



Lincolnwood Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Lincolnwood Village Hall – Council Chambers
September 12, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M.

PRESENT AT MEETING

Park Board Members: Laura Tomacic, Victor Shaw, Reese Gratch, Maria Leberis, Carol Georges Oraha (7:08pm)

Parks and Recreation Department Staff: Laura McCarty, Katie Gamroth

Village Board Liaison: Mayor Barry Bass, Jennifer Spino

Village Staff: Charles Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager

Audience: Jodi Frailey; Ari Kirshner, 6644 N. Drake; Damien Kardaras

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion Tomacic/Shaw approve the meeting minutes of the August 8, 2017. 4-0, motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/LETTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

OLD BUSINESS

A. 2017 Lincolnwood Fest Recap

Kadaras:

- Highlighted 2017 netted approximately \$27,000 in revenue
- Notes the Public Works staffing fees are not part of the budgeting in the net revenue
- Thanks the Public Works Department, Fire Department and Police Department for their hard work in assisting this event
- 2017 had the addition of a man with his reptiles for children, which was a nice draw
- Informs board that the Windy City Amusement Group has provided him the dates of July 26-29 for the 2018 fest

Board Questions:

- Comments on the weather being threatening in the beginning but turning out well
- Thanks Kadaras for setting up the event

B. Follow Up Discussion on Bus Shelter Advertising Program

Meyer- Brought back follow up information and photos for the proposed shelter at Touhy and McCormick.

- Comments on the obstructed view causing concern for safety of bikers whom may be speeding across to make the light, or drivers speeding down the road.
- Notes the opposite side of the road would not be appropriate as it would be blocking the Olive Garden sign.

Board Discussion:

- Questions if all of the shelters are the same, or if there is one that is more see through than others
- Questions what is our liability if someone were to be injured
- Comments on the homeless people that are around the area and possibly using the shelter as a hangout
- Agreed that this location seems better than the original
- Questions the necessity, as this location is not ideal

Meyer:

- Will contact the Villages risk management agency for their feedback on the location
- Notes that the shelter can enhance the park by allowing for a sheltered location from rain and a specific stop for people to utilize the park

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of a Resolution Approving the Award of the Central Park Playground Installation

Contract

Gratch- Notes that nine letters have come in from the public saying that it was more important to them for the sandbox to be removed and seating added than a specific playground design choice.

McCarty – Recaps project timeline and process:

- Four bids received today for the installation of the playground
- Elanar Construction was disqualified for not submitting an entire packet
- Presents bid results from the September 12, 2017 bid opening
- Comments on that with any company the basketball court would put the project over budget
- Reminds board that design option #1 was voted on at the August Park Board meeting

Krishner- Speaks to this being the playground that his grandkids are going to be playing on and is elated to see that there are options where residents can have their cake and eat it to. He encourages the board to select an option that would incorporate including alternatives 1-3

Frailey – Introduces herself as an employee of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation For Fair Contracting (III FFC) who performs construction analysis in Cook county, a non-profit that monitors prevailing wage. She monitors what is going on in the bid arena; what jobs are available, who is applying, and what companies are being awarded jobs. She continues on about how the III FFC has been following and monitoring Hacienda for quite some time, and just last night the Darien Park District rejected a bid from Hacienda for being non-responsible.

Board Discussion:

- Asks for clarification on non-responsible

Frailey- Most municipalities have their own documents for what is a responsible bidder. A non-responsive bidder could be a bid that is not complete, and the III FFC has found Hacienda to be non-responsive or non-responsible. We have followed park jobs performed by Hacienda and applied for FOIA documents to find that prevailing wage laws are being broken. By either not reporting properly or by not paying workers that have been seen by myself or staff. Hacienda has pending litigations and when litigation information was requested at another agency Hacienda signed a contract saying they did not have anything going on. In the same contract Hacienda did disclose that they had been non-responsive. I wanted to share this information with the board about Hacienda to make sure that the board is able to make the most informed decision.

Board Discussion:

- Questions if any other bidders were on the III FFC list

Frailey – Not that she is aware of

Board Discussion:

- Comments on how we used Hacienda for G.G. Rowell and had no issues
- Asks staff if they have heard of any other vendors having complaints like this

McCarty – Comments on not having heard of any other companies having complaints like this in her time here. Notes that Kenneth is the preferred installer by the vendor BCI Burke

Board Discussion:

- Has concerns with going with a vendor we have not used before
- Finds it interesting that BCI Burke has a preferred vendor for the equipment installation
- Questions the budget and being over
- Agrees that the next lowest bid is not over by much
- Questions if this is a behavior that is picking up with Hacienda
- Questions how long ago we worked with Hacienda
- Questions if III FFC is monitoring The Kenneth Company

McCarty – Confirms that March of 2017 was the last time we worked with Hacienda

Frailey – Confirms that the III FFC has been watching Hacienda for quite some time and that they are not presently watching The Kenneth Company.

