

**Burr Ridge Park District
Regular Meeting
April 12, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Burr Ridge Park District was called to order at the Burr Ridge Community Center at 7:01 p.m. by President Quigley.

Present: Board Members: Bergholz, Fara, Malloy, Quigley
Absent: Caplis
Also Present: Jim Pacanowski Director of Parks and Recreation,
Superintendent Of Finance Jamie Janusz,
Superintendent of Recreation Lavonne Campbell
Residents: Aleta Belletets, 1200 Laurie Lane

APPROVE

April 12, 2010 Agenda

Agenda Item VIA Unfinished Business, Lyons Township Grant Update/Woods Pool Improvements Site Plan was moved up after Agenda Item IV Correspondence, in order to accommodate a Burr Ridge Park District resident in attendance.

March 18, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes – Berholz moved, seconded by Fara and approved by roll call vote to approve the March 18, 2010 regular meeting minutes.
Ayes: Bergholz, Fara, Malloy, Quigley Nays: None Abstain: None

OPEN FORUM

No Open Forum

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lyons Township Grant Update /Woods Pool Improvements Site Plan

Pacanowski submitted a revised proposal to the Board for the tennis court replacements at Woods Pool. Lyons Township awarded \$140,000 for the replacement of the tennis courts. There is \$90,000 set aside in the Master Plan that can be used for the improvements at Woods Pool. Some discussion was held regarding the revised plan.

President Quigley asked Board Members if there were any questions regarding the revised proposal submitted by Pacanowski.

Pacanowski provided details of additional amenities in the revised proposal.

- Relocation of the existing playground
- Addition of 1-2 pieces of new playground equipment
- One or two additional pathways in order to access the park
- Water spray pad
- Picnic Tables
- Courtyard
- Covered Seating Area
- Landscaping

President Quigley asked if there is any additional funding required for work in addition to the tennis courts.

Pacanowski responded that grant money is not represented in the Master Plan, since there is no guarantee of those funds being awarded. The Board can choose to place the \$90,000 currently set aside in the Master Plan for Woods Pool to the fund balance to be used elsewhere.

Bergholz asked if any new projects have been introduced or will need to be considered for use elsewhere for the \$90,000 that is currently set aside in the Master Plan.

Pacanowski responded that prioritization and brainstorming would need to be done in order to answer that question with confidence. Nothing currently is in the works that would require those funds.

Bergholz asked if any funding was set aside for the operation of the spray pad.

Pacanowski responded that the maintenance and operation of the spray pad would be included in operational funds at the appropriate time.

Board Member Malloy asked if the spray pad at Harvester Park can be joined with the spray pad at the pool for the grant.

Pacanowski responded that that is not possible.

Bergholz asked if there will be accommodations for shrubs, trees, etc., for shade at Woods Pool.

Pacanowski responded that some type of accommodation will be made to provide more shade at the Woods Pool area outside of the pool area.

President Quigley asked the audience if there were any questions.

Aleta Belletets of 1200 Laurie Lane notified the Board that her desire is for Woods Pool to remain open long term. In addition, Ms. Belletets suggested that sturdy umbrellas be used for shade in the pool area and then moved to other areas outside the pool to provide shade in several different areas where needed. Ms Belletets also asked if pathways at Woods Pool will need to be concrete.

Pacanowski responded that the pathways do not have to be concrete, however, in order to provide a long life for the pathway, concrete would be a better choice than asphalt.

President Quigley asked what the timeframe requirement would be in order for a decision to be made regarding the \$90,000 in the Master Plan.

Pacanowski responded that time is money and the Board should decide quickly. A delay for the next 1 or 2 meetings would be an option, however, the longer the wait the

better the chances for prices for these improvements will go up in cost. To delay for a couple weeks in order to look at the details more closely would be acceptable.

Board Member Malloy asked that the tennis courts be placed in a more user friendly area, relocate the playground, and play equipment can be added at a later date. The tennis courts would be priority number 1, relocating the playground number 2, and concrete pathways number 3.

Board Member Bergholz asked for a more detailed explanation of the canvas covered area.

Pacanowski responded that it will be in close proximity to the tennis court/relocated playground, with a seating area, approximately 20' x 20'.

Malloy expressed the need for a courtyard regardless of what site amenities are decided upon at the site.

Board Member Fara asked Pacanowski to give location details for the shelter.

Pacanowski responded that the shelter would be located toward the tollway.

