

**Burr Ridge Park District
Public Hearing
Regular Meeting
June 20, 2011**

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was called to order at the Burr Ridge Community Center at 7:00pm by President Quigley.

The FY 2011-12 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance was adopted in tentative form on May 9, 2011, and has been available for public inspection for 30 days as required by law. This public hearing affords the public an opportunity to comment on the contents of this document.

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
John Vann, Land Tech

Audience
Members Present: Tom Meyer, 4149 Lawn Avenue, Western Springs, The Doings Newspaper

OPEN FORUM

No Open Forum

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

Fara moved, seconded by Malloy, and approved by roll call vote to adjourn the public hearing.

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

REGULAR MEETING

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APPROVE

June 20, 2011 Agenda

Item VII A, Commissioner Berholz Oath of Office, was moved up to after item IV Correspondence. Item VIIG Discuss/Review Harvester Park Splash Playground OSLAD Grant Application was moved up to after Item VIIA.

May 9, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes – Malloy moved, seconded by Fara and approved by roll call vote to approve the May 9, 2011 regular meeting minutes.
Ayes: Fara, Malloy, Quigley Nays: None Abstain: Bergholz

OPEN FORUM

No Open Forum

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing further added to the written report.

NEW BUSINESS

VII A Commissioner Bergholz Oath of Office

Commissioner Berholz was officially sworn into office.

VIIG Discuss/Review Harvester Park Splash Playground OSLAD Grant Application

Director Pacanowski presented the Board with renderings, a conceptual site plan and detailed projected operational and maintenance costs for a splash pad at Harvester Park. Two drainage system costs were projected, a Recirculating system (water drain to sanitary sewer) and Full Drain System (water drain to storm or sanitary sewer). Both systems were based on a 6 hour per day, 14 week season (from June 1st to September 1st), which admittedly might be a little light. Projected operation and maintenance costs for the recirculating system were projected to be \$9,544.24, and \$18,703.25 for the Full Drain System. Based on these operation and maintenance figures, Pacanowski feels that the Park District would not with certainty be able to maintain this type of splash playground without negatively impacting other vital and necessary programs and operations at the park district. In addition to these operation and maintenance costs, any maintenance work performed on this splash playground, scheduled or unscheduled, will fall under the prevailing wage act, which would be at a considerably higher hourly rate than a regular maintenance operation. Taking all of these costs into consideration, Pacanowski strongly recommends that the current splash playground be tabled. Replacement of the current deteriorating playground equipment in that area with a water element integrated into it would be Pacanowski's recommendation at this time.

Commissioner Fara asked if there were figures received from other park districts that have splash playgrounds to gather actual operating costs.

John Vann, Land Tech, responded that actual operating and maintenance costs were requested from several park districts that have splash parks, but were not received at the time of this meeting. However, Mr. Vann feels confident that the projected figures in the cost estimate given to the board are accurate.

Commissioner Malloy asked if there could be at least one water element placed in the playground.

Pacanowski responded that a good alternative would be a water element that does not run constantly, but is activated by pushing a button. Similar to the water element at Citizens Park.

John Vann stated that there are three types of elements that are activated by hitting a button: one that has water jets that bubble up from the ground; a mister; and a slight trickle down element that drains to a waste system.

Commissioner Bergholz questioned what will happen if the PARC grant that was submitted for this splash pad gets approved.

Pacanowski responded that the park district can politely decline the grant request, especially since the grant response has been delayed for so long.

President Quigley asked what Pacanowski required from the Board.

Pacanowski responded that he required permission from the board to abort pursuing the OSLAD grant for the splash playground at Harvester Park.

Bergholz asked if the OSLAD request could be submitted next year for a revised Harvester Plan.

John Vann stated that in the past OSLAD looked only at new land or new development, and not on playground renovations.

Pacanowski stated that after we develop the new master plan perhaps there may be better funding opportunities for an OSLAD grant than the Harvester Playground renovation.

Commissioner Malloy stated that she was comfortable with tabling the splash park based on Pacanowski's projected figures.

Bergholz had hoped to receive operational costs sooner, and asked how much the village center paid for their splash pad.

Campbell responded that Kohler pays for the splash pad because the Village Center can't afford to maintain it.

Fara asked if Woods Pool water could be used to maintain a splash pad at a lower cost.

John Vann responded that it could, however, you would be putting in lines and money for a splash pad for an element dependent on a pool that is deteriorating.

Campbell responded that Woods Pool membership is down this season.

