Minutes of a Park Tour Meeting of the Downers Grove Park
District held on June 6, 2019 at McCollum Park, 6801 S. Main,
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Call to Order

Commissioner Salaba called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Hellinga, Mahoney, McDonnell and Salaba; Executive Director, Bill McAdam; Director of Parks & Planning, Geoff Penman; Director of Recreation, Dave Haring; Director of Finance & Technology, Erik Brown; Superintendent of Planning, Paul Fyle; Landscape Architect, James Less; Superintendent of Facilities, Kevin Rozell; Superintendent of Parks, Dan Hopkins; Clerk, Adine Lenon

ABSENT: 

Commissioner Dahlstrom arrived at 3:14 p.m.

Visitors: 

There were no visitors

PARK TOUR

The Board and Staff toured McCollum Park, Patriots Park, Prince Pond and the Recreation Center. Before the tour started, Executive Director, Bill McAdam mentioned to the Board that the OSLAD grant was funded and that the PARC grant is available. He also mentioned that while at McCollum Park he would like to show the Board where the proposed Sprayground will be located and how the tennis courts will be moved.

McCollum Park - Superintendent of Planning, Paul Fyle presented the Board with a visual layout of the Sprayground project. He mentioned that in the OSLAD grant the DGP will be asking for new LED lighting for the tennis/pickleball courts, that the existing building will be expanded to accommodate showers and that the pathway at McCollum will be widened to 8 feet. Commissioner Dahlstrom asked about destruction time and Paul responded that it will be at least 6 months. Commissioner Mahoney stated that the community is very excited about the Sprayground. Paul Fyle showed the Board what tennis courts and trees would be removed and where the new courts and pickleball courts would be added. Commissioner Mahoney asked about a hitting wall and Paul will look into adding one for the grant.

Patriots Park - The Board and Staff viewed the existing pedestrian bridge at the east end of Barth Pond. James Less discussed the history of the bridge and what the DGP is looking to do with the bridge. DGP would like it to be widened so mowers can cross the bridge. The Board asked what type of surfaces would the DGP be interested in? James Less responded that decking would be ideal. There is concrete decking but that would raise the cost. Also mentioned is that the DGP might have to extend the bridge because of the flood plan. Commissioner Salaba asked how many designs are we looking at? Paul Fyle commented that they are at the early stages right now and all designs will be brought in front of the Board for their review.

Prince Pond - The Board and Staff discussed anticipated pond dredging and reviewed the condition of the existing shoreline and pathway. Paul Fyle discussed that the Village of Downers Grove budgeted in 2020 to give the Park District money for dredging the pond. He also discussed the different ways it can be dredged and that the DGP will have the pond drained and then bring in a bulldozer to scoop up the debris. Commissioner Dahlstrom asked what happens with the water? Paul responded that the water
will be put in the sewer and then blocked off. Once the pond is ready then they will open the sewer
back up and the water will fill the pond back up. Commissioner Mahoney suggested talking with the
Village about the shoreline. Commissioner Salaba asked if there is a way to section off the pond so in
the winter there can be an ice rink. Paul will look into that option for the pond.

Recreation Center – The Board and Staff discussed the upcoming parking lot renovation, the
possibility of changing the front desk configuration and viewed the condition of pre-cast gym walls.
Paul Fyle explained where the turnaround will be at the Rec Center. Commissioner Salaba asked what
the down time for members will be? Paul responded that it should still only be one week but will know
more once he receives a schedule closer to the date. Also discussed was tossing around the idea of
reconfiguring the front desk. This will be something to bundle together for the PARC grant. Executive
Director, Bill McAdam thanked Kevin Rozell for doing such a great job in his new role at the Rec
Center. He also mentioned since Kevin has been there the air conditioning and ducts have been
cleaned. Kevin Rozell showed the Board and Staff some cracks on the pre-cast walls outside that is
causing some seepage in the gymnasium. He also mentioned that the architect has been out to look at
the areas and that there are no structural issues and the cracks can be caulked.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS
None

FINAL ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m. following a motion made by Commissioner Mahoney and
seconded by Commissioner Hellinga

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioners Mahoney, Hellinga, Dahlstrom, McDonnell, Salaba
Nays: None
Absent: None

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra McDonnell
Secretary
DOWNERS GROVE PARK DISTRICT
June 6, 2019
3:00 P. M.
**McCollum Park**

PARK TOUR

A. CONVENING THE MEETING
   1. Call to Order
   2. Roll Call
   3. Pledge of Allegiance
   4. Changes to the Agenda

B. COMMUNICATIONS
   1. Recognition of Visitors

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS
   1. Park Tour – Meet at McCollum Park at 3:00 p.m.
      a. McCollum Park
      b. Patriots Park
      c. Prince Pond
      d. Recreation Center
   2. Miscellaneous

D. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

E. THE NEXT DOWNERS GROVE PARK DISTRICT PARK BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD JUNE 20, 2019 AT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

F. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION (If needed)
   1. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussion whether a particular parcel should be acquired, pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act
   2. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act

G. FINAL ADJOURNMENT
STATE OF ILLINOIS  )
COUNTY OF DUPAGE  )

CERTIFICATE

I, Sandra McDonnell, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I am the Secretary in and for the Downers Grove Park District, DuPage County, Illinois; that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes from the ____June 6, 2019____ Park Tour Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners. Said Minutes were duly passed by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Downers Grove Park District at a regular meeting on the 20th day of ___June___, 2019, and said Minutes are to become a part of the official record of said Park District.

DATED THIS 20th DAY OF June, 2019

[Sandra McDonnell's signature]

Sandra McDonnell, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Downers Grove Park District