

**THE LISLE PARK DISTRICT
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SPECIAL MEETING – Building & Grounds Committee
MARCH 14, 2018**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: President Cook called the special meeting between the Lisle Park District Building & Grounds Committee and the Lisle Community Unit School District 202 Facility Master Planning Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. at Schiesher Elementary School, 5205 Kingston Avenue, Lisle, IL 60532.

Director Garvy Called Roll:

Commissioners Present:

Altpeter
Ferron
Cook

Also Present:

Director
Superintendent of Recreation
Superintendent of Parks

Garvy
Toohey
Cerutti

School District 202 Present:
Board of Education

Superintendent

Tarasewicz
Grant
Nadeau
Filipiak

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

III. DISCUSSION OF SHARED USE OF SCHIESHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lisle Community Unit School District Board of Education Facility Master Planning Committee Chair Bob Tarasewicz stated it is the School District's intent to investigate opportunities the Schiesher Elementary School building and property may present to the community, particularly the Lisle Park District. He said they'd like to know what interest the Park District would have in a mixed use/sharing capacity.

Park Board President Cook thanked the School District for the opportunity to talk about the land and building and asked Superintendent of Recreation Mike Toohey to explain how the Park District currently uses the facility. Superintendent Toohey reported the park district uses the gym primarily for its youth basketball program every night for practices and all day on Saturdays for games throughout the winter and for adult volleyball open gym on Saturdays as well. He explained that the park district will be able to continue to provide this program as-is as long as it continues to have access to the Jr. High, the new Lisle Elementary School gym, and Schiesher. Director Garvy explained that with the potential closing of Tate Woods School and no use of the gym there, the park district would shift programs from there to either Schiesher or the new Lisle Elementary. Discussion ensued regarding court sizes at the facilities and how each gym might be programmed. Commissioner Ferron asked about availability of the gyms at the high school. Superintendent of School District 202 Keith Filipiak responded that if the park district provided a list of dates and times that his staff will be able to determine if an opportunity exists. Commissioner Altpeter stated she believes the high school gym is in

very high demand for school activities and would be surprised if it can accommodate park district use. Commissioner Ferron asked to keep that option on the table. Facility Master Planning Committee member Melissa Grant asked if the park district has investigated any reciprocity with the Woodridge Park District for use of their new recreation center. Director Garvy replied they are having challenges meeting the demands of their own constituents and that he is confident that very limited if any opportunity exists.

Committee Chair Tarasewicz asked about the continued use of the open space, specifically the ball field used by Lisle Baseball – Softball for their programs. Director Garvy replied that that field will continue to be needed as will the existing playground and other open space. He said he hopes the Board of Education will continue to provide that space to the community for recreational use, regardless of who ultimately owns and operates it. Commissioner Altpeter agreed, saying this property is really the only legitimate park and usable green space in the whole area.

Superintendent Filipiak explained the condition of the entire facility and that much of it is at the end of its useful life, however the roof of the gym area still has some life left. He said depending on the future use of the facility and grounds, the parking lots may or may not be useable for the next few years. Committee member Grant asked if the park district would staff the gym should it become available for park district use. Superintendent Toohey replied it would only be staffed when park district programs were scheduled. Superintendent Cerutti asked if the school district knew where the utility connections were located. Superintendent Filipiak replied they don't have that information before them at this time. Committee Chair Tarasewicz stated that will likely come into play if and when they start to determine a logical break point in what might be kept and what might be demolished. Commissioner Ferron asked if the Board of Education was considering leasing the building to the park district, to which Committee Chair Tarasewicz replied that has not been determined. Superintendent Filipiak added if there was an interest in utilizing the facility, the school district will have to determine all the costs involved in demolition, maintenance, and others before that decision can be made.

IV. TOUR OF BUILDING

The group toured the facility including the boiler room, locker rooms, gymnasium, and stage area. During the tour, Director Garvy asked if the gym is currently used by the school district's wrestling program to which Committee Chair Tarasewicz replied he believes they practice at least every Wednesday.

President Cook asked if the school district had a timeframe on a decision. Superintendent Filipiak reported they are planning on transitioning from Schiesher to the new Lisle Elementary School for the 2019-20 school year and that at this time they do not feel rushed to make a decision on the Schiesher property. Director Garvy asked that if that was the case, then the park district can plan on continuing to utilize the facility as-is at least for another year and a half, to which Superintendent Filipiak replied it could.

Commissioner Altpeter left the meeting at 6:46 pm.

Resident Ray Sojka said as of August 2019 the facility would no longer be needed for educational purposes and the school district should then sell the property. He said the property screams park district facility with gyms and the school district should work out a deal with the land, but it should not stay on the school district's books.

V. ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

MOTION: Commissioner Ferron moved to adjourn the special meeting at 6:48 p.m. President Cook seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.