

MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF ELBURN PARKS COMMISSION  
JUNE 18, 2019

Members Present: Chairman Dan Kolzow, Dawn Kuefler, Rob Reilley, Amy Szumny  
Members Absent: Dave Dickinson, Patrick Leach, Brian McCarty  
Staff Members Present: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven  
Others Present: Resident Bill Myers; Elburn Herald Reporter Susan O'Neill

1. Call to Order – Chairman Kolzow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman Kolzow led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call – A roll call vote ensued.
4. Approval of Minutes – May 21, 2019 – A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kuefler and seconded by Reilley. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
5. Public Comment – None
6. Commissioners Projects
  - a. Elburn Station/Redesign Update – Village Admin Nevenhoven stated the Village Board considered moving the OSLAD development to the northern portion of the subject property vs. the original location. This is not possible at this time due to no access. Shodeen is still working with Metra on a land swap which will determine the location of the roadway. Until this occurs, Shodeen cannot move forward with design of the road. As a result, there are too many unknowns and we will go back to the original plan which has been approved by IDNR, Village Board, etc. Hopefully more property to the west will be obtained for the future full access at Keslinger Road and Liberty Street. Hitchcock Consultants has the green light to move ahead with the original plan. It is not anticipated the northern section of the parcel will be populated with families with small children—they will be folks in their early 60s. If this is the case, perhaps the design of the northern portion of the property for the next OSLAD phase should be more walking paths and gardens vs. playgrounds. Shodeen will be involved with the second phase. In addition, Blackberry Township has expressed an interest in partnering with us. If this becomes reality, the split for the grant will be 1/3 Village of Elburn, 1/3 Shodeen, 1/3 Blackberry Township. The two year timeline for the grant began ticking on May 31, 2019.

Hitchcock just got word from the State that another OSLAD grant cycle will open on July 1, 2019 and close on August 19, 2019. Hitchcock believes the Village should apply for a new OSLAD grant for a parcel located in Elburn Station on the east side of Anderson Road and is above flood level. The site is contiguous to a parcel designated for the Village of Elburn to utilize as a well site. The parcel is too close to other well sites so it will not be utilized as such. Initial brainstorming is to combine the two parcels and integrate a trail system. At the July Parks Commission Meeting, a public hearing will be conducted. Nevenhoven asked Commissioners to begin thinking of new ideas and send to him in advance of the next meeting. A special meeting of the Parks Commission may be needed in order to finalize plans prior to the filing deadline. Hitchcock does not think we will max out the grant for this area. While some amenities will be similar, we won't be able to put a playing field on this area—perhaps a nice shelter. Nevenhoven will email the Commissioners with a photo or map of the proposed new area.

Trails within Elburn Station were discussed. Station Blvd has a dedicated bike lane as does Anderson Road. Eventually, there will be a path that goes under the viaduct along the tracks that will allow easier access to the train station. New paths will be constructed as each unit of the subdivision is developed.

- b. Elliott Park Grand Opening (Brian) – The grand opening will be on Sunday, June 23, at 1:00 p.m. An ice cream truck will be onsite with free ice cream (thanks to a donor). The Mayor will be present as will some donors, volunteers, etc. Reilley will send a notice to all volunteers who signed up for the original work day.
  - c. Liberty Park, Oak Park, Prairie Park Signage – Kolzow said the sign company is working on a design for signage. Two options will be designed for Prairie Park—one on the "rock sign" and a separate stand-alone sign between the two entrances of the park. Design ideas will be presented to the Commission for their input.
  - d. All Things Bikes (Rob) – Reilley advised bicycle awareness signs (3' auto distance requirements and no 3 abreast biking) will be posted near/outside Elburn. Kane County may consider applying for a grant for a path along Keslinger Road west to Route 47 to allow connection to Anderson Road. If Anderson Road north of Route 38 is repaired, believe it will bring more bicycle traffic to Elburn. No bike rack requests have been received yet. Nevenhoven advised someone wants to donate a bike rack at Elliott Park. There was consensus from the Commissioners to approve same. Nevenhoven will call the donor and let them know it was approved.
  - e. Existing Parks Improvements – A second bench at Byerhof Park (maybe from a potential donor) was discussed. Vandalism and dumping of trash has been occurring at Byerhof Park—Szumny has photos. Szumny will send photos to Reilley who will post on Facebook and suggest residents call police if they witness. Requests for porta potties at some parks have been received. A three-sided structure to prevent tipping was suggested—if not as an Eagle Scout project perhaps the Village can fund. The quote to repair the bridge at Prairie Park has not been received.
7. Other Business – Resident Bill Myers advised the Blackberry Creek HOA has approved funds to build the shelter at Elliott Family Park.

Reilley asked everyone to keep August 17 open for the Railside Race. He is hoping for in-kind sponsorship from the Village of Elburn and hopes Parks Commissioners will come out and volunteer.

The American Legion .1K race will be held on September 14, 2019. Reilley said flyers for the .1K race can be included in the Railside goody bags if they are made available.

Reilley said it does not appear the Folks on Spokes event will happen this year since the planning committee has not been able to meet—unless the date is pushed to September or October.

8. Adjourn - Reilley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. with Szumny seconding the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane McQuilkin  
Village Clerk