

MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ELBURN PARKS COMMISSION
JUNE 20, 2023
ELBURN VILLAGE HALL

Members Present: Dawn Kuefler, Chairman Rob Reilley, Bill Ott, Amy Szumny, and Tim White

Members Absent: Dave Dickenson, Brian McCarty

Staff Members Present: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven

Others Present: Ashley Johnson (Upland Design)

1. Call to Order: Chairman Reilley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Reilley led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: A roll call ensued.
4. Public Comment:
 - Commissioner Reilley said there were several Facebook comments regarding the Prairie Park updates. A good portion of those comments were regarding having a splash pad at the park. Reilley directed those that commented to fill out the online survey.
5. Approval of Minutes: No Quorum 5/16/23
6. Commissioners' Projects:
 - a. Move with the Mayor: The plan will be to do an event with the 'Run the Rails' race in August. 'Bike with the Mayor' will be scheduled at another time.
7. Staff Updates:
 - a. Prairie Park Concept Plan and Survey Results
 - Ashley Johnson (Upland Design) presented the Prairie Park Concept Planning as well as the public survey results. She will take the feedback from the public meetings and the survey results and incorporate those into the plans to present to the Village Board in August.
 - o The public was given 3 design options for the playground equipment with multiple options in each design.
 - o The public was given 6 options for fitness equipment and could choose 3.
 - o Upgraded pedestrian lights, more seating, a bandshell, a fishing spot, a concrete trail loop extension, and a game area are more amenities that were listed for the public to choose their preference in priority.
 - o Having a splash pad was at the top of the list for open-ended responses.
 - o The online survey ends at the end of the night tonight (6/20/23).
 - There was a discussion among the Commissioners regarding the survey results (see agenda packet). Tonight, the Commission needs to put together a recommendation for the Village Board. Prairie Park is the "Park of Elburn" as far as location so it should have something for everybody in it.
 - o Splash pads were high on the "want" list; however, they are costly to maintain.
 - o Landscaping and planting of trees/grasses at the park were discussed.
 - o Each piece of equipment that was picked by the public is from a different vendor. There is no issue in color-matching the equipment between vendors.

- The commission will pick the swing configuration. Friendship swings are a popular choice. There is an option to keep the current swings if they are in good condition. It's possible to keep the structure and change out the type of swings. Ms. Johnson will look at the design to see if one of those options will work.
 - The idea of having charging stations somewhere at the park was brought up. In the tables? By the lights?
 - All the improvements will be using the OSLAD Grant money, which is a 50/50 match. In March/April 2024, the state will announce the OSLAD Grant information. The new park could potentially be built next spring.
 - Commissioner Reilley believes most of the town will be excited about the park improvements.
- A motion to accept and recommend to the Village Board the public input with minor changes to the swing set was made by Commissioner Ott and seconded by Commissioner Reilley. A roll call vote ensued. Ayes: Kuefler, Reilley, Ott, Szumny, White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

8. Other Business:

- Commissioner Ott stated that the tennis court at Elburn Station is being utilized well. He suggested restriping the pickleball court to have 2 pickleball courts. Ott will gather quotes on the equipment (nets) and striping that would be needed.
- 'Run the Rails' race numbers are consistent thus far with last year's registration numbers. Reilley suggested the Commission come up with a way to make the race more unique to Elburn for next year.

9. Adjourn: Commissioner Reilley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM with Commissioner Kuefler seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Katie Johnston
Deputy Village Clerk