



Village of Lake in the Hills

600 Harvest Gate, Lake in the Hills, Illinois 60156

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

August 4, 2022

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Roll Call was answered by Members Wackerlin, Cairns, Sivakumar, Donahue, Carman, Vice-Chairman Andrea, and Chairwoman Tredore.

Also present were, Director of Parks and Recreation Trevor Bosack, Superintendent of Public Properties Parchutz Scott, Administrative Services Manager Peter D'Agostino, Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi, Trustee Wendy Anderson, and Recording Secretary Dana Popovich.

Audience Participation

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the Parks and Recreation meeting minutes of June 2, 2022 was made by Member Sivakumar, and seconded by Member Cairns. On a roll call vote, Member Wackerlin, Cairns, Sivakumar, Donahue, Carman, Vice-Chairman Andrea, and Chairwoman Tredore voted Aye. No Nays. Motion carried 7-0.

Old Business

A. Lynn Dillow Playground Replacement

Administrative Services Manager of Public Works Peter D'Agostino said that after releasing two rounds of resident surveys, obtaining seven initial design concept plans, and hosting a resident focus group in March of this year, the Parks and Recreation Board at the April meeting narrowed down the seven design concept plans to four. Following that April meeting, staff released the RFP to both companies. There were many complications with the RFP submittals, and because of the many issues the Village Board voted to reject all bids. This allowed staff to work directly with each company to obtain pricing for the four final design concept plans. Staff put together two surveys. Both Surveys asked residents to rank each design in order of preference. One survey was for Village residents, and one was for the focus group.

In reviewing the final four design concept plans, staff would like to draw attention to design three and four. They did not include Pour-In-Place (PIP) surfacing. Staff contacted the company to explore what the added costs would be for Pour-In-Play to be included in the design. The company revised design concepts three and four to add Pour-In-Play surfacing to the slide exits at an additional cost of \$31,360.00 for each design.

Although design concept three received the highest score in the Village resident survey and design concept four received the highest score in the focus group survey, staff does not recommend moving forward with either design. Throughout this process, staff has found the vendors that submitted designs three and four to be challenging to work with both during and after the RFP process. Further, adding Pour-In-Play to designs three and four puts both designs over budget, while failing to create Pour-In-Play paths to playground equipment features.

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend design concept two to the Village Board, which received the second highest rating from both surveys, while also including the Pour-In-Play paths and other inclusive features. Administrative Services Manager of Public Works Peter D'Agostino opened it up to the Board for any questions.

Member Sivakumar asked about the rope tunnel feature in design concept two. She asked what was the rope made



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from.

Administrative Services Manager of Public Works Peter D'Agostino said that information was not in the packet. He asked Superintendent of Public Properties, Scott Parchutz, if he had any concerns with that feature from a Maintenance standpoint.

Superintendent of Public Properties Scott Parchutz said in his opinion, it would be high maintenance.

Member Sivakumar thought it could be easily vandalized, by someone cutting the ropes.

Superintendent of Public Properties Scott Parchutz said if it was vandalized it would be costly to repair.

Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi thinks the product would be very durable and the company would stand behind its product if something were to happen.

Superintendent of Public Properties Scott Parchutz said that the manufacturer has to keep the product on the shelf for fifteen years for product repairs.

Member Carman asked what the circle in concept design two was.

Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi thinks the circle is where the shelter will go.

Member Carman asked if we could have the vendors of concept two do the design of concept three or four, since the vendors of three and four were difficult to work with.

Administrative Services Manager of Public Works Peter D'Agostino said we work with a design firm which represents the manufacturer and in order to purchase the equipment we would have to use that design firm. They are the people that are difficult to work with.

Chairwoman Tredore said the focus group liked the little caterpillar and butterfly for the younger set. She asked if the designer of concept two could offer a similar feature.

Administrative Services Manager of Public Works Peter D'Agostino said that feature wasn't in concept two, but they did have a section for ages two through five.

Chairwoman Tredore said that the caterpillar or butterfly was the feature the focus group really liked and that is not being offered in concept two.

Member Donahue agreed and added that they liked it for a theme for the park.

Chairwoman Tredore asked if the manufacture was aware that we wanted that feature.

Administrative Services Manager of Public Works Peter D'Agostino said the RFP had a whole list of features from the focus group as well as the survey.



