



## **ACTION ITEMS:**

After a short presentation by Superintendent of Planning, Paul Fyle and a suggestion from Commissioner Gelwicks that the Forest Preserve District and the Village be sent a letter suggesting they share the cost of the Lyman Woods Streambank Stabilization maintenance stating that joint ownership means joint responsibility...

Commissioner Gelwicks moved to grant authorization to bid for the Lyman Woods Streambank Stabilization PSA I, II, III – Three Year Maintenance, as presented. Commissioner Mahoney seconded the motion.

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

## **BOARD BUSINESS:**

### **President's Comments**

Commissioner Cushing stated that the dedication of Ned Bell Park and the Dan Cermak Clubhouse was a fitting tribute to the past Administrators. Also the rededication of Barth Pond which was a joint project with the Village and the new playground at Patriots Park which coincided with the annual fishing derby was a huge success.

### **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Mahoney questioned that after the completion of the dredging project of Barth Pond, was there Village money that was not used. Executive Director McAdam stated that the joint project with the Village worked very well. The project came in under budget and with an additional \$3,000 of interest, the Park District will be returning \$71,102.57 to the Village. Looking to the future, the Park District hopes to repeat this process with Prince Pond.

## **STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Executive Director Report**

Executive Director McAdam informed the commissioners that the Park District currently partners with the Village, Library and EDC for Health Insurance. With a possible high increase in rates, the Park District is looking into alternate options. The Village is also interested in viable options. An announcement was made that the Walnut property is officially owned by the Park District. The new property is being used for soccer at this time. The area has picked up some congestion and therefore control measures will be put in place along with new signage. Executive Director McAdam updated the board on the phone technology which is now running stable and working well with Comcast and the network is secure. Also mentioned was the movie Toy Story that will be showing at Fishel Park this evening. Executive Director McAdam thanked all staff involved in the dedication ceremonies that recently took place.

### **Recreation Report**

Director Kelly reported that Ashlee Grude, the Museum supervisor, submitted several award applications. Director Kelly was pleased to announce that a merit award was won for the Movie Magic exhibit, and another merit award was won for conservative digitization of Museum records. Director Kelly also informed the Board that 62 fitness memberships transferred to the Silver Sneakers program.

## **Marketing Report**

Supervisor of Marketing and Creative Development, Ian Everett informed the Board that he attended the “new teachers” luncheon and will be working with them on new marketing ideas. Also, the new sign at Ned Bell Park has a removable logo panel should the Park District logo ever change.

## **Planning Report**

Superintendent of Planning, Paul Fyle reported that final permit drawings will be submitted to the Village this week for the 1846 Blodgett House. The entire process is estimated to take approximately four weeks. Paving work is set to begin in late August on McCollum and Ebersold parks. The sidewalks at the east end of Doerhoefer Park have been connected.

## **Parks Report**

Director Penman reported that it was a group effort working together to make the dedication ceremonies a huge success, including raising the sign at Ned Bell Park so that it could be seen from the road and installing the plantings. Five SEASPAR groups are still working at the parks; a new member, Sean Hixon, joined the maintenance team; there are seventy-five goats currently at Patriot’s Park.

## **Financial Report**

Assistant Director Brown reported that finances are in good shape; estimates are coming in low, which is nothing to worry about; and that the District should finish the year with a positive surplus balance.

## **SEASPAR**

Executive Director McAdam reported that the budgeting process will start next month.

## **Plan Commission**

Commissioner Souter reported that the final approval process for the new Walnut property should be complete on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Presentation of the First Draft of the 2016 Downers Grove Golf Course Budget** – Assistant Director Brown gave a presentation which included changes to the 2015 budget and effects of these changes, proposed changes for the 2016 budget and the income statement. A balanced budget will be the result. The changes for the 2016 year Greens fees included: a \$1 increase for resident weekends, non-resident weekdays and non-resident junior/seniors; and a \$2 increase for non-resident weekends. Changes to the 2016 Driving Range fees include: a \$1 increase to medium, large and extra-large buckets. Changes to the 2016 motorized Golf Cart fees include: a \$1 increase for a single and a \$2 increase for a double. Changes to Season Pass fees include: a \$100 increase for levels “A” and “AA” (unlimited, anytime play). Proposed twilight rates will be introduced. These rates would begin at 6:30pm. Staff is striving to create more off-season programming to allow the Golf Course to stay open year round. An additional two hours of beverage cart service is also being proposed. Commissioner Livorsi inquired about the need for play cards and weekend rates. He also suggested a senior “tee” and permanent tee times. Assistant Director Brown informed him that permanent tee times are available. Golf Course manager, Ryan Stulgin commented that possible changes for the course might be a forward tee and a back tee as opposed to men’s and women’s tees. Commissioner Souter commented that \$1,000 for the unlimited play pass crosses a threshold and suggested \$990. She also

thought twilight rates were a great idea. Commissioner Mahoney suggested a 3-hole rate around the lunch time. Commissioner Gelwicks was under the impression that all play passes received a discount, but that is not the case. Manager, Ryan Stulgin suggested a frequent player reward pass. Commissioner Gelwicks commented that March is a significant month for revenue. Executive Director McAdam stated that staff is looking into having the course open for play on any day that exceeds 50 degrees. Commissioner Gelwicks also thought 8 minutes intervals for league play and 10 minute intervals for public play would be a good idea. Several suggestions were made and Assistant Director Brown will take the options into account and bring back to the Board at a future meeting.

**Commissioner Souter** made an announcement that she will be resigning to pursue another master's degree that will require major time commitment. She will serve until a new commissioner is appointed.

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Donna Dalu, 4617 Drendel Road, expressed some concerns she has about the new Walnut property. She was under the impression that plans for this property would be discussed at this meeting. She stated that the District has many ball parks and that there was much congestion in the area now that soccer was being played there. She would like to see it remain a passive park, possibly a dog park. Commissioner Cushing informed her that that discussion was for a later date and that when the District was ready to move forward, staff would get community input. There is no plan for Walnut Park at this time, though a path is a possibility.

Commissioner Cushing announced that the next Park District Board Meeting will be held September 3, 2015 at Lincoln Center.

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### **ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:10pm following a motion made by Commissioner Souter and seconded by Commissioner Mahoney.

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

### **FINAL ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. following a motion made by Commissioner Mahoney and seconded by Commissioner Gelwicks.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Cushing  
President