Pacanowski responded that Woods Pool future is up for discussion on a yearly basis and it doesn't make sense to add an element to the area that utilizes the pool in order to run.

Bergholz added that it would make more sense to add a splash pad to replace the pool if the pool needed to be taken down. Bergholz requested a list of memberships from Campbell.

Bergholz requested that Pacanowski speak with the Park Foundation regarding the splash pad in order for that Board to fully understand the need to pursue another direction for a water element at Harvester Park.

Pacanowski responded that he would address the Foundation.

After much discussion, it was unanimously decided to stop pursuing the OSLAD grant for a splash pad at Harvester Park.

REPORTS

Director of Parks and Recreation

In addition to the written report, Pacanowski reported that the resealing of the parking lots is ongoing. McCullough, Stevens, Kraml, and Citizens Park are completed. Harvester patchwork is completed and resealing will be completed in the near future. There were 2 instances of graffiti at Harvester. One on the concession building and one in the wetland area. In the wetland area there was graffiti on the fence surrounding the port-a-potty, the concrete ledge on the fireplace chimney, the cedar shingles on the shelter roof, and one of the signs. The police department believe they have an idea of where the problem is coming from. A police report has been filed and it is hoped that this will not be an ongoing problem.

Bergholz asked if there has been any tagging at Citizens Park?

Pacanowski responded that there has been no major problems at Citizens Park and anything occurring has been very minor.

Oak Grove improvements are moving along nicely, considering delays due to weather. Fuerte may ask for an extension past July 1st in part due to weather.

Superintendent of Finance

In addition to the written report, Janusz reported that the Fashion Show was a success. The first Concert on the Green had 800 in attendance.

Recreation Division

Nothing further added to the written report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Adopt Ordinance #11-02 Illinois Prevailing Wage Act

Bergholz moved, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote to Adopt Ordinance #11-02 Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.

Ayes: Bergholz, Fara, Malloy, Quigley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Adopt 2011-12 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance #11-01

Fara moved, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote to Adopt 2011-12 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance #11-01.

Ayes: Bergholz, Fara, Malloy, Quigley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Review Park User Rules and Regulations

Park user rules and regulations were reviewed with no changes.

Adopt Revised Personnel Policy

Malloy moved, seconded by Fara and approved by roll call vote to Adopt Revised Personnel Policy.

Ayes: Bergholz, Fara, Malloy, Quigley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Adopt Revised Safety Manual

Bergholz moved, seconded by Fara and approved by roll call vote to Adopt Revised Safety Policy.

Ayes: Bergholz, Fara, Malloy, Quigley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Discuss Falling Waters/Citizens Park Request

Pacanowski provided the Board with communication from the Falling Water Homeowners Association regarding a request to erect a fence on park district property in order to attempt to cut down on foot traffic between Falling Water property through Citizens Park to the School. Pacanowski expressed to the Falling Water Management that erecting another section of fence will not deter foot traffic when individuals can move two feet over and continue walking through. Effectively stopping foot traffic would require fencing to be erected completely around the Falling Water Subdivision. In addition, erecting fencing on park district property would then become the responsibility of the park district to maintain the fence when it is cut, or broken or in need of repair. Fara inquired why Falling Water doesn't put a fence on Falling Water property instead of park district property.

Pacanowski suggested to Falling Water Homeowner Association that they would be better served erecting the fence on their own property and perhaps on their side of the creek.

Bergholz expressed hesitation in erecting a fence that would seem to portray that the park district is attempting to keep children out of the park, when in fact the park district welcomes children to the park.

After some discussion, it was decided that a fence will not be allowed on park district property. Pacanowski was directed to inform the Falling Water Homeowner Association of their decision.

Approve Resolution of Authorization for Harvester Park Splash Playground OSLAD Grant Application Submittal

Agenda item moved. Resolution not approved.

Harvester Wetlands Planting Contract Update

Encap was out at the wetlands to review the planting and controlled burn effects. They were happy with the results except for the button bushes, which for some reason 50% of the plantings did not survive. They will be replanting at their cost. New growth from the controlled burn has just begun and we will soon begin to see the full effect of the result of the burn. Some herbicide was sprayed to take out some reed canary grass areas that was already eradicated.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Pacanowski informed the board that the \$50,292 check for Fuerte will be held because there is approximately \$7,000-\$8,000 of work not completed yet. The check will be released upon completion of the full \$50,292.

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

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

ADJOURN

Fara moved, seconded by Malloy, and unanimously approved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Stednitz
Recording Secretary