

Charles M. Christensen Terrace Centre - 11500 S. Beloit Ave - Worth, IL - Room 106

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**August 18, 2022**

**6:00 p.m.**

***MINUTES***

***I. CALL TO ORDER*** - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Mike McElroy.

***II. ROLL CALL***

Park Commissioners Present: Mike McElroy, Melissa Nagel, Donald Dambek and Kari Lynn Fickes.

Park Commissioners Absent: Rebecca Roberts (excused).

Staff Members Present: Robert O'Shaughnessy, Director of Parks and Recreation; Brian Piszczek, Superintendent of Parks; Stephanie Analitis, Superintendent of Recreation; and Kelly Pezdek, Finance and Human Resources Manager/Secretary to the Board.

Visitors Present: Sean Casten, US Congressman, 6<sup>th</sup> District

***III. VISITOR AND CITIZEN COMMENTS***

Congressman Casten attended the meeting due to a schedule mix-up. He introduced himself to the Board and welcomed the opportunity to return at a regularly scheduled time/day.

***IV. ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE & LIABILITY***

***A. Review of Minutes and Financial Reports***

The following minutes were reviewed:

Committee of the Whole - July 21, 2022

Regular Meeting - July 21, 2022

Special Meeting - August 4, 2022

The July disbursements totaling \$54,743.37 and the income statement through July 31, 2022, were reviewed by the Park Commissioners.

**Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners approves the Minutes and Financial Reports as presented as part of the Administrative Matters/Consent Agenda during the Regular Board Meeting.**

V. ***FACILITY, PARKS & PLANNING***

A. Master Plan Update Discussion

Director O'Shaughnessy stated that more updates will follow in the ensuing months as the Master Plan Update continues to move in the right direction with the OSLAD application for improvements to Homerding Park.

**Recommended Action: No action recommended**

B. Capital Projects Update - FY 2022-23

Director of Parks and Recreation O'Shaughnessy presented an update of the progress of capital projects for FY 2022-23.

**Recommended Action: No action recommended.**

C. Professional Services - Peaks Park OSLAD Implementation

The Professional Services Contract for the Peaks Park project was reviewed. Half of the fees are covered in the OSLAD grant award.

**Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners enter into a Professional Services Contract with Design Perspectives of Naperville, IL for the implementation of the Peaks Park improvements.**

D. Professional Services - 2022 Homerding Park OSLAD Grant Preparation

The design and budget for the Homerding Park improvements was presented. The process has begun in putting the application materials together with requests for support letters and setting up a Community Meeting - scheduled for September 1 at 7:00 p.m.

It was requested of the Board to consider contracting the services of Design Perspectives for the application for the OSLAD program. Republic Bank has committed \$5,000 towards the cost of this service.

**Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners enter into a Professional Services Contract with Design Perspectives of Naperville, IL for assistance in the OSLAD Grant preparation.**

E. OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization - Homerding Park Improvements

The resolution authorizing the application for support through the OSLAD Grant Program was presented. The resolution authorizes the Board's commitment to an application being submitted for improvements made to Homerding Park.

**Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners approves the OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization for Homerding Park improvements.**

F. Parks Department Update

Superintendent of Parks Brian Piszczek presented an update of the Parks Department.

**Recommended Action: No action recommended.**

**VI. RECREATION**

A. Recreation Department Update

Superintendent of Recreation Analitis presented an update of the Recreation Department.

**Recommended Action: No action recommended.**

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Digital Message Sign

Discussion was held regarding options for the digital sign now that the Veterans Memorial Park is not an option. Further updates will be provided at the next meeting.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Park District Committee for Veterans Memorial Park

Commissioners McElroy and Fickes updated the Board on the August 11th meeting with the Marrs-Meyer American Legion Post #991 and the request for the Board to form a new committee with the American Legion for the purpose of focusing on continual improvements to the Veterans Memorial Park.

**Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners deem necessary and proper the formation of a committee for the purpose of focusing and acting on continual improvements to the Veterans Memorial Park. The committee shall consist of two (2) Park Board members and two (2) representatives or board members from the Marrs-Meyer American Legion Post #991, reporting periodically to the respective Park District and American Legion Boards.**

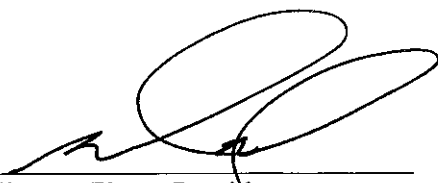
B. Board Communications

This item was tabled until the September meeting.

**Recommended Action: No action recommended.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

  
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Mike McElroy, President  
Board of Park Commissioners

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Kelly Pezdek  
Secretary to the Board