

Lombard Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting
Sunset Knoll Recreation Center
Tuesday, January 22, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Kundrot at 6:32 p.m.

Upon roll being taken, the following commissioners were present:

Commissioners: Dave Kundrot, President
 Sarah Richardt, Vice President
 Bob Bachner, Commissioner
 Mike Kuderna, Commissioner
 Peter Nolan, Commissioner
 Jim Scalzo, Commissioner

Staff: Paul W. Friedrichs, Executive Director
 Andrea Chiappetta, Director of Finance & Personnel
 Joe McCann, Director of Recreation
 Bill Sosnowski, Superintendent of Parks
 Dean Styburski, Asst. Supt of Parks
 Margie Fugiel, Recording Secretary

Absent: Gregory Ludwig, Commissioner

Guests: Bob Biddle, Resident
 Karen Brittain, Lombard Garden Club
 Tony Invergo, Resident
 Connie Kania, Resident
 Dave Lemar, Resident
 Ken Marshall, Resident
 Jennifer Maercklein, Resident
 Jon Walsh, Resident
 Cindy Ward, Lombard Garden Club
 Chuck Wozniak, Stanford's Battery
 Steve Zook, Resident

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Kundrot requested approval of the January 22, 2019 Agenda.

Vice President Richardt made a motion to approve the January 22, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Kuderna seconded the motion. On a call for the vote, six ayes (Bachner, Kuderna, Kundrot, Nolan, Richardt, Scalzo). Motion carried.

President Kundrot requested approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 18, 2018.

Commissioner Bachner made a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of December 18, 2018. Commissioner Scalzo seconded the motion. On a call for the vote, six ayes (Bachner, Kuderna, Kundrot, Nolan, Richardt, Scalzo). Motion carried.

President Kundrot requested approval only of the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of December 18, 2018.

Commissioner Nolan made a motion to approve, but not release, the Closed Session Meeting minutes of December 18, 2018. Vice President Richardt seconded the motion. On a call for the vote, six ayes (Bachner, Kuderna, Kundrot, Nolan, Richardt, Scalzo). Motion carried.

Correspondence

Vice President Richardt expressed her excitement and highlighted the letter received from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources regarding Lilacia Park Historic District being considered by the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council at their February 22 meeting for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

President Kundrot welcomed citizens and requested that comments be limited to three minutes. If citizens would like their written comment listed in the meeting minutes, please leave them with staff.

Cindy Ward and Karen Brittain, Lombard Garden Club representatives, requested that the Lombard Park District apply for a matching grant sponsored by ComEd for pollinating initiatives, specifically to be used for upgrading the garden at Terrace View.

Resident Connie Kania's Comments:

I am hoping that the Park District Board and the Library Board can come together to get the new library built, which the tax payers voted for and to keep it in the same location. I would hope that the two boards that are elected by the people can come together and resolve whatever issues they have to make this happen. I think this will take compromise by both the library and the park district. I know there has been talk of moving the library to a new location, one being Lombard Commons. If any of you have been to Paradise Bay on a hot summer day, unlike today, when a swim meet is going on, baseball games are being played, and various park activities are taking place, there is already a parking issue. Cars are overflowing on to Edgewood for parking. I can't imagine what parking would be by adding a library into the mix. I also frequent the Lombard Commons almost daily walking my dog. In the spring and summer when we get a significant amount of rain there is lake in the middle of the Commons. I am just wondering where all of this water will go if there is a building constructed there. There is already a big issue on Emerson between Edgewood and Lewis with flooding in those homes. I am really not concerned what has transpired in the past between the park district board and the library board, just asking that they cooperate and negotiate with each other NOW and get Lombard the new library that its citizens deserve. I am also asking that the library remain in the location it is at and has always been.

Resident Ken Marshall's Comments:

I've spoken here before. I've also written an open letter which I emailed to each of you (and to which none of you replied). I am a strong supporter of the Library Board's decision to build the new library where the present one is. First, a caveat: the library issue is controversial, there are plenty of people here,

you meet only once a month, yet you are allowing only three minutes per speaker (down from five minutes last month) and only 30 minutes total for public comment. Is that really democracy in action? Now to the point: for the benefit of the Lombard community as a whole, please negotiate openly and fairly with the Library Board. I suggest an open public meeting with all Park Board and Library Board trustees in attendance - perhaps in the Lombard Common building's largest room on a Saturday afternoon. There the trustees could talk to each other publicly, with full transparency. Lombard residents could ask questions. Such a meeting could get to the bottom of what's going on and residents could find out why no agreement has been reached by the two boards to – and here I quote from an October 21, 2016 Daily Herald editorial urging a “yes” vote on the November 2016 library referendum – “demolish the Helen Plum Library and build a new one on the existing site and on an adjacent vacant lot”, because, among other reasons – and here I again quote from the same editorial – “a new library would provide better access and flow to another Lombard gem, Lilacia Park”. Enough with the turf war and stalling and shutting down progress: do what's best for Lombard and what the voters wanted and agree to get the new library built on the present library's property. A final note: pre-referendum publicity, including newspaper articles, made it clear that the new library would replace the old one where the old one stands. Lombard residents knew they were voting for that, not voting for a new library to be built somewhere else.

