

The Special Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Cohen at 8:00 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)

Also in attendance was Linda Gryziecki, Secretary/Director of Parks and Recreation; Rick Julison, Superintendent of Parks.

Discussion followed on the Briarwood Nature Area / Trail Tree Proposal before the Village Board.

The current plan for the parking lot accommodates the radius of an emergency vehicle / bus as well as parking for 12 / 1 HC vehicles. Commissioners believe the size to be appropriate.

Contact will be made with our grant administrator regarding any potential modifications to the plan.

Commissioners discussed various options for security including use of chain / gate to lock up nightly, use of video surveillance, and / or the installation of lighting.

As the area is completely dark with no street lighting, it was agreed parking lot lights would provide visibility and possibly deter detrimental behavior.

Use of video surveillance cameras could be used on an as needed basis or a system tied into the Village pump station could be investigated.

Commissioners are not in favor of a chain / gate as it sends a negative message to our residents that the parks are not welcoming, it would not deter pedestrian traffic, and currently staff is not available nightly to open / close.

Discussion followed on all the designated "No Parking" areas surrounding other park sites. Clavey Park has an increasing number. Should the parking lot not be built, on street parking that is currently available could be prohibited in the future.

The trend to provide for "Nature Deficit Disorder" was discussed and should be part of the presentation to the Village Board.

There being no further discussion, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gryziecki, Secretary