

**WINNETKA PARK DISTRICT
PARKS AND BEACHES COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2016
COMMUNITY ROOM**

Committee Chair Teresa Claybrook called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Committee members present: Mickey Archambault, Teresa Claybrook and John Thomas. Also present: Commissioners Ian Larkin and John Peterson. Staff present: Robert Smith, Executive Director; Costa Kutulas, Superintendent of Parks; John Muno, Superintendent of Facilities; Bob Farmer, Chief Financial Officer; John Shea, Superintendent of Recreation and Rick Schram Landscape Architect. Visitors: Julie Pajliaro, Jake Claybrook and Ben Claybrook.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Superintendent Kutulas explained that a few residents have expressed their dissatisfaction with the proposed removal of a tree at Tower Beach. The tree removal has been planned to provide for additional accessible parking which was requested as part of the lakefront master planning process. Superintendent Kutulas explained that the District's current practice is to replace trees of a matching caliper size any time a tree is removed. The Committee discussed the concerns surrounding the removal of the tree and the benefit that the additional parking would provide. The Committee concurred that staff should proceed with the removal of the tree.

Dwyer Park

Superintendent Kutulas described the three conceptual plans identified for Dwyer Park, including cost estimates. He also explained that through the community engagement process it has been identified that there is a need to provide opportunities for middle school aged children. The full Board will review the plans at the regular board meeting on July 28.

NEW BUSINESS

None

REMARKS FROM VISITORS

Julie Pajliaro – thanked the board for allowing the community to offer feedback. She requested that the park district provide playground amenities geared towards school age children 9-13. Ms. Pajliaro also requested that the Board not duplicate the other parks in the District.

Staff has scheduled an additional community engagement opportunity on Thursday, July 21 specifically targeted to middle schoolers. A survey will also be distributed to summer day campers in that age group to solicit additional feedback.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Ian Larkin, President

Robert Smith, Secretary