Resident Jon Walsh requested that the Park District Board reopen communication and negotiations with the Library Board in order to resolve outstanding issues for the new library building.

Resident Jennifer Maercklein's Comments:

I have lived in Lombard for the past 14 years. I last spoke here before you in September 2017, when I requested that the Park District Board approve the library building plan that the library presented to you. In that same public statement, I also voiced my desire to keep the library in its current location. I am here today because I am disheartened by the lack of good faith negotiation by the park district, and I am upset by the Park District's December motion to discontinue discussions and negotiations with the Library. I am back to ask the Park District for three things.

1. For the Park District to consent to the access drive relocation that was already legally agreed to by both Boards in the 2007 IGA. The Park Board should honor its prior commitment, and there should be no need for further debate on this matter.
2. To ask the park district to agree to a construction easement that allows for construction equipment to extend temporarily into the air rights of the Park District. I am a registered Professional Engineer and am employed as a civil engineer. Projects often request construction easements from neighboring property owners, and both parties typically work in good faith to make sure each party's needs are met with the easement. From what I've read, the current easement request by the Library does not appear to have any permanent impact on the park, and should not be a big deal.
3. I also ask that the park board reopen negotiations with the library.

Regarding the Park Board's land swap offer, in 2017 I voiced my opinion to you on the library remaining in the current location, and I will reiterate that today: Some think it would be easier, cheaper, and better to build the library at another site, such as a site owned by the Park District. I disagree. This would disconnect the library from the cultural and community center of town, be an inconvenience to library patrons, and reduce visitors to Lilacia Park. Also, this is an expensive idea. One of my responsibilities as a civil engineer is to design new stormwater drainage systems and ponds for new developments. Anytime you take a big open grassy area and change it to a building and a parking lot, it can result in flooding, so it requires a new stormwater management system at a considerable cost of money and time. We need a new library building either way, but if the library had to move to a new location, it would also need to pay for additional engineering, permitting, and construction of a new parking lot, lighting, stormwater management system, a retention pond, etc. These are costs and time delays that will not be

incurred when the library stays at its present site. It would be a foolish waste of taxpayer dollars to move the library. I love the library's current location. When I voted in favor of the library referendum, I voted with the understanding that the library would remain in its current spot on Maple. Libraries are a cultural center of town, and a community gathering place, and it makes sense to be connected to the commerce center in our vibrant downtown. There is so much opportunity to beautifully connect the park and library together for the mutual benefit of Lombard. Col. Plum recognized this importance and your Master Plan envisions this connection. From my perspective, as a voting citizen of Lombard, it appears the Library has bent over backwards to meet every condition the Park District has asked for. The current unwillingness of the Park District to talk to the Library is an action that is not being taken with the best interests of the Lombard community in mind. I ask that the Park District reopen good faith negotiations with the Library, approve the driveway relocation as already agreed to in the 2007 IGA, and allow the temporary construction easement so the library can move forward with their mutually beneficial project.

President Kundrot made note that all residents were allowed to speak and times were not limited.

Presentations

None

Consent Agenda

None

Financial Reports

Commissioners reviewed the December 2018 Payroll and Bills/Check Register and the December 2018 Revenue and Expense Reports.

Vice President Richardt moved to approve payment of the December 2018 accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$1,425,476.92. Accounts payable checks #103068-#103139 in the amount of \$1,078,736.24; payroll checks #75900-#75910 and #75912-#75927 in the amount of \$9,644.79; deduction checks #75911 and #75928-#75929 in the amount of \$187,580.86; direct deposit checks #99015D-#99020D and #99189D-#99200D in the amount of \$149,515.03. Commissioner Scalzo seconded the motion. On a roll call, six ayes (Kundrot, Richardt, Bachner, Kuderna, Nolan, Scalzo). Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Commissioners briefly reviewed the Director of Finance and Personnel's Monthly Report. Director Chiappetta provided the Commissioners with an updated All Funds Income Statement and was available to answer any questions pertaining to the end of the year Goals and Objectives and the 4th quarter Balance Sheet.

The District received the 2017 GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Finance Reporting. This is the highest form of recognition in government accounting and financial reporting.

Commissioners briefly reviewed the Superintendent of Parks' Monthly Report. Superintendent Sosnowski was happy to report that no vandalism occurred in December and the 2018 Vandalism Report

review will take place in February. Lastly, Superintendent Sosnowski provided more details regarding the ComEd grant for Terrace View.

Commissioners briefly reviewed the Director of Recreation's Monthly Report. Director McCann provided Madison Meadow Athletic Center membership numbers and reported that staff will also be focused on membership retention for 2019. Details and invitations were extended for the Winter Carnival. Lastly, Director McCann was available to answer any questions pertaining to participation and fall program evaluations.

Commissioners briefly reviewed the Superintendent of Golf Operation's Monthly Report. Superintendent Ingram reported that staff is pleased with the outcome of the drainage work completed this past fall and indoor projects are being completed.

Commissioners briefly reviewed the Executive Director's Monthly Report. Executive Director Friedrichs gave a shout out to the Lombard Police Department for their added attention to Lilacia Park during Holiday Lights. Conference packets were distributed.

Unfinished