

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding – Grove Foundation

Commissioner Gelwicks made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Downers Grove Park District and The Grove Foundation for Recreation as fiscal agent to the Park District for the purpose of accepting sponsorships and donations on behalf of Downers Grove Park District as presented. Commissioner Souter seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Gelwicks, Souter, Cushing and Roman
 Nays: None
 Abstain: Commissioner Mahoney

Consideration of Proposals for Architectural Services – 1846 Blodgett House Interior Restoration

Commissioner Roman made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Kingsley & Ginnodo Architects for a fee of \$12,500, plus an allowance of \$6,000 for mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering services, for a total contract value of \$18,500. Commissioner Gelwicks seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Roman, Gelwicks, Cushing, Mahoney and Souter.
 Nays: None
 Absent: None

Consideration of Bids – Districtwide Asphalt Paving 2014

Commissioner Mahoney made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Tully Brothers Paving for the Districtwide Asphalt Paving 2014, including the Base Bid plus Alternate #1, for a total contract value of \$117,622. Commissioner Souter seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Mahoney, Souter, Cushing, Gelwicks and Roman
 Nays: None
 Absent: None

Resolution #14-07 – Determine Funds Estimated to be raised by Taxation for the year 2014

Commissioner Gelwicks made a motion to approve Resolution 14-07 – a resolution determining funds estimated to be raised by taxation for the Fiscal Year 2015. Commissioner Mahoney seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Gelwicks, Mahoney, Cushing, Roman and Souter
 Nays: None
 Absent: None

BOARD BUSINESS:

President’s Comments

None

Commissioner’s Comments

Commissioner Gelwicks thanked everyone involved in the Chilympics event and said it was very well done.

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Director Report

Executive Director McAdam informed everyone that the storm water work that is being done by the Village at Washington Park will have no impact on park function. Also, two binders were given to the Board detailing the tree inventory. He informed the board that it is incomplete as this will be a three year project. There is also information explaining the effect of the Ash Borer on the District's Ash trees and how being proactive with the treatment of this pest will have much less impact on the Park District. He also informed the Board that staff meets once every week and any pertinent information coming from these meetings will be shared with the Board through email.

Recreation Director Report

Director of Recreation, Jay Kelly, informed the Board that operations at the Lincoln Center were typical. Staff met with the Active Adults to get their input regarding a membership plan that for a nominal fee will provide discounts on many programs. There was a very positive response. At the Recreation Center, a new healthy vending machine was installed in the lobby. The Park District received the "Reboot Award" for excellence in shoe recycling. At Lyman Woods, 438 jars of honey have been sold; members of the Green Committee volunteered at the Village's Recycling Extravaganza; and District 58 second grade students and Downers Grove South AP Biology classes attending field trips at Lyman Woods. Rentals were very good at the Golf Course. 86 people visited the 1892 Blodgett House in the month of August including two Cub Scout tours. The backstage Tivoli Tour had 450 participants. The Museum will host the Blodgett House Boo-Fest on October 31st. The "Honoring our Heroes" Veteran exhibit opens November 1. The 2nd annual Chilypmics Chili Cook-off took place on September 27th with 1,800 people in attendance which was double that of 2013.

Marketing Report

Supervisor of Marketing and Creative Development, Ian Everett informed the Board of the success of the 2nd Annual Chilypmics and included a detailed marketing report. He has been working on the promotion of the Suburban Horror Story at the Lincoln Center. He has submitted an article on design strategy to the IPRA Parks and Recreation magazine and presented a session on marketing for dog events at the NRPA conference. He has submitted award nominations to the IPRA for the Tivoli Exhibit at the Museum and for the Honey Bee Exhibit at Lyman Woods.

Planning Report

Superintendent of Planning, Paul Fyle reported that the playground renovation at Patriots Park should be substantially completed by October 31st. At Memorial Park, the playground should be substantially complete by November 15th. The dredging at Barth Pond is on schedule.

Parks Report

Director of Operations and Development, Geoff Penman, reported that seasonal tasks are in progress; two sealcoating projects have been completed; 150 tons of top dress mix was added to the turf area at the Walnut property; drain pipe clean out was installed along the north side of the Doerhoefer tennis courts; 18 trees were removed this month; SEASPAR Eagles continue mulching trees at Ebersold Park; 224 Ash trees have been treated and drain tile has been added to the #5 fairway at the Golf Course.

District Services Report

Assistant Director for District Services, Sara Rathsack reported that the new phone server was installed and is awaiting configuration; Applitrack has been in use for five months and has given supervisors efficient access to all applicants interest in Park District positions; the PDRMA Loss Control Review is coming to a close at the end of the month.

SEASPAR

Executive Director, Bill McAdam reported that SEASPAR passed their Levy which remained flat. By approving the Lemont Park District into SEASPAR the dues from Downers Grove Park District will go down. Lemont Park District brings the benefit of an indoor pool to SEASPAR participants. The Grand Opening of the SEASPAR Eagles facility in Lisle will be Monday at 3:30pm.

PLAN COMMISSION

Commissioner Souter had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed Maple Avenue Historic District:

Commissioner Gelwicks inquired about the impact it would have on the Park District. Executive Director McAdam responded that quite possibly there would be another group to talk with should we decide to make any changes to our facilities. Commissioner Cushing didn't think it was in the park district's best interest to participate. Commissioner Mahoney is satisfied that the park district already participates in historical preservation and therefore does not need to participate. Commissioner Cushing would not be open to the extra "layers" that would be mandatory with participation. He also said that participation should focus on homes/property and not on a park district. Recreation is our focus. Commissioner Souter thought that the park district should support their endeavor but not lead it. Executive Director McAdam said he would check with legal counsel to see what the impact would be on the park district should the measure pass .

NEW BUSINESS

2015 Park Board Meeting Schedule:

Executive Director McAdam asked the Board to look over the draft of the 2015 Board meeting schedule and get back to him with any changes they would like.

Commissioner Gelwicks commented that while he was watching the Village Board meeting a resident brought to the Village's attention that some of the Park District's signage does not conform to the Village's sign ordinance. Executive Director McAdam is currently following up on this matter with the Village. The Village will let him know which signs are not in compliance.

Commissioner Gelwicks commented that the path at Lyman Woods is not useable due to the beaver issue. He thought more signage to let people know of the blockage would be appropriate. He also thought that going forward, if the beavers are going to make Lyman Woods their permanent home, the Park District should consider a bridge. He asked about the cost of a bridge. Executive Director McAdam didn't have the numbers with him but said he would bring back to the next meeting. Regarding the cost, Commissioner Gelwicks reminded staff that there are two other partners to share the cost.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

None

Commissioner Cushing announced that the next Board workshop will be held November 6, 2014 at the Lincoln Center.

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NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

FINAL ADJOURNMENT

At 8:44 p.m. Commissioner Mahoney made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Roman seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioner Mahoney, Roman, Cushing, Gelwicks and Souter
 Nays: None
 Absent: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Roman
Secretary