

**Minutes of the Workshop Meeting Board of Park Commissioners**      **February 5, 2008**

The Workshop Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Cohen at 7:30 p.m. in the Administrative offices of the Deerfield Park District located in the Jewett Park Community Center. The following were:

Present:        Antokal, Caron, Patinkin, Stryker, Cohen (5)  
Absent:        None (0)

And there was a quorum in attendance. Also in attendance was Linda Gryziecki, Secretary/Director of Parks and Recreation; Rick Julison, staff members; Peter Dyke and Ben Kutscheid from Thompson Dyke & Associates, Ltd.

Discussion followed on Briarwood Park with TDA providing an overview.

Briarwood Park received a C319 grant administered by LCSWC and development through the ILEPA and IDNR and eventually funded by the USEPA. The Park District has been promised \$167,571 for the grant work with the total project cost to be \$358,182.

The four (4) projects include:

1. Interpretive Signs
  - History of the Middle Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River
  - Trail Tree
  - Porous Paving Parking Lot
  - Hydrology / Urban Ecology
2. Streambank restoration
3. Porous Paver Parking Lot
4. Rain garden / Floodplain restoration and Streambank restoration

The porous paver parking lot will be an approximate 12 spaces plus a handicapped space. This will be able to accommodate two (2) school buses and emergency vehicle space to turn around. This will be integrated with the Village work at the pump station which is also scheduled to be replaced. Staff will check with the Village regarding any maximum or minimum number of cars required per Code.

The stormbank restoration will include approximate 350' restored with the slope pulled back to a 4:1 in most places and a 3:1 in others. TDA will review the potential trees to be impacted.

Neighbors of the Briarwood / Trail Tree Area will be invited to our February 21, 2008 regular Board Meeting for a discussion on the planned improvements. This project will require Plan Commission and Village Board approvals and will be presented in conjunction with the Village plans for a new east side pump station.

It was agreed the potential donation of a nine acre parcel of wetland area that abuts the nature area to the south (linear shaped parcel that runs from the pump station at the end of River Road south to Lake Cook) would be further investigated.

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Discussion followed on the Woodland Park site. With plans proceeding for the acquisition of the former Multiplex site, the old school building at Woodland Park will be demolished and Crabtree Lane removed with the trees to be protected. Discussion followed on potential park improvements: new playground, basketball court, shelter / pavilion with storage and restroom facilities, perimeter path system, renovated parking lot, detention as needed. Possible batting cage and bocce ball were discussed with the following rejected: ice skating, disc golf, archery, and sprayground.

As minimal funds have been allocated for the renovation, a grant application will be prepared and submitted to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources prior to July 1 of this year. The existing budget of one million dollars is to include removal of the building, remediation, parking, detention, and site improvements. As funds are limited, the fields are planned to remain as they currently exist.

TDA will prepare conceptual site drawings of the proposed park improvements. Representatives of DYBA and AYSO / Pegasus Soccer will be invited to attend the March Workshop Meeting for review of the plans. Should they have any recommendations for unbudgeted field improvements, they should also be prepared with funding alternatives.

There being no additional discussion or business, the Workshop Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gryziecki, Secretary