

**WINNETKA PARK DISTRICT  
PARKS AND BEACHES COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
6:40 P.M.**

Committee Chair Teresa Claybrook called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Committee members present: Mickey Archambault, Teresa Claybrook and John Thomas. Also present: Commissioners Gerri Kahnweiler, Ian Larkin, Brad McLane and John Peterson. Commissioners Kahnweiler and Larkin left at 7:00 p.m. Staff present: Robert Smith, Executive Director; Bob Farmer, Chief Financial Officer; John Muno, Superintendent of Facilities; Mary Cherveney, Communication & Marketing Manager; John Shea, Superintendent of Recreation; Costa Kutulas, Superintendent of Parks, and Libby Baker, Administrative Manager/Safety Coordinator. Visitors: Chris Currier and Matt Barton of Windward Boardshop.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Paddle Board Rentals**

Superintendent of Recreation John Shea introduced Chris Currier and Matt Barton of Windward Boardshop, with locations in Highland Park and Chicago. Mr. Currier described the services they are proposing to offer; basic paddle board rentals and paddle yoga, initially during weekend hours at Lloyd Beach. Online rentals would be available. Commissioner Claybrook asked if Elder should be considered as a location in addition to Lloyd or instead of Lloyd. She expressed her strong desire to have this at Elder because it was expressed through the Lakefront Master Planning process that Lloyd is already overcrowded. Superintendent Shea explained that Lloyd is a better option due to the storage facilities available that Elder cannot provide.

The committee recommended that this item is brought to the full Park Board for approval.

**Lloyd Beach Water Depth**

Superintendent of Recreation John Shea notified the Board that due to the water levels at Lloyd Beach some dredging will take place before the beach opens. Asbestos testing has been completed and the results came back negative.

**Lakefront Accessibility Update**

In response to the March 2016 Parks & Beaches Committee meeting, Superintendent of Parks Costa Kutulas and his staff prepared a Lakefront Accessibility Report. The purpose of the report was to explore improvements that could be addressed prior to the start of the 2016 beach season.

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Superintendent Kutulas reviewed the report and provided an overview of the possible options to provide improved accessibility to each of the lakefront properties.

Centennial – Due to the current parking configurations and stairway access to the lakefront, any improvements would be too cost prohibitive at this point.

Elder – One option would be to utilize the one current parking space at beach level and explore the ability to communicate if a car is coming down the service road. A communication system would need to be implemented and safety protocols would need to be established for protecting the people in the picnic area. The other option would be to add an additional space to the patio area, which would then compromise picnic table seating.

Maple – Due to the current parking configuration any improvements would be too cost prohibitive at this point and would require significant planning.

Lloyd Park – The south end of the upper parking lot is potentially an option to link accessibility, but it is contingent upon approval of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) grant. The options presented for the lower parking lot could provide two-three additional accessible parking spaces; 4 on a permanent basis, and 5 Monday-Friday. Either option would be easy to implement and would mostly require re-striping.

Tower Rd – Currently there are fifty parking spaces up top and nineteen on the pier. By re-striping the pier, two additional spaces could be added. The two existing designated accessible spaces near the boardwalk could be refigured to add two-three additional accessible spaces. This would require new curbs, along with tree and shrub removal and some minor construction. Staff will secure approval from the Village and will obtain estimates for the improvements.

President McLane commended and thanked staff for the work on developing these plans.

### **Park Maintenance Equipment Purchase**

Superintendent of Parks Costa Kutulas gave an overview of the purchase request for a Jacobsen Truckster XD.

The committee recommended that this item be brought to the full Park Board for approval at the Regular Board meeting on April 28, 2016.

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**Dwyer Park**

Executive Director Smith explained that money has been budgeted for playground improvements and upgrades at Dwyer Park. Director Smith has met with Teska and Village staff to discuss their intended use of the post office property. The Village does not have plans to address the area at this time and supports the Park District’s intent to begin the master planning process for the park improvements.

**Crow Island Woods**

Executive Director Smith suggested to the Board that the Park District put together a design team including staff, The Lakota Group and Pizzo & Associates, to conduct an analysis of the Village’s stormwater concepts. The Park District would like to engage with the neighbors directly, to hear their ideas and concerns and to gain their support. The Board supported this concept and directed Director Smith to draft a proposal to the Village which would include the Village covering all costs associated with the engagement process.

**Northfield Park**

Superintendent Kutulas reported that the second phase of the Northfield Park project includes the a small shelter or gazebo type structure. This item is included in the budget. Staff would like to begin the public engagement process. The committee directed staff to move forward with this project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Brad McLane, President

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Robert Smith, Secretary