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Member Sivakumar asked how popular the sensory wall was with the focus group.

Chairwoman Tredore said it was very popular.

Director of Parks and Recreation Trevor Bosack introduced himself and said that at this point it sounds like the Board would like us to ask the design team of concept two if they could include one or more of those features.

Member Wackerlin said concept two is nice, but it doesn't have a theme to it.

Chairwoman Tredore agreed. She asked if we could go back to the vendor who designed concept two and ask them to prioritize adding one or more features.

Administrative Services Manager of Public Works Peter D'Agostino said that we could go back to the vendors and ask for a revision that would include a frog, caterpillar, or butterfly that would give the park a theme.

Member Carman said she never called a park by its name. It was always by the color.

Member Wackerlin said maybe we could sacrifice one of the features for budget reasons, so we could add the features we want.

Member Sivakumar agreed.

The Board discussed adding some swings for wheel chair access.

Administrative Services Manager of Public Works Peter D'Agostino said we can certainly go back to the vendor and ask for these items. It will push the timeline back for the park. He also asked if the Board would be voting tonight.

Chairwoman Tredore said that they won't be voting. She said we know we want concept two, but there are changes to the design that they would like to see.

Administrative Services Manager of Public Works Peter D'Agostino thanked the Board.

Director of Parks and Recreation Trevor Bosack asked the Board just to be clear, staff direction is for some sort of theme, like the one in concept three and four. Replacing one of the swings with a swing that will lock in place for wheel chairs. He asked the Board if that captures what they wanted.

The Board responded yes.

New Business

None

Staff Reports

Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi let everyone know that the fall guide is now online and registration is open and ready to be viewed. They brought back many of the traditional events, but they also put together 20 new special



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events that are planned for September through December. She encouraged the Board to go online and take a look at those events.

Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi said that the Preschool Academy, which used to be upstairs, is now going to be used for the newly established Parks and Recreation Department. The preschool will now be in the downstairs location. She discussed the improvements that were made at the Annex Preschool. She offered to take the Board on a tour of the Annex. The Board had requested to bring back Park Feature Friday and Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi said Communication Specialist Alexandra Reynolds will be implementing that. She also talked about Fantastic Camp and that there was a higher attendance this year than last year. Recreation Supervisor Kristi Brewer has done a great job managing it. There were fewer field trips this year, due to availability, but Recreation Supervisor Kristi Brewer substituted with some awesome experiences and theme days.

Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi said there are pictures of some of the events in her report and urged the Board to take a look. She asked the Board if they had any comments or questions.

Member Carmen commented on how nice it is to have a preschool on the East side of Lake in the Hills, as well as the West side.

Member Wackerlin commented on what a great job they all do.

Village Trustee Liaison Report

Trustee Wendy Anderson wanted to thank everyone for putting together a focus group and two surveys.

Member Reports

Member Brad Wackerlin had the Bark Park for July. He said people thought the parking was better. He asked about the agility equipment, and who maintains it.

Superintendent of Public Properties Scott Parchutz said that we maintain it, and will have a look at it.

Member Wackerlin had Horner Park for August and thought it looked great. The only thing he saw that looked bad, were some bottles in the mulch.

Member Cairns had Indian Trail Beach for July. He said he really only has one complaint and that is the fence.

Superintendent of Public Properties Scott Parchutz said the fence is getting replaced.

Member Cairns said they should move the parking blocks away from the fence, because cars pull up to them and hit the fence.

Member Cairns had Ken Carpenter Park for the month of August. He thought it looked good. Just a couple things he noticed, and that was the border around the volleyball court needs to be replaced, the surface of the basketball court was really breaking up, and big pieces were missing. He thought it was a tripping hazard.

Chairwoman Tredore had Avalon Park which is due to be replaced next year. She thought a bike rack is needed



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because the bikes just pile up. The equipment is old. It definitely needs replaced, and a little more variety.

Chairwoman Tredore had Ford School Park in August. She said it was quite busy. She said one of the parents commented on how much they love the park. The only thing she noticed was that there was a lot of weeds. A couple of the bricks in the gazebo area were not even. She thought it was a tripping hazard. The mulch needs raking.

Vice-Chairman Andrea had Barbara Key Park for July, and couldn't recall what he thought, he will send a written report over. Vice-Chairman Andrea had Butch Hagele Beach in August and wanted to know if it is always locked when the beach is red flagged.

