

**THE LISLE PARK DISTRICT
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REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: President Cook called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Lisle Park District Recreation Multipurpose Room, 1925 Ohio Street, Lisle, IL 60532.

Roll Call:	Commissioners Present:	Altpeter Hough Buchelt Richter Cook
	Also Present:	
	Director	Garvy
	Superintendent of Recreation	Toohy
	Superintendent of Operations	Leone
	Superintendent of Parks	Cerutti
	Superintendent of Finance	Silver
	Human Resources Manager	Welge
	General Manager	Shamberg
	Golf Operations Manager	Culbertson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Cook led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. National Wireless Ventures – Wireless Transmission Tower Proposal

Director Garvy introduced Pete Aimaro from National Wireless Ventures, clarifying the purpose of his presentation was to gain more information and not to approve anything. Mr. Aimaro explained there is a growing need in the area for improved coverage and AT&T is looking at Valley Forge Park as an optimal location to place a wireless transmission tower. He stated the tower design can be a flag pole or a clock tower and both options have benefits and drawbacks. He explained that the flag pole design limits the number of additional carriers that can install their equipment, thereby limiting the potential of any additional revenue for the park district, while the clock tower design can accommodate at least three additional. Discussion ensued regarding the desire of maintaining the aesthetics of the park with the tower and equipment enclosure. Commissioner Hough asked if there were any health risks with towers in residential areas. Mr. Aimaro replied by reciting a passage from FCC guidelines that stated the radiofrequency emissions have exposure levels on the ground that are typically a thousand times below the safety limits set by the FCC and there has been no evidence of towers causing cancer. He referred the board to cancer.org where they have a section on cell towers explaining their research and they concluded there was no evidence connecting cell towers to cancer. Mr. Ron Swanson from National Wireless Ventures reported the American Cancer Society has stated there is no relationship between cancer and cell phone towers. He continued and reported they have installed these types of items on 106 Chicago Public School district buildings, Northwestern Hospital, University of Chicago hospital, Shriners Hospital and that they all had done their own due diligence and have all determined it is safe to place these types of transmission

devices on their buildings. Commissioner Hough asked about the maintenance of the equipment. Mr. Aimaro answered AT&T makes about four to five visits to each tower per year. Mr. Swanson stated they have experienced what he would call occasional damage to ordinary wear but AT&T is prompt in addressing them. Commissioner Hough stated the design should be so that kids can't get into it and get hurt. She also pointed out the detention area of the park and it's propensity to flood.

Mr. Aimaro stated AT&T is willing to work with the park district to design something that is as appealing as possible. Discussion ensued regarding enclosure finishes and landscaping that would help make the structures look like they're more integrated into the site to the extent possible.

Commissioner Hough asked what would happen if technology changed and someday the tower was no longer needed. Mr. Aimaro replied that it is in the lease that the tower would be decommissioned and removed by AT&T and the site would be restored to its previous state.

Commissioner Buchelt asked about other carriers having access to this proposed pole. Mr. Aimaro replied that each site is different and each carrier identifies its own ring where they need more coverage. He said depending on height and availability of existing poles within these rings they may or may not have an opportunity. Mr. Swanson added that it's not just space on the pole, but it's the available space within the equipment enclosure that would need to be considered. Mr. Aimaro stated he didn't think it would be feasible to expand the compound area once it's originally constructed.

Mr. Bakas of 2759 Shellingam Dr., Lisle asked how this works financially. Mr. Aimaro stated it would be a lease agreement between AT&T and the Lisle Park District that would be negotiated between those two parties.

President Cook asked about interference with existing trees and more legitimately the flag on the flag pole. Mr. Aimaro replied that the flags and panels on the clock tower are made of RF friendly material that does not interfere with the signals.