Fara commented that a courtyard would be a necessary addition regardless of whether there is a splash pad or a pool or no pool.

Pacanowski will work up a site plan and estimated cost for relocating the tennis courts, relocating playground, a design and cost for a seated courtyard, pathways which would come off the curb line, and landscaping.

Bergholz asked about the possible disintegration of the parking lot after construction traffic for this project.

Pacanowski responded that construction traffic could have an ingress and egress in the turf as opposed to the road and parking lot.

Bergholz expressed a desire to add one component to the existing playground equipment since the playground will be moved towards the front of the park.

Pacanowski responded that there may be some funding available in the \$90,000 of the Master Plan for a new piece of playground equipment.

Ms. Belletets asked if there will still be a splash pad.

Malloy responded that there will not be a splash pad as the cost for that will be \$55,000, and the grant award from Lyons Township was only \$140,000 which is to be used specifically for tennis courts.

Ms. Belletets commented that the children are very excited about the spray pad at the Village Center and would like to have seen a spray pad at Woods Pool.

Bergholz responded that there will be a splash pad put in at Harvester Park in the future.

REPORTS

Director of Parks and Recreation

No written report.

Superintendent of Finance

Jamie Janusz informed the Board that the Foundation Tea and Fashion Show has been sold out at 175 and will have the use of the entire Country Club for the event. There are many items available for the silent auction and raffle which will be held at the Fashion Show.

Janusz informed the Board that Commonwealth Edison has requested copies of our bills which is in preparation for a negotiation process for reimbursement of over payment by the park district to Commonwealth Edison.

Recreation Division

Nothing further added to the written report. The Green Event was a success. There are more vendors added on to the Farmers Market for this season and it is anticipated to be a successful summer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Harvester Wetland Project Update

Nothing further was added to the written report. The project is on schedule and progressing nicely.

Malloy asked that Board Members meet early at the next meeting to view the progress of the wetlands.

It was unanimously decided to meet at 6:30pm at the next meeting in order to take a tour of the wetlands at Harvester Park prior to the start of the regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2010 OSLAD Application Discussion

Pacanowski provided a written report for possible OSLAD Grant Applications for 2010 and 2011. Pacanowski's recommendations would be to resubmit grant applications for Oak Grove Park, and also for the addition of a splash pad at Harvester Park.

Review FY 2010-11 Budget Draft

Pacanowski presented the Board with a Proposed Budget Overview.

Quigley asked if any trends were being seen at this time.

Pacanowski responded that he is pleasantly surprised at what the staff has done with the operational budget in anticipation of a possible decline in revenue due to the economy. The economy is affecting the park district, however, we are compensating for that slight decline in other areas.

Bergholz asked if a backward trend in the economy is working in favor of the park district.

Campbell responded that our fallball and flag football is chosen because we are number one in the area. In addition, some parents choose flag football over tackle football because there is less of a time commitment for flag football. Additionally, our day camp remains successful and will continue to remain successful with parents needing to work. In addition, we have slightly increased the rates for some of our most successful programs.

President Quigley asked if there are any high risks associated with an increase in cost for any of our programs.

Pacanowski responded that there are still some risks in some of the programming areas due to the fact that they can't be conducted on site. Since we do not have a gym facility, we need to use school facilities for some of our sports programs.

On the other hand, since there is no gym facility on site, there are no maintenance costs associated with that.

Malloy asked for detailed explanation of the Woods Pool Budget.

Pacanowski responded that last year Woods Pool Operations showed revenue of 77,700 with additional revenue of \$13,980 in donations. Overall expenses were \$91,156. \$3,670 profit was made with Woods Pool, however that figure includes the \$13,980 in donations. There has been no word on any fundraising or donations for the pool for this season. If no revenue is added with fundraising or donations, it is estimated that the pool will be run at a deficit of \$25,500 this season.

Pacanowski informed the Board that the Budget will be placed on the Agenda for the May meeting for approval.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Fara asked for verification of a bill from Zazzo's.

Janusz responded that the bill was for the employee holiday party which was held in January. The bill was not received from Zazzo's until now.

Malloy moved, seconded by Fara, and approved by roll call vote to approve the April bills.

Ayes: Bergholz, Fara, Malloy, Quigley Nays: None Abstain: None

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Fara moved, seconded by Malloy, and unanimously approved, to adjourn to the executive session at 8:00 pm.

ADJOURN

Fara moved, seconded by Malloy and unanimously approved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Stednitz
Recording Secretary