

**THE LISLE PARK DISTRICT
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SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 9, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: President Cook called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. in the Lisle Park District Recreation, 1925 Ohio Street, Lisle, IL 60532.

Roll Call:	Commissioners Present:	Hough Morse Cook Carballo (8:40) Kanzler (8:40)
	Also Present:	
	Director	Garvy
	Superintendent of Parks	Cerutti
	Parks Manager	Hamilton

President Cook reported the site tour will visit Surrey Ridge Athletic Complex *before* Woodglenn Park as the agenda shows. Director Garvy led the group to the Athletic Space of the Recreation Center. He explained its current use, including Early Childhood Programs, an alternative to the motor skills room in the preschool wing and SEASPAR activities including goal ball. He reported that there are plans to purchase wall pads for the block walls. Commissioner Hough stated it would make a good location for a dance, to which Director Garvy stated staff had discussed that with the teen group.

The group walked to the Community Center. Director Garvy explained the new use of the facility and upgraded lobby furniture, stating it has become much more of a waiting area now that the offices have been converted to dance rooms. The group toured the two new dance rooms and commented on how professional they look.

Director Garvy led the group to the Van Kampen Stage in Community Park. Superintendent Cerutti explained the erosion situation, citing the outcropping stones and how they continue to settle into the pond. He explained some ideas for further improvements including creating a water fall that will better circulate the water. Commissioner Morse asked about filling in the area directly in front of the stage, as she reported she hears regularly how concert goers would like to get closer to the stage. Superintendent Cerutti explained how that has been discussed and at this point nothing is off the table. He explained the complexity of any significant changes due to the whole area being a storm water management facility and within the flood plain. He also showed the group the existing shoreline along the pond and the need to address the erosion there, too. Director Garvy said that while the district's no-mow efforts at other sites has worked, the rocky soil conditions in Community Park have proven to be a hindrance to plant material becoming established. He reported staff will pursue plans for erosion control, the addition of more appropriate soil and the installation of plant material. President Cook called the groups attention to a geo cache hidden on the stage and explained how geo caching works. The group returned to the Recreation Center and drove separately to the Parks Department.

Parks Manager Hamilton showed the group the plant material currently being stored and irrigated in the front of building. Director Garvy explained how vehicles and equipment are stored outside due to lack of indoor space and how the weather and elements accelerate the deterioration process, calling particular attention to the trailers, back hoe, brush chipper and dump trucks that remain outside in the elements much of the year. He reported staff is working with Williams Architects to identify various scenarios that can provide for more appropriate facilities. Manager Hamilton said their first priority is to pursue materials storage bins that would keep dirt, ball field mix, and other materials dry, then if space and funding allows to consider vehicle and equipment storage. The group drove separately to Arboretum Woods Park.

Superintendent Cerutti explained the shoreline erosion concerns and updated the board on some recent activity in the park. Director Garvy explained how some residents have been pushing for an asphalt path while apparently others prefer the existing limestone. He explained the Village of Lisle will be conducting a lake study to determine if dredging the ponds is needed. He reported that until the Village finalizes their study and determines what course it will take that the Park District will hold off on any significant improvements of their own. He stated Village staff is aware of the Park District's desire to begin work sooner than later. Superintendent Cerutti explained the dying pine forest and that every year more trees are removed due to the subdivision's drainage patterns. He reported the Park District will consider transforming the pine forest area into more of a wetland/prairie area, as that is exactly what it has become over the past few years. Director Garvy reported staff should be receiving their shoreline condition report and reviewing various recommendations for improvements with their contractor during the week of June 18th. The group then drove separately to Peach Creek Park.

Director Garvy explained how the Peach Creek improvement plans call for a cul-de-sack type parking area that will extend Burnham into the park. Commissioner Carballo asked that since the development plans call for extending the street into a turn-around of sorts if the Village of Lisle should be approached for funding assistance. Director Garvy said he will look into it. Director Garvy added that a loop trail is also part of the plan. President Cook suggested the Park District's plans also link the existing walk around the subdivision's retention pond to the park via a pathway connection. Director Garvy said that once they get some preliminary plans completed that will help identify permitting requirements and detention, staff will notify the residents and schedule a public meeting accordingly. Commissioner Morse left the site tour at the conclusion of the Peach Creek Park discussion. The group drove separately to Surrey Ridge Athletic Complex.

At Surrey Ridge Athletic Complex, Director Garvy called the group's attention to the new baseball field backstops and reported the Park District will likely budget for dugout fencing in the 2013 budget. Commissioner Kanzler asked that because there is already water at the existing shelter, would it be less costly to construct a Woodglenn Park style shelter with bathrooms. Superintendent Cerutti said he would expect that. He added that staff could disassemble the current structure and possibly use it somewhere else. He reported he has incorporated the parking lots into the pathway replacement schedule and that while the Surrey Ridge parking lot's asphalt is in decent shape, it is in need of restriping. The group then drove separately to Woodglenn Park.

Director Garvy reported feedback on the new park has been all positive with the lone exception of the lightening prediction system. He reported that while it was programmed to be operational from dawn to dusk, there were issues with the timer that caused it to alarm later in the evening. He reported that issue has been resolved.

Commissioner Kanzler asked to see some of the interpretive signage. The group walked the interpretive trail and Manager Hamilton explained some of the material there.

ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

MOTION: Commissioner Hough moved to adjourn the special meeting at 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Kanzler seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by voice vote.