

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF ELBURN PARKS COMMISSION AUGUST 20, 2017

Members Present: Patrick Leach, Brian McCarty, Dave Dickinson, Chairman Dan Kolzow, Rob Reilley, Dawn Kuefler

Members Absent: Amy Szumny

Staff Members Present: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven

Others Present: Kaitlin Slomski, Knack Graphics, and Christine Paxinos, Folks on Spokes.

1. Call to Order - Kolzow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Kolzow led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call - A roll call vote ensued.
4. Approval of Minutes – July 18, 2017 - A motion to approve the minutes was made by McCarty and was seconded by Dickinson. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
5. Public Comment – Kaitlin Slomski, True Knack Graphics, presented graphics she designed for the 4/7 Railside race. True Knack can design letterhead, signs, business cards, and other products.
6. Discuss Grant Writers – Kuefler presented an article about a skate park in Yorkville that was paid for with State grants. Kolzow provided information about the KaBoom! Grant. The grant is targeted towards low income neighborhoods and Elburn does not qualify. He also talked about private grant opportunities and found that the Village does not qualify.
7. Project Updates – Kolzow read an email for Szumny about community gardens. She is looking for someone local to provide a no cost/low cost option to till the area. The St. Charles Garden Club has not experienced any vandalism, they do not have fence, but they do allow individual fences around plots. Several ideas about local options for tilling were discussed. Dickinson asked about the location of water. The garden will probably use rain barrels.

Kuefler presented details about a paper recycling bin. It was determined a paper recycling bin is not a worthwhile project.

8. Recommendations to the Village Board:

Eagle Projects – the Boy Scouts have not responded with ideas about Eagle projects.

Blackberry Creek playground – McCarty presented option #3, the mid-priced option, with all features is \$147,538. If certain options were taken out - picnic table structure, boogie board, and installation, the price could drop to \$93,951. There are two donors, donating \$30,000 and \$20,000

each. He has not been able to meet with the Blackberry Creek HOA to discuss their level financial commitment.

Dickinson motioned and Leach seconded to recommend to the Village Board to approve the purchase of park equipment for Independence Park in an amount not to exceed \$148,000. Ayes – Leach, McCarty, Dickinson, Reilley, Kolzow, and Kuefler. Nays - None

Folks on Spokes – Christine Paxinos presented Folks on Spokes bicycle ride on September 10th. There will be two starting points, John Stewart School and Blackberry Creek School, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The ride will benefit the Kaneland Performing Arts Boosters. A discussed about the best location for a bike repair station ensued.

Planters for Prairie Park – No action taken

Park Benches - Kolzow presented bench options. McCarty motioned and Kuefler seconded to recommend to the Village Board the purchase of four benches at \$350 each. Bench locations are to be determined. Ayes – Leach, McCarty, Dickinson, Reilley, Kolzow, and Kuefler. Nays - None

Bicycle Rack – Reilley suggested a bike rack for the downtown area. McCarty motioned and leach seconded to recommend the purchase of a bike near the corner of Main Street and North Street for \$350. Ayes – Leach, McCarty, Dickinson, Reilley, Kolzow, and Kuefler. Nays - None

Hitchcock Design Group – Kolzow read an email discussion he had with a recommended grant writer. The Parks Commission felt the grant writer did not have enough experience to accomplish their goals. The Commission also discussed the park space in Elburn Station, which is almost entirely in a flood plan. Dickinson motion and Reilley seconded to recommend to the Village Board hire Hitchcock design for Park Planning and grant writing. Ayes – Leach, McCarty, Dickinson, Reilley, Kolzow, and Kuefler. Nays - None

11. Other Business – Kuefler asked about the Veterans Park and Monuments. The Village Board passed the resolution approving the name the American Legion Post 630 is currently fundraising to move the plaques and build the monuments.

12 Adjourn – McCarty motioned and Kuefler seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Nevenhoven
Village Administrator