

**WINNETKA PARK DISTRICT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2019
799 SHERIDAN ROAD
5:30 P.M.**

President Archambault called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Commissioners Present: Mickey Archambault, Teresa Claybrook, Warren James, Eric Lussen, and John Peterson. Commissioner Absent: Ian Larkin and John Thomas. 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: Christina Codo, Colleen Knupp, Brad McLane, Don Smith, Scott Freres, Jessica Pilon, Morgan Hardy and Lussen Children (4).

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR

No report.

BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Claybrook reported on the unsuccessful District #36 referendum. This makes the discussion about a bigger gym obsolete, at this point.

President Archambault reported that Commissioner James, Executive Director Muno and he met with Village representatives to discuss stormwater and the Park District's considerations for use of property. Expect a draft Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) in the near future.

STAFF UPDATES

Superintendent of Parks, Costa Kutulas provided an update on Dog Park planning, Maple Street Boardwalk project and spring clean-up of the parks. President Archambault asked if there were before and during photos of the Maple Street Beach boardwalk project, which Superintendent Kutulas affirmed.

Superintendent of Recreation, John Shea provided an update of the upcoming Egg Hunt and Doggy Egg Hunt, lakefront/camp staff hiring process, day camp numbers continue to be positive and there he has made an offer to one of the candidates for the Recreation Supervisor (Lakefront/Special Events) opening and waiting to hear back. The Maintenance Coordinator position is currently open and he will be evaluating and possibly restructuring the position.

Superintendent of Finance, Christine Berman stated that the auditors were in last week and we are on target for review at the June Board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Winnetka Waterfront 2030 – Lakefront Master Plan Priority Implementation Planning

Executive Director, John Muno presented the total estimated costs for the Winnetka Waterfront 2030 plan at \$40.7 - \$43 million, with possible priority consideration for bluff restoration, shoreline protection and boat launch expansion at \$9.5 million. He continued to provide more information on bluff restoration, shoreline and beach protection at Lloyd, and boat storage expansion, which the Park Board may want to look at this project as a fundraising element.

Commissioner Claybrook looked for clarification on the Tower Road entry plaza, which Jessica Pilon from The Lakota Group provided. She also asked for clarification on basic bluff work, which Scott Freres from the Lakota Group provided.

Commissioner James asked how cost estimates were determined. Scott Freres stated it was determined by unit costs from own sources and contractors. Shoreline was determined through history costs and unit pricing.

Executive Director Muno then shared an overview on financing, unfunded capital projects and fundraising through the foundation.

Commissioner Lussen asked what internal funds were currently available. Executive Director Muno provided the requested information, while outlining reserves required and money already allocated in 2018 LFMP capital projects. Vice President Peterson would like to be aggressive as possible due to the favorable financial market. He went out to say that he would like the record to reflect that he swept up his crumbs, since Executive Director Muno often called him out on that. Lastly, he stated that projects should be labeled “have to have” and “like to have”. There was some additional Board and consultant discussion with an apparent consensus that bluff restoration and Lloyd shoreline protection fit in the category “have to have” and the rest would be “like to have” with Tower Road and Lloyd bluff restoration more urgent than Maple, Elder and Centennial. President Archambault asked about timelines for bluff restoration execution, which Scott Freres stated could happen late summer and fall. Executive Director Muno provided some more context on the issuing of debt certificates or bonds and timeline to utilize along with the permitting process for shoreline work, which Superintendent Kutulas provided additional information. There was additional conversation on why this was not being considered emergency work during permit preparation. The permit would be valid for ten years. President Archambault asked staff to have a recommendation for the planned work, timeline, and costs outlined for the next Board meeting to move forward. Commissioner James concluded with some information and charts on lake levels along with the historic highs and lows.

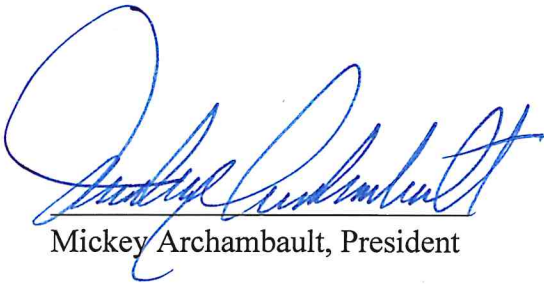
At 6:17 p.m. the Board, staff and visitors headed out on a lakefront tour. There was no recording or formal minutes.

Lakefront Tour

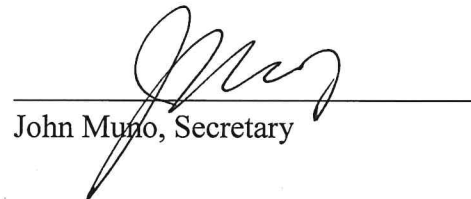
An informal lakefront tour of Lloyd, Tower, Maple, Elder and Centennial took place after the business portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned around 7:40 p.m.



Mickey Archambault, President



John Muno, Secretary