

**WINNETKA PARK DISTRICT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2014
COMMUNITY ROOM
5:30 P.M.**

President McLane called the meeting to order at 5:34p.m. Commissioners present: Teresa Claybrook, Richard Pierce, Ed Harney, Ian Larkin, Brad McLane, Gerri Kahnweiler and John Thomas. Commissioners Absent: None. Staff present: Robert Smith, Executive Director; John Muno, Superintendent of Recreation; Bob Farmer, Chief Financial Officer; Mary Cherveney, Communication/Marketing Manager; Costa Kutulas, Superintendent of Parks, and Libby Baker, Administrative Assistant. Visitors present: Ron Amen from Lauterbach & Amen, Jude Offerle and Dr. Bruce Chase.

Golf Dredging – 18th Fairway

Director Smith recapped for the Board the information regarding the evaluation of the drainage ditch which runs along the 18th fairway between the forest preserve property and golf course. Meetings have been held MWRD to discuss the possibility of dredging that area to help improve drainage of the golf course and other areas. He noted that a \$40,000 place card has been put in the budget for engineering, permitting and construction administration. He referenced the letter and estimated cost from Gewalt Hamilton of \$100,000 to undertake the project. Director Smith asked for approval to start the construction document phase. Village staff feels that if the park district agrees with forest preserve to take over the long term maintenance, the Village would fast track the permitting process. Previous meetings were held with MWRD Commissioner Deborah Shore who indicated that money might be available for this type of project but we would need to show the benefits it has for the neighbors. Commissioner Kahnweiler inquired if this project was necessary at this time with all of the other projects on the table. Superintendent Kutulas reported that dredging the ditch will help alleviate the flooding in the ice arena parking lot and ultimately the building. Commissioner McLane expressed that he would like to see all the benefits of this project. The committee recommended approval by the full Board for up to \$15,000 to get started with the construction document phase, but expressed that this is not a commitment that the project will take place.

Tower Beach Water Line

Superintendent of Parks Costa Kutulas reviewed the Board Summary and explained that a leaking water line has been fixed. The Village is providing assistance with the paving and restoration of the repair site.

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Recognition Plaque

Communication/Marketing Manager Mary Cherveney reviewed her Board Summary, expressing that it is the intent of the Park District to provide a plaque for the Winnetka Parks Foundation and to install an additional plaque to encourage legacy giving. Staff recommends, with final approval from the Winnetka Parks Foundation, the Winnetka Park District Board of Commissioners honor the past work of the Winnetka Parks Foundation with the purchase and installation of the WPF/Legacy Giving Plaque on the pillar to the right of the Skokie Playfield informational sign. Director Smith also noted that he and Bob Farmer will be meeting with the WPF next week.

Hubbard Woods - OSLAD Grant

Director Smith described the short and long term concepts for Hubbard Wood Park. The plans are contingent on Metra. Director Smith has met with Laura Stuart, a grant writer who feels we have adequate components to apply for the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant. It is a matching grant up to \$400,000. He also explained that the shelter might be a good candidate for a Park and Recreational Facility Construction (PARC) grant. He also mentioned that bike trail grants are available as well.

Adjournment

Commissioner Pierce moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harney and passed by a voice vote. **Motion carried.**

Brad McLane, President

Robert Smith, Secretary