

**WINNETKA PARK DISTRICT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021 | 6:00 P.M.
VIA ZOOM**

President Archambault called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Mickey Archambault, Teresa Claybrook, Christina Codo, Warren James, Cynthia Rapp, David Seaman

Commissioner Absent: Eric Lussen

Staff Present: John Peterson, Executive Director; Christine Berman, Superintendent of Finance; John Shea, Superintendent of Recreation; Costa Kutulas, Director of Parks and Maintenance; Kelsey Raftery, Marketing Brand Manager; Libby Baker, Office Associate; Ania Cramer, Community Outreach/Business Development

Audience Present: Colleen Root, Don Smith

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Tennis Court Resurfacing

Tennis Manager Pat Fragassi described the need for the tennis court resurfacing, noting the project is a budgeted item. He outlined the work to be completed and presented the four bids received. Have worked before with the lowest responsible bidder Commissioner Seaman inquired why there is a significant difference between the budgeted amount and the lowest bid. Manager Fragassi explained the variables that lead to the cost difference. Director Kutulas noted the two projects were budgeted separately and bid combined which eliminated several costs and led to a lower than budgeted amount.

Will request approval the board meeting

Manager Fragassi noted there will be a slight disruption in play and the marketing staff has been notifying the players and teams.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lakefront Master Plan Update

Director Kutulas reported Lloyd Beach is ready for a soft opening. Tower is open and the feedback has been very positive. Discussions with the regulatory agencies continue for the work to be completed at Elder/Centennial.

Commissioner Archambault inquired when the construction fence would be removed from Maple Beach, and asked for the date to be published so residents would be aware.

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Peterson recognized John Shea for his ten years of service and congratulated him on his new position as Executive Director for the DeKalb Park District. Superintendent Shea thanked the Board for their support.

Executive Director Peterson noted the possible addition of two platform tennis courts is still being discussed.

BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioners Claybrook and Archambault reported on the recent Caucus Council Town Hall, noting fifty-five Zoom attendees and participation from each unit of local government. Commissioner Claybrook commented on the positive cohesion between the groups

Commissioner Archambault reported he continues to meet weekly with staff concerning the stormwater project to develop a project list for possible improvements. The next step is a kick-off meeting with the Village team to confirm roles and responsibilities. Director Kutulas reported the golf course will be closed from fall 2021 – August 2023 and staff will try to keep the driving range open during construction.

Executive Director Peterson reported Manager Raftery has provided support to help grow the Winnetka Parks Foundation. Several residents have expressed interest in board positions. Several donations have been received in addition to the move from the boat storage bidding and lottery.

STAFF UPDATES

Kelsey Raftery, Marketing Brand Manager – in response to a question from Commissioner Seaman regarding the Lloyd Beach Grand Re-opening, Kelsey explained anyone can attend and will be admitted, but registration is required.

Christine Berman, Superintendent of Finance – none

Libby Baker, Office Associate – none

John Shea, Superintendent of Recreation – reported Fourth of July events would include a 5k race, a parade down Elm Street and activities to promote the parks. Camp numbers and revenue were highlighted. 3,556 beach passes have been sold to date and \$53,000 in revenue has been collected for boat storage.

Costa Kutulas, Director of Parks and Maintenance – reported staff are maintaining normal park operations while working to prepare Lloyd for the grand opening.

Commissioner Archambault inquired about the completion of Phase 5 at Crow Island and suggested publicizing the amount of work done there.

Ania Cramer, Community Outreach/Business Development - none

Commissioner Archambault commented he received a question during the Town Hall asked about status of bike paths in town. Commissioner Claybrook replied the park district executed many parts of the Bikeway Masterplan and the next steps are the Village's responsibility. Executive Director Peterson and Commissioner Archambault will review the plan and discuss it with the Village.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Claybrook made a motion to go into closed session at 6:47 p.m. pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act, for the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, and Section 2(c)(6) for the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. Commissioner Codo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Archambault, Claybrook, Codo, James, Rapp, Seaman

Nays: None

Motion carried

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Commissioner James made a motion at 6:52 p.m. to return to open session. Commissioner Seaman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Archambault, Claybrook, Codo, James, Rapp, Seaman

Nays: None

Motion carried

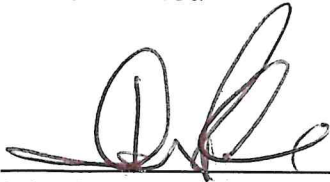
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner James made a motion at 6:48 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Seaman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

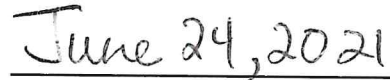
Ayes: Archambault, Claybrook, Codo, James, Rapp, Seaman

Nays: None

Motion carried

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. Peterson', written over a horizontal line.

John Peterson, Board Secretary

A handwritten date 'June 24, 2021' in dark ink, written over a horizontal line.

Date