Superintendent of Public Properties Scott Parchutz said if the beach is flagged they do keep the gates locked. We don't want to risk anyone going into the lake.

Vice-Chairman Andrea thinks that there should be a bike rack there, seeing that there isn't a lot of parking. He asked if there is any consideration in buying one of the houses next to the beach to create more parking.

Superintendent of Public Properties Scott Parchutz said we can think about that.

Member Sivakumar had Cat Tail Park for July and thought it was a beautiful Park. She said it was the middle of the week and it was packed with people. They were playing baseball and basketball. She said she talked to a fellow who brings his grandkids to the park and there is a huge gap between the ladder going up the rock wall and many kids fall. He thought maybe some mesh could be put there.

Superintendent of Public Properties Scott Parchutz said we can't modify anything because of insurance reasons.

Member Sivakumar had Jaycee Park for August and thought it needed some work. She said there was a lot of rust around the basketball courts and the zipline. She also noticed a lot of trash from the car wash and wondered if there is anything they can do for that.

Superintendent of Public Properties Scott Parchutz said that now they have people working on the weekend and the trash will be emptied.

Member Carman had Celebration Park. No one was there but the park looked great. It was the first park that she saw a bench in honor of someone. She thought the bushes needed some pruning.

Member Carman had Hynes park for the month of August. She did notice some graffiti, but other than that it looked great. She talked to a parent who expressed that there is not a lot for small children to play on.

Member Carman brought up water quality in McHenry County and there is going to be a presentation at the MCC College on August 31.

Member Carmen said that she has started a Sustainability Committee along with Member Sivakumar in Lake in the Hills, and said anyone can join if they want. They will meet this month on the seventeenth at 6:15 PM. They are going to work on making the Sunset Fest a little more sustainable.



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Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi asked Member Carman if she could share the event on August 31, with her.

Member Carman talked about composting and maybe have an event with pumpkins.

Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi said that there is an event called Pumpkin Chunkin.

Member Donahue had Echo Park in July, but did not get to go there, due to being out of town. She did go to Linda Fischer Park in August and said if you are good at disc golf its great, if you are not, your disc gets lost in the brush. She asked if there was anyway to cut back some of the brush.

Superintendent of Public Properties Scott Parchutz said it is mowed to the course specifications.

Member Donahue said the park looked great. She said she would like to see it highlighted on the Facebook page. She said not a lot of people know about it.

Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi said they talk about the disc golf when they have Rec2U events, to make sure people know about it.

Member Donahue said its an amazing feature in one of the more remote parts of Lake in the Hills.

Vice-Chairman Andrea asked if we would have an event there again. He said there was an event pre-covid.

Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi stated that the Recreation Department hosts Frozen Disc Golf there and they will be doing a glow in the dark event as well.

Audience member Walter Weinert asked about wine tasting in the park and if they would be doing it this year.

Chairwoman Tredore said yes, there is Pub in the Park coming up.

Member Donahue said Pub in the Park got pushed up to the fall. She also said there is wine tasting at Sunset Fest.

Audience member Walter Weinert asked who should he talk to, to help out with Sunset Fest.

Member Donahue asked Walter to leave her his number and she will help him get signed up.

Vice-Chairman Andrea said either Diane or Bob would be who to talk to.

Director of Parks and Recreation Trevor Bosack asked Audience member Walter Weinert if he had any other questions.

Vice-Chairman Andrea asked about safety town and what were the plans for that.

Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi said there are lots of ideas, but nothing has been decided yet.



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The Board discussed pickleball and ideas for that.

Member Sivakumar wanted to say thank you to how the Village handled the issue that happened at the UpRising Bakery. She also thanked the Police Department for keeping our community safe. She also thanked UpRising for the treats they provide at our events. She feels everyone needs an all-inclusive place to go and feel safe.

Audience member Walter Weinert asked if they would be doing events at the lake again like bingo. He also asked about having a band play at Village Hall. He also said that one time they had Hawaiian dancers at the lake, and would like to know if they planned on bringing that back. He wondered if they remembered that.

Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi stated we did have an event at the beach this summer and different events at the parks.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice-Chairman Andrea and seconded by Member Wackerlin. The motion was approved by a voice vote 7-0.

There being no further business to discuss, the Parks and Recreation Board meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana Popovich".

Dana Popovich

Recording Secretary