

**WINNETKA PARK DISTRICT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014
COMMUNITY ROOM
5:30 P.M.**

President McLane called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m. Commissioners present: Ed Harney, Brad McLane, Teresa Claybrook, Gerri Kahnweiler and John Thomas. Commissioners absent: Ian Larkin and Richard Pierce. 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; Tom Gullen, Superintendent of Facilities; and Libby Baker, Administrative Assistant. Visitors present: Colin Marshall, Green Associates; Greg James, Laner-Muchin.

Hubbard Woods Master Plan Report

Director Smith informed the Board that in preparation for bringing the Hubbard Woods Master Plan before the Village review boards, Green Associates and The Lakota Group have been refining the building plans, the playground, and the associated costs. Colin Marshall from Green Associates reviewed the site plan by showing elevation drawings. The proposed new structure design includes an open air stage, upgraded washroom facilities, mechanical and storage. On the back (south) side of the building is a proposed picnic area. The finishing features and associated site amenities will help the building fit into the character of the park. The board discussed alternate uses of the building and shared their opinions on the design elements. Director Smith explained that enclosing the building would increase the cost significantly due to compliance with fire codes and sprinkler systems. The proposed design would not include an enclosed warming shelter for ice skating. Staff has discussed approaching the local businesses about the possibility of advertising to the community that access to their businesses could be a location to be used for warming and refreshments. Colin next presented the preliminary cost estimates based on the proposed design. The current estimate is \$611,879. Our contract with Lakota for the master plan has expired and we are now operating on an hourly rate. Board and staff discussed that if the park district receives the grant, there would be a commitment to expend the funds that will be allocated in the 2015 budget. If the grant is denied, the board can then decide if the plan should move forward.

Lakefront Advisory Committee Interviews

Bob explained that he and Scott have reached out to potential participants and interviews have been scheduled beginning next Tuesday. The presentation of the slate of candidates will be done at the October meeting. Bob would like to see eight people, possibly with one or two alternates,

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serve on the committee. Board members requested to view the list of candidates prior to Tuesday.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Brad McLane, President

Robert Smith, Secretary