

**WINNETKA PARK DISTRICT  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019  
540 HIBBARD ROAD  
5:30 P.M.**

Vice President Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Commissioners Present: Teresa Claybrook, Warren James, Eric Lussen, John Peterson and John Thomas. Commissioner Absent: Mickey Archambault and Ian Larkin. Staff Present: John Muno, Executive Director; John Shea, Superintendent of Recreation; Christine Berman, Superintendent of Finance; Costa Kutulas, Superintendent of Parks; Mary Cherveney, Administrative Services Manager; and Kelsey Raftery, Marketing Brand Manager. Audience Present: Scott Freres, Jessica Pilon and Jon Shabica.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Northfield Park District Beach/Fitness Reciprocal Agreement**

Superintendent of Recreation, John Shea reviewed the 2018 reciprocal agreement where Northfield Park District residents received swim beach season passes at resident rates in exchange Winnetka Park District residents received resident rates at Northfield Park District's Fitness Center. He outlined the overall utilization and mentioned that there was no documented issues regarding this agreement. Staff recommended bringing this to the Board meeting on February 28 for a vote to enter into another agreement for 2019. Commissioner Thomas recommended bringing to board vote on February 28 and seconded by Commissioner James. Commissioner Lussen maintains the same position as last year, and for consideration consider capping the number of passes allowed to 30. Staff clarified that Northfield Park District residents did not receive parking stickers, so they required to park on the upper bluff at Tower Road Beach. Vice President Peterson asked if we had any data on the fitness pass usage. Superintendent Shea will follow up with that information.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Winnetka Waterfront 2030 – Lakefront Master Plan**

Superintendent of Parks, Costa Kutulas outlined the presentation tonight on Lloyd Park/Beach, then turned the presentation over to Scott Freres and Jessica Pilon of the Lakota Group. They proceeded to provide an update on the Lloyd Park Bluff Land plan to date including a breakdown of Tiers 1 – 5. Freres asked that the record reflect that their work is an extension of the Winnetka Waterfront 2030 Plan, being bluff land restoration. Commissioner Claybrook asked if the non-motorized boat storage move to the north would eliminate storage capacity in later tiers,

which Pilon confirmed that is would not; and through a deeper look at the plan would improve the circulation of this area. She also stated the south stairs have been incorporated into Tier 1. This is to encourage the separation of the motorized and non-motorized areas. Commissioner Thomas is concerned about parking for restaurant. Freres commented that some of the peak times for boating and restaurant use would vary, but a parking management plan and potential valet service may need consideration at that point. The presentation for bluff land planning concluded with a view of the elevations with some Commissioner questions with clarifications provided.

Jon Shabica with Shabica & Associates, moved into the Lloyd shoreline planning presentation. He reviewed both options, one without a middle island breakwater and one with the island breakwater. He shared pros and cons of both options and showed similar visuals for perspective of other public and private beaches on the North Shore. Vice President Peterson questioned the lack of beach in front of the proposed beach house in the options without the middle island breakwater. Shabica stated that this would be a very chaotic area during high wave action/storms. Commissioner Claybrook asked staff if the 150 ft. gap between the middle island breakwater would be sufficient for beginner sailings, which Superintendent Shea confirmed through discussion with lakefront staff would be. Commissioner James asked why the south breakwater was not at our southern border and coordinated with neighbor. Shabica stated that between two-property lines easements would need to be established. There was some continued discussion along this line, queuing at the Boat launch and permitting/construction. There was board consensus to to pursue the option with the island breakwater. Staff will move forward with public engagement on March 6 and 9.

#### **MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR**

Executive Director, John Muno reminded the Board that Lakota Group and Shabica & Associates will now be able to develop cost estimates so the Park Board can determine priorities and budget.

#### **BOARD LIAISON REPORTS**

Commissioner Thomas provided an update on the Winnetka Caucus Council, New Trier Township free property assessment appeal service, attendance at District #36 referendum meeting and the Winnetka Youth Organization 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary benefit.

There was some additional Board conversation related to the District #36 referendum, including good information pieces and the current debt service rolling off.

Vice President Peterson provided an update on the Winnetka Parks Foundation. Current chairperson, Newt Marshall has stepped down and Steve Hole was elected the new chairperson. He also mentioned the new website and positive momentum within the Foundation.

Commissioner Thomas noticed pickleball advertised in our current brochure and will let interested friends know.



## **STAFF UPDATES**

Superintendent of Recreation, John Shea provided an updates on summer camp registration, ski trip cancellation and Daddy Daughter Date Night.

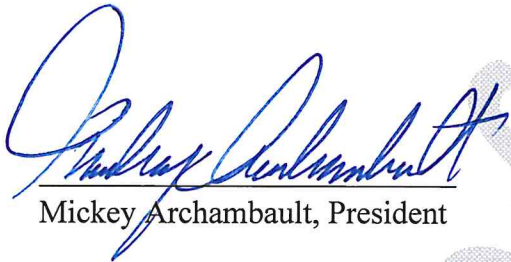
Superintendent of Parks, Costa Kutulas stated that he would have a short slide show on February 28 on some project progress. He also provided an update on Indian Hill Park Shelter, Crow Island Woods Restoration Plan and the Dog Park staff investigation progress. Commissioner James asked if objective criteria has been established, which staff confirmed. Commissioner Claybrook asked about the idea of pop-up dog parks, which staff confirmed would need to be a staffed one-day event if considered.

Superintendent of Finance, Christine Berman informed the Board that the Park District once again received the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Marketing Brand Manager, Kelsey Raftery gave a brief update on the online registration website launch. Typically, 60% of registration is on-line, but since the launch, it has increased to 85%. Looks like it is performing well.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Mickey Archambault, President



John Muno, Secretary