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**MINUTES
BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
July 17, 2018**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Building and Grounds Committee was held on July 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioner K. Evans (7:01 p.m.), Comm Rep Dekirmenjian, Friedman, Poeschel, Sernett, Chairman McGinn

Absent: Comm Rep Bettencourt

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, A&F Director Hopkins, Rec/Facilities Director Kies, Parks, Planning and Maintenance Director Huguen, Golf Director Bechtold

Audience: Commissioners Kilbridge, Kinnane, R. Evans, Bickham, President Kaplan; Comm Rep Musial, Dressler, Macdonald; IT Manager Agudelo, IT Associate Lonergan; Glenn Molley at 4235 Haman, T. Schwartz at 4190 Sturbridge, Phyllis Cherneck at 1550 Chesapeake, Sara Engelson at 3975 Charlemagne, Tom Hammond at 1355 W. Sturbridge, Robert Steinberg at 4158 Portage, Bob and Marla Florio at 3870 Anjou, Stewart Truelsen 1545 Freeman, Allen Duford 3835 Bordeaux, Gary and Nancy Koehler at 4149 Crimson, Moya and Ron Duncan at 4147 Crimson, Donally Olsen at 1395 Lake Edge, Lisa Russell at 3999 Whispering Trails, Dave Gasiorowski at 3855 Bordeaux, Pat Kelioc at 3795 Bordeaux, Bill and Sally Shoemaker at 4241 N. Sturbridge, Nancy Trenkle at 1235 Freeman, Ken and Laura Walters at 1605 Laburnum, Neelesh Wagle at 4154 Portage, Michelle and Mark Zimanek at 4152 Portage

2. Approval of Agenda:

Comm Rep Sernett made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Poeschel to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Comm Rep Poeschel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Sernett to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2018 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. South Ridge splash pad/OSLAD Grant/M18-076:

Executive Director Talsma reviewed the item. He also explained the purpose of the B&G Committee i.e. that of making recommendations to the Board with regard to parks, building, etc. that would include the application for the OSLAD grant. He explained that the State of Illinois had \$29,000,000 to offer in OSLAD grants and that in the past, the park district had applied for and received over \$6,000,000. He also explained that the district had been looking at the north side of Hoffman Estates for a water feature. It was noted that a number of features in South Ridge were scheduled for replacement in the next few years and it would be an opportune time to evaluate options at that park. He also explained that the district could receive up to \$400,000 in matching grant money and that this was a very preliminary plan looking for community input. It was noted that there were 4 splash pads in Hoffman Estates: Princeton, Community, Vogelei and Tropicana. He made note of the petition the district had received in support of the project with 200 signatures.

Executive Director Talsma explained that staff was looking for a recommendation from the B&G Committee to recommend the board approve the application for the grant and explained that if the district did not receive the grant they would look at renovations to the area as scheduled but might not be able to include all of the amenities.

Director Hugen reviewed the proposed layout noting the following:

- Parking Lot: Presently 20 spaces and would be doubled and fully landscaped.
- Splash Pad: Largest pad in Hoffman is 2000 sq. ft. and staff would be looking at 4000 sq. ft. for S. Ridge along with a filtration system to recycle the water.
- Restrooms: To be included in the same building as the filtration system.
- Playground: New, located next to the splash pad for 2-5 and 5-12 year olds using ADA acceptable playground surface equal to that in Black Bear Park. Add benches and tables. Remove old playground.
- Paths: to be redesigned to be ADA acceptable.
- Gazebo: Add
- Sand Volleyball: move closer to the pond.
- Adult Fitness Area: Similar to Ninja Warrior type of fitness opportunity.
- Ball Field: Keep ball field in same area
- Dock: Place new dock in same area.

Commissioner K. Evans asked if the paths were currently ADA acceptable and staff noted that they were, but the paths throughout the park would need to be reviewed.

Chairman McGinn asked about the small playground and it was noted that it held 2-5 and 5-12 equipment but on a much smaller scale.

Comm Rep Sernett asked what a splash pad was and Director Hugen distributed a diagram of the splash pad. Executive Director Talsma explained that it was similar to a water sprinkler but with some very cool amenities.

An unidentified homeowner asked if it would require lifeguards and it was noted that it would not.

Dave Gasiorowski asked if the additional equipment would increase traffic. Director Hugen noted that he would expect to see between 30 – 65 additional people at the area in increments of 10 to 15 at a time, primarily on foot. Executive Director Talsma explained that the district would not program the area so there should not be any large additional crowds.

Nancy Trenkle asked if the Montessori School would be bringing children and Executive Director Talsma noted that it was a public park so that might be an option, however, they did have a large playground of their own. Director Hugen noted that the pad would have water from May to September depending on the weather.

Comm Rep Musial asked about safety and the proximity to the lake. Executive Director Talsma noted that staff would be looking at that issue and Director Hugen noted that there would be heavy landscaping between the amenities and the street.

Mark Zimanek of 4152 Portage asked about benches and Director Hugen noted that they would be added. Mr. Zimanek noted that he believed much of the traffic would be on foot.

Bill Shoemaker of 4241 N. Sturbridge noted that the present playground gets a lot of use and they might not want to lose that area. Executive Director Talsma noted that the new playground would be larger and newer and probably draw the users to that area.

