

**WINNETKA PARK DISTRICT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017
COMMUNITY ROOM**

Vice President, Mickey Archambault called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Commissioners present: Mickey Archambault, Brad McLane, John Thomas, Teresa Claybrook and Gerri Kahnweiler. Commissioner absent: John Peterson and Ian Larkin. Staff present: John Muno, Executive Director; Bob Farmer, Superintendent of Finance; John Shea, Superintendent of Recreation; Costa Kutulas and Superintendent of Parks. Visitors: Jon Shabica, Eric Lussen, Warren James, James Bernahl, Mary Hill and Don Smith

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

Dwyer Park Update

Superintendent of Parks, Costa Kutulas reported to the Committee that construction permits of the renovation of Dwyer Park have been submitted to the Village. Mr. Kutulas reported the preliminary staging of the site is underway and long lead items such as the Gazebo structure will be ordered as soon as possible in an effort to have the renovation completed by the upcoming Music Festival scheduled for late June.

NEW BUSINESS

Village of Winnetka – Boal Parkway Easement Request

Superintendent of Parks, Costa Kutulas introduced Village Engineer, James Bernahl and A.J. Jain, their representative from the engineering firm HR Green to discuss a request for property easement on the golf course to accommodate new stormwater drainage lines. Mr. Bernahl reviewed the needs analysis of the Boal Parkway neighborhood leading to the proposed stormwater drainage design and the request for a property easement on the golf course from the Winnetka Park District. Mr. Jain presented a power point presentation to the Committee detailing the design elements of the drainage structure and benefits to properties of the Boal Parkway neighborhood. Inquiries of the Committee included which were addressed: potential increased flooding of the golf course, the effect on other drainage systems related to the Skokie Lagoons, flooding levels of ten and one hundred year storm events, engagement of the neighborhood residents in the Village planning process, need for tree removals, construction schedules related to potential impact to the course and golf play and proposed considerations the Village might consider for use of Park District land for stormwater purposes.

The Committee consensus was to request additional information related to the project and their interest in considerations for the easement request.

State of Lake Michigan Annual Report

Executive Director, John Muno, introduced Jon Shabica of Shabica and Associates to report on the conditions of Lake Michigan and the impact on beach operations of the Park District. Mr. Shabica reported that the water level of the lake remains as it was in 2016. A review of nine climate reports was presented to the Committee by a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Shabica reported on concerns of the relatively warm water conditions of the lake may influence weather conditions over the summer months. A review of sand migration among the five lakefront beaches was also reviewed and possible remediation action that maybe needed. Inquiries of the Committee included: actions of other governmental agencies such as the Army Corps of Engineers, permit process and timelines from regulatory agencies to execute work identified in the Waterfront 2030 Master Plan. Closing discussion included the routine asbestos testing and that the need for boat launch dredging is minimal. The Committee thanked Mr. Shabica for his report and expertise helping the Park District.

Cell Tower Lease

Executive Director, Jon Muno, informed the Committee that one of the two cell towers leased on the golf course will not be renewed by the current vendor. Mr. Muno is working with a consultant on possibly finding another vendor for the tower lease or renegotiating contract terms with the existing vendor. Mr. Muno will report back to the Committee as discussions on the matter proceed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Ian Larkin, President

John Muno, Secretary