

Minutes of a Workshop Session of the Board of
Park Commissioners of the Downers Grove Park
District held on October 13, 2016 at the Village Hall,
801 Burlington Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515

Call to Order President Cushing called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Cushing, Gelwicks, Livorsi and Salaba; Executive Director, Bill McAdam; Director of Operations and Development, Geoff Penman; Director of Recreation, Jay Kelly; Assistant Director for District Services, Sara Rathsack; Assistant Director for Financial Services, Erik Brown; Superintendent of Parks, Kevin Rozell; Superintendent of Planning, Paul Fyle; Clerk, Pam Rank

ABSENT: Commissioner Mahoney

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Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Changes to the Agenda: None

Visitors: None

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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Capital Planning

Executive Director McAdam opened the discussion suggesting that the capital projects be put in categories: Short Term, Middle Term and Long Term.

Commissioner Gelwicks praised the document but thought it was almost too late for the 2017 budget. He said that the parks tour should be the second step in the process. The first being a capital discussion.

Commissioner Gelwicks also stated that a plan for the Walnut property should be a top priority.

The Board agreed that the priorities for 2017 should contain: exploratory costs related to the Walnut property, the replacement of the Lincoln Center elevator, debt payments and Doerhoefer turf replacement. The Board opted to make repairs and maintain the Doerhoefer turf for 2-3 years and set aside the \$600,000 earmarked for the replacement of the artificial turf field. Other recommendations for the 2017 capital allotment were: Lincoln Center HVAC replacement, Financial Software, fleet and equipment replacement and a shade structure for Lyman Woods.

The board concurred that the elevator replacement at Lincoln Center should not wait and staff should start the process for replacement as soon as possible.

Commissioner Gelwicks also suggested a systematic plan for the replacement of property as it depreciates.

Commissioner Gelwicks commented on the shade structure at Lyman Woods and asked what happened

to the satellite building discussed at a previous meeting. Director Kelly explained that that project became too costly and adding on to the interpretive center would be a better option. Commissioner Gelwicks suggested talking to the Village and the Forest Preserve District to secure partial funding. Powers Park renovation was also discussed along with the 1846 Blodgett house project.

Architects are working on several scenarios for Golf Club improvements.

2017 Draft Budget

Commissioner Gelwicks had several questions regarding the draft budget. The main concern was that revenue from registration fees and facilities was growing at a slower pace than proposed expenses. Staff explained that overall, the operating revenues are growing at a faster pace than proposed expenses.

2016 Property Tax Levy

Assistant Director Brown presented three scenarios for the Commissioners to review. Scenario 1 – freeze portion of levy that does not contain bond and interest resulting in Park District capturing less taxes and reduced taxes for homes and business; Scenario 2 – capture new growth resulting in \$54,722 for the Park District but no impact to individual taxes; Scenario 3 – would capture new growth and consumer price index resulting in \$107,000 in additional property taxes. The Board is favoring Scenario 2 with an increase in SRA.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

None

Commissioner Cushing announced that the next Board meeting will take place October 20, 2016 at the Village Hall.

FINAL ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m. following a motion made by Commissioner Livorsi and seconded by Commissioner Salaba.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Salaba,
Secretary

DOWNERS GROVE PARK DISTRICT

October 13, 2016

7:00 P. M.

Village Council Chambers

WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA

1. CONVENING THE MEETING
 - 1.1 Call to Order
 - 1.2 Roll Call
 - 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1.4 Changes to the Agenda
2. COMMUNICATIONS
 - 2.1 Recognition of Visitors
3. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - 3.1 Capital / Tax Levy Discussion
 - 3.2 Miscellaneous
4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

THE NEXT DOWNERS GROVE PARK DISTRICT PARK BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 20, 2016 AT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

5. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION (If needed)
 - 5.1 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
 - 5.2 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
6. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF DUPAGE)

CERTIFICATE

I, Tom Salaba, 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 October 13th, 2016 Workshop 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 17th day of November, 2016, and said Minutes are to become a part of the official record of said Park District.

DATED THIS 17th DAY OF November, 2016



Tom Salaba, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Downers Grove Park District