Director Garvy summarized the two options: the flag pole design and clock tower design. He said the biggest revenue return would be in the clock tower design as it would allow additional carriers to be added on to the tower who would then pay the park district to lease that space. He added that revenue would be used not only within Valley Forge Park, but also the Green Trails subdivision in general, citing bridge replacements, playgrounds, and other improvements. Mr. Aimaro stated carriers usually look for an existing structure on which to mount their equipment because it's cheaper than having to construct their own structure. He added that the area to house the equipment is very snug and would require an additional 300 square feet to be added on to the compound. Director Garvy stated that while it would be more costly up front for AT&T to construct the enclosure and clock tower, it would be in their best interest to over build the enclosure because they would also benefit from that additional revenue opportunity.

President Cook suggested moving the pathway to make more room for a larger compound but he was also concerned about AT&T service trucks backing up to the equipment building. Director Garvy stated he would recommend all parties work together to make it blend into the site and to make it easy to access and maintain, and easy for the park district to manage around, and that AT&T would be willing to work with

the park district and absorb any cost within reason to do so. Mr. Aimaro agreed and said AT&T would be willing to provide landscaping to help blend the compound in better, too. Mr. Aimaro added if the park district was concerned with access, they can work into the agreement certain access stipulations such as having to give reasonable notice prior to any visitation. Director Garvy said if the adjacent pathways are wide enough to accommodate the service vehicles and that its location is proposed as being right next to the shoulder of the street, it can be designed to not look like a wide access road.

Commissioner Altpeter stated if they're being asked for a preference between the flag pole and clock tower, she would lean toward the clock tower because in her opinion she feels it's a little more fitting than a flag pole in that area. Mr. Aimaro explained the clock tower design is significantly more expensive than the flag pole, which would decrease the amount of money AT&T would pay in the lease. Commissioner Richter asked Mr. Aimaro to present the differences in cost between the two designs. Commissioner Altpeter asked who's responsibility it would be to replace the flag or adjust the time on the clock, to which Mr. Aimaro replied that could be worked into the lease that AT&T would be responsible. Commissioner Hough asked if there are any of these designs in the area. Mr. Swanson added the Village of Lyons is considering the clock tower design. He added that there currently needs to be a proliferation of these towers in order to accommodate all the handheld devices and the bandwidth that's required, and that people are realizing that and they're now more concerned with the appearance of these towers. Mr. Aimaro stated more and more communities are faced with this same issue and he sees their role as one of providing information and helping to educate the public.

Commissioner Richter asked if there are other designs Mr. Aimaro is aware of that the park district hasn't thought of. Mr. Aimaro replied he is aware of other designs and that because there is such a need for more towers in these types of locations, the designers realize they need to be as creative as possible to help blend it in. He said if the team comes up with a different design idea, he would be happy to bring it to the AT&T stealth team to see if they can design something specific. Director Garvy suggested that if this project moves forward that the park district allow the neighbors of the park to provide input on any designs and finishes.

Commissioner Buchelt asked how long of a process this typically takes. Mr. Aimaro explained the process and said from beginning to end it could take 6 to 8 months.

Director Garvy summarized that it appears the consent of the board at this time was to move forward to invite the residents of the park to the next board meeting. Commissioner Buchelt agreed saying he'd like to see more options than just a clock tower but that he would defer to the residents as far as design goes.

Resident Peter Bakas requested the board and everyone else in the room do their own due diligence on health issues and cell phone towers.

Mr. Tom Hummel of 824 59th Street, Lisle suggested placing AT&T's logo on the tower for advertising revenue. Mr. Swanson said they hadn't contemplated that before and would take that into consideration if the park district thought it wanted to pursue it.

Commissioner Buchelt asked if the other structures they've installed are in close proximity to widely populated areas and how far they are from nearby residences. Mr. Aimaro said they are quite close in many cases. Commissioner Buchelt asked if he can get a

listing of locations. Mr. Swanson stated they just gave a similar list to the Village of Harvey that included various Chicago public schools properties, Northwestern University Hospital, University of Chicago Hospital, University of Chicago Children's hospitals are all on that list and he can get this list to Lisle.

