

## WESTERN SPRINGS PARK BOARD MINUTES

Monday, December 12, 2005

Call to Order by President Kurfirst at 7:11 P.M.

### **Commissioners present:**

Leonard Kurfirst  
Deborah Lyons  
John White  
Phyllis Osborn  
Michael Kane  
Matthew Gresge  
Michael Bruck

### **Others present:**

Trustee Anne Marie Hickey  
Robert Ekroth, Attorney  
Scott Triphan, W-T Eng.  
Tom Chlada, W. S. Little League  
Jim Walsh, W. S. Football  
Michael Kearney, W. S. Football  
Brian Boyle, DOINGS Reporter  
Craig Himmelmann, Superintendent  
Kay Schuetz, Secretary

### **Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2005, Park Board Workshop Meeting**

**MOTION:** Phyllis Osborn moved, with a second by John White, that the minutes of the November 8, 2005, Park Board Workshop meeting be approved as submitted, which motion was approved by all on a voice vote.

### **Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2005, Park Board Meeting**

**MOTION:** John White moved, with a second by Deborah Lyons, that the minutes of the November 18, 2005, Park Board meeting be approved with two corrections, which motion was approved by all on a voice vote.

Acknowledgment of Visitors and Persons to be Heard from the Floor

### **Proposed Field Lights and Results of Soil Borings in Spring Rock Park**

Commissioner John White advised that at the last Park Board meeting Board members of the Western Springs football program had discussed with the Park Board the possibility of installing permanent lights on the main football field in Spring Rock Park. He and Commissioner Mike Bruck then met with Tom Chlada of Western Springs Football, Western Springs Little League, and Superintendent Himmelmann who walked the field to determine where the lights should be and the steps necessary to make this lighted field happen. Western Springs Football representatives advised that they were in the process of moving forward and arranging for soil borings on the present main football field at the sites of the light foundations..

In the meantime, Commissioner White talked to engineers at W-T Engineering to arrange for soil borings in the area of our proposed synthetic field in the west end of Spring Rock Park and he

introduced Board members to Scott Triphan, of W-T Engineering, who provided the Board with material containing the results of their borings, a copy of which is attached hereto and becomes a part of these minutes. Mr. Triphan advised that soil boring data showed that the northwest corner of the field is heavy with peat and organic matter and it is his recommendation that we not consider putting a synthetic field in that area, though a grass field could be located there. He added, however, that a grass field would take much expense and labor on a year-to-year basis to maintain. . His suggestion is that we locate a synthetic field in the area of the existing field, though he advised that additional boring samples would be necessary in the area. It was further agreed that Mr. Triphan would also review the Musco borings already obtained by the Western Springs Football people.

Commissioner White stated that because of the growing football program, plus increased usage by baseball and lacrosse, we are definitely in need of two fields in that area of Spring Rock Park. It was agreed that once the borings were completed we would know exactly where the lights should be. It was also agreed that residents living close to Spring Rock Park would be invited to an upcoming meeting to discuss the proposed lighted fields.

### **Trustee Hickey' Report**

Trustee Hickey advised: (a) Ad Hoc Committee: She plans to start in January with an ad hoc committee to discuss Park Board issues, which committee will consist of President Kurfirst, Commissioner Matt Gresge, Trustees Hickey and Madell, Village Manager Higgins and Treasurer Grace Turi; (b) Sidewalk Issue: President Kurfirst requested a status report on sidewalks and Trustee Hickey suggested that a member of the Park Board attend the next Infrastructure Committee meeting so that all Park and Village issues may be considered.

### **Recreation Department Report**

Recreation Director Alden was unable to attend this evening's meeting but his report is attached hereto and becomes as part of these minutes. Also included is a copy of the 2005 Summer Program Report.

### **Timber Trails Update**

President Kurfirst advised that there is little to report on this issue except that the plat now indicates that ownership of the park area is now the Village and efforts are now being made to correct that so it indicates that the land has been dedicated to the Park District. He added that movement is still being made regarding the Township Park issue but there is nothing to report as of now.

### **Update on Request by Hilds to Purchase 15 Feet of Ridge Acres Park**

President Kurfirst advised that he had spoken with the Hild's regarding their desire to purchase 15 feet of Ridge Acres Park, that they are giving their proposal another look and will attend our January Board meeting.

### **Laidlaw Park Improvement Update**

Commissioner Osborn advised that she had nothing new to report on this matter.

### **Update on Veterans' Park Fundraising**

Commissioner Osborn advised that \$6,675.00 has been raised to date and that the fundraising group is arranging for a trivia night fundraiser on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Safety**

Superintendent Himmelmann advised that there were no accidents or injuries during the past month.

He advised that he had a safety concern where a cul de sac ends at Ellington Avenue. An accident had occurred there recently and he suggested that the Commissioners look over the area and perhaps recommend that a suggestion be made to the Traffic and Safety Commission to consider a guard rail.

### **Budget Issues**

The following two Ordinances were submitted to the Board for approval:

#### **Ordinance 2005-4 – Adopting a Budget for the Year 2006**

**MOTION:** Michael Bruck moved, with a second by Michael Kane, for passage of Ordinance 2005-4, Adopting a Budget which totals \$635,835.00 for the Year 2006, which motion was approved on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Kurfirst, Lyons, White, Bruck, George, Kane, Osborn. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

#### **Ordinance 2005-5 – Adopting a Property Tax Levy for the year 2006**

**MOTION:** Deborah Lyons moved, with a second by Matthew Gresge, for passage of Ordinance 2005-5, Adopting a Property Tax Levy of \$571.887.00 for the Year 2006, which motion was approved by all on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Kurfirst, Lyons, White, Bruck, Gresge, Kane, Osborn. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

**MOTION:** Phyllis Osborn moved, with a second by Deborah Lyons, that the November 30, 2005, Financial Report be approved as prepared and that checks written in the amount of \$124,628.01 be approved for an ending cash balance of \$291,340.13, which motion was approved by all on a voice vote.

### **Commissioners' Reports**

**DEBORAH Lyons: Web Site:** She advised that our web site provider, Ben Waldman, is going away to college but he has advised that he will still be able to stay on board and handle our site needs. Commissioner Phyllis Osborn is working with Ben to upgrade the website.

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Michael Kane moved, with a second by Phyllis Osborn, that the Park Board meeting be adjourned at 8:45 P.M., which motion was approved by all on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

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