalton explained that Bluegill Shelter is ADA compliant if individuals park in the ADA stalls of parking lot and take the gravel path. He further noted that in order to remain ADA compliant, staff will need to maintain the gravel slope and add signage indicating the accessible route to the Shelter.

NEXT MEETING

The next Committee Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Joe Doud Administration Building, 545 Academy Drive.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,
NORTHBROOK PARK DISTRICT

/s/ Molly Hamer
Molly Hamer, Secretary
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