Director Garvy stated it appears the consensus of the board was to have the neighbors provide their input, including any design preferences if it gets to that, at the November 14th board meeting. Director Garvy said he will send a letter to the parks neighbors inviting them to that meeting. Mr. Bakas suggested to Commissioner Hough that they get something in the Green Trails Pathfinder.

Resident Tom Maschmeier of 6442 Cape Cod Ct asked if the tower would interfere with the residents' networks. Mr. Aimaro said FCC guidelines would prohibit any interference and that will not be an issue. Mr. Swanson added FCC licensing agreements to the wireless providers precludes that they do not produce any interference and reiterated it will not be a problem.

President Cook thanked Mr. Swanson and Mr. Aimaro for their presentation and information.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Peter Bakas of 2759 Shellingam Drive, Lisle said he appreciates the relationship the park district and Green Trails Improvement Association has and thanked the board for the close work they do with them.

APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Hough moved to approve the meeting agenda for the regular meeting for Thursday, October 17, 2013. Commissioner Altpeter seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION: Commissioner Hough moved to approve consent agenda items:

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 19, 2013
- B. October 17, 2013 Voucher List in the amount of \$504,026.07
- C. Award 1825 Short Street sewer repair work to Burla Construction Inc. in the amount of \$24,495.00
- D. Approve the reservations of Saturday, October 4, 2014; Saturday, October 18, 2014; and Saturday, November 1, 2014 for the Lisle Senior High School Cross Country Events to be held in Community Park.
- E. Approve Lisle Park District Investment Policy

Commissioner Richter seconded the motion. Commissioner Altpeter pulled item E.

Roll Call on items A, B, C and D:

Ayes: Hough, Richter, Altpeter, Buchelt, Cook

Nays: None

Motion passed.

E. Approve Lisle Park District Investment Policy

Commissioner Altpeter asked for clarification on if it's an annual approval for section 3, page 3 of the policy. Superintendent Silver explained he has not had it approved in the past as the board has given him the authority as the Chief Investment Officer. Director Garvy stated we could replace "Park Board" with "Chief Investment Officer" to clarify.

MOTION: Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve the Lisle Park District Investment Policy as amended. Commissioner Richter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Wheatstack wedding thank-you

President Cook mentioned the thank-you note written to Wheatstack and the letter from Lisle Community Band thanking the park district for its continued support.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

October 29th at 6:00 pm was chosen for the 2014 Budget review meeting.

Commissioner Altpeter asked about the graffiti incidents. Superintendent Cerutti stated there has been an increase in graffiti in Kingston Park, Community Park and Tate Woods recently. He added each time staff observes any graffiti they notify the police and they come out to determine if it's legitimate gang activity or otherwise connected to other incidents around town.

PARTNERS FOR PARKS REPORT

Superintendent Leone reported over 500 runners signed up for Scarecrow Scramble so far. Also, the foundation received the check from Eyes to the Skies for over \$16,000. Director Garvy thanked Commissioner Altpeter for all her efforts as volunteer coordinator.

SEASPAR REPORT

Director Garvy reported they approved the 2014 budget with no membership increases. He also reported the SEASPAR space renovation won't be on the park district agenda until the December board meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

A. President

None.

B. Treasurer Financial Reports ending September 30, 2013

Superintendent Silver stated he expects the park district to be under budget at year end.

C. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Altpeter attended the NRPA Conference with Commissioner Richter, Director Garvy and Superintendent Leone. She was very interested in a session she attended on bringing technology to the parks.

Commissioner Richter stated one session he attended on financial partnerships between parks and foundations he found particularly interesting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Buildings and Grounds

None.

B. Recreation and Golf

None.

C. Personnel/Technology

None.

D. Policies and Procedures

None.

E. Intergovernmental

Commissioner Altpeter attended the meeting and reported the library is conducting a community survey.

F. Finance

None.

ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

MOTION: Commissioner Hough moved to adjourn the open meeting at 8:40 p.m. Commissioner Altpeter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.