Comm Rep Musial noted that the present playground was closer to the other side of the lake and not up a hill like the new one will be. Director Hugen noted that the hill would have to be re-graded to meet ADA requirements.

A homeowner at 4150 Portage asked if they would segregate the 2-5 and 5-12 equipment. Executive Director Talsma explained that they would have separate areas within the same location.

Donnally Olsen of 1395 Lake Edge asked when the project would begin and be completed. Executive Director Talsma noted that it would be for 2019 and completed in the same year. Ms. Olsen asked if the district would be using tax dollars and Executive Director Talsma explained that funds had been earmarked for the next 5 years for repairs and that the district would use funds from the reserve accounts for their portion of the renovations. He went on to explain that the district was allowed the CPI increase annually but they would have to go to referendum for additional tax dollars (such as a pool versus a splash pad).

Stewart Truelsen of 1545 Freeman noted that residents used to skate on the pond. Executive Director Talsma noted that PDRMA regulated ice usage and required 8-10 inches of thickness now. It was noted that maintenance staff checked the ice weekly for thickness but it was rare to see a green flag.

Tom Hammond of 1355 W. Sturbridge asked about the project completion date and Director Hugen said it would be about 2 – 5 months after start. Executive Director Talsma noted it would be completed the same year.

Mr. Hammond asked about amenities for dog walkers and Executive Director Talsma noted that those could be options, i.e. bag stands and drinking fountains.

Commissioner Kilbridge noted that the OSLAD grant process had a time limit on project completion. Executive Director Talsma noted it was 2 years; however, the district would be required to make full payment up front and be reimbursed for the OSLAD grant after completion.

Britt Sanfilippo asked about the accessibility and Director Huguen explained that the paths and fall surfaces as well as play features would have to meet ADA requirements and that there would be ramps to access the play features.

Allen Duford of 3835 Bordeaux asked about the ROI and if rental revenue would be used. Executive Director Talsma noted that ROI was in reference to the water filtration system and the district expected the filtration system to pay for itself in recycled water within 13 years. The district did not expect to use rentals from the park area to pay back the cost of park amenities. Director Huguen noted that the park would only be open from dawn to dusk. Mr. Duford noted that he liked the green space to be provided.

Sara Engelson of 3975 Charlemagne asked how long it would be open. Director Huguen noted that the park itself would be open from dawn to dusk and that the splash pad water would be available from approximately 11 am to dusk meaning that children could activate the water features during that time. It was noted that the water would not run unless someone activated it.

Dr. Steinberg of 4158 Portage commended staff on the plan. He noted that 80% of the residents lived east, west or north of the original playground and suggested that they not remove the old playground until they could determine that the participants wanted to migrate to the newer, bigger playground. He asked where the funding for the OSLAD grants came from, wondering if it was federal dollars. Dr. Steinberg asked if the community reps visited S. Ridge in the last two weeks.

Dr. Steinberg also asked if they would change the grade coming east from Huntington Park and Director Huguen said they would be looking at that. Dr. Steinberg also noted that it would be a good kind of traffic (foot traffic) coming through the area and would increase home values.

Comm Rep Musial asked about the original idea of a splash pad at Safety Town by WRC. Executive Director Talsma noted that staff was concerned about a splash pad in that area near Algonquin Road and that S. Ridge was more centrally located. He noted that staff was looking to add more green space to WRC.

Comm Rep Musial asked about adding pickle ball lines to the tennis courts at S. Ridge and Executive Director Talsma noted that the court was scheduled to be repaired within the next 3 years and staff would look at re-lining.

Mark Zimaneck of 4152 Portage asked about future contact and additional input. Executive Director Talsma asked anyone interested in participating in a focus group on this project to make sure they signed in with contact information.

Dr. Steinberg asked if there was funding from Land and Water Conservation and Director Huguenot noted that they did not have grant money available at this time.

A homeowner asked for a diagram of plan and it was noted that it was located on the district's web site under the Building and Grounds Committee meeting for July 17, 2018.

Comm Rep Poeschel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Sernett to recommend the board approve proceeding with the South Ridge Community Park project OSLAD Grant application once applications may be submitted as outlined in M18-076. The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Parks, Planning & Maintenance Board Report and 2Q2018 Goals/M18-074:

Director Huguenot noted that the test drive for the small bus had been cancelled because of short notice. He also explained that he has spoken with AirServe and suggested that staff and volunteers take a test drive on a switched out bus before making the decision to upgrade to the new shock system at a cost of \$10,000.

Commissioner Kinnane suggested contacting 50+ members to see if they wanted to be part of the test drive. It was noted that they were all in favor of the upgrade.

Dr. Steinberg suggested that all Comm Reps visit all parks prior to taking any vote on action in those parks. Executive Director Talsma noted that they would be visiting South Ridge on the Park Tour in August.

Comm Rep Sernett made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Friedman to send the PPM Board Report and 2Q2018 Goals to the board as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Committee Member Comments:**

Comm Rep Sernett noted that it was a very informative meeting.

8. **Adjournment:**

Comm Rep Dekirmenjian made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Poeschel to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma, Secretary
Peg Kusmierski, Recording Secretary