Gratch – Suggest starting with making a motion for design to narrow down the options. If we are all in with design one we are over budget, if design two is selected we are under or right on budget.

Board Discussion:

- Confirms that the basketball courts are not being included

- Questions if Public Works can complete the basketball court

McCarty- Reminds the board that much of the feedback that came in today was in favor of alternates and not a specific playground design.

On motion Shaw/Tomacic move to approve design option number two for Central Park. 5-0, motion passed

Gratch- There are two companies that we could work with for chosen option two

Board Discussion:

- Concerns with what was presented earlier
- Leaning towards the preferred vendor

On motion Leberis/Shaw move to approve a Resolution to Award a Bid for the Installation of Playground Equipment and Implementation of Alternates 1, 2, and 3 at Central Park in the Amount of \$100,134.50 the Kenneth Company of Lemont, Illinois. 5-0, motion passed

B. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Central Park Playground Equipment from BCI Burke Company

McCarty- Playground design option two was selected by the board in the last motion; this motion is the actual purchase of the equipment from Burke

On motion Tomacic/Shaw move to approve a Resolution to Purchase Playground Equipment for the Renovation of Central Park Playground through the National Intergovernmental purchasing Alliance Contract #R170301 from BCI Burke Company, LLC of Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin in the Amount of \$49,840.50. 5-0, motion passed

C. Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Donation of Playground Equipment Owned by the Village of Lincolnwood

McCarty- Staff have worked with Kids Around The World before to donate playground equipment removed to areas around the world. The organization comes in and removes the equipment for free

On motion Shaw/Leberis move to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Donation of Playground Equipment Owned by the Village to Kids Around The World. 5-0, motion passed

D. Approval of a Resolution to Close a Portion of Lincoln Ave. between Touhy and Pratt on Sunday November 19 from 7am – 11am for the 2017 Lincolnwood Turkey Trot

McCarty- The 41st annual Turkey Trot is coming up on November 19, 2017. For the event Lincoln Ave. between Touhy and Pratt Ave. will need to be closed for the safety of our runners. This is a request that comes every year for this annual event.

On motion Tomacic/Shaw move to approve a Resolution to Close a Portion of Lincoln Avenue between Touhy and Pratt Avenue on Sunday, November 19, 2017 Between the hours of 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. for the Annual Turkey Trot Race

E. Approval of a Request from the Chicago Memon Community Association to Hold a shelter Reservation for up to 350-400 People on Sunday, September 17, 2017 from 9am-6pm.

McCarty- Request just came through for the Chicago Memon Community Association to rent out the shelter this weekend with an anticipated 400 in attendance. They do not think that there will be more than 300 onsite at any given time, but throughout the course of the day they anticipate reaching 400. The Touch –A-Truck event was just this past weekend with about 400 in attendance and we did not have any issues with the amount of people in the area.

Board Discussion:

- Questions if staff have enough time to prepare for such a large event

McCarty- Confirms staff should not have an issue preparing for the event

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F. Discussion on Televising Park Board Meetings

Meyer- Village Board is requesting feedback on having other committee and advisory meetings being televised. This would allow board members to watch what transpired at the meeting.

Board Discussion:

- Questions how many people watch the broadcasted meetings

Meyer- Several hundred watch the Village Board meetings at any given time. We could also look at televising as needed if something larger would come up

Board Discussion:

- Likes the option as needed
- Questions if it is worth the cost of broadcasting, some meetings are very short
- Expresses concern of conversations being held back
- Agrees they understand the need, and would lean towards as needed

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT –

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS –

DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

McCarty:

- Officially welcome Maria Leberis
- Congratulations to staff year round and seasonal. Great summer with day camp numbers increasing over the past two seasons and pools sales increasing.
- Reminder that the ribbon cutting is on Friday for the Union Pacific trail
- Had a successful Touch a Truck event with approximately 400 people in attendance
- Reminder that Family Fun Fest is next weekend in Centennial Park
- Notes that she will be out of the office at the end of September attending the NRPA conference

STAFF REPORTS

- A. **SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION – GAMROTH**
Provides updated Turkey Trot numbers: currently 125 registered
- B. **SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND FACILITIES – RIMDZIUS**
As noted in report
- C. **RECREATION SUPERVISOR – ANTOSZ**
As noted in report
- D. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MARKETING COORDINATOR – VERING**
As noted in report
- E. **YOUTH PROGRAMS COORDINATOR - FLETCHER**
As noted in report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Park Board Minutes prepared by: Katie Gamroth, Superintendent of Recreation

Park and Recreation Board President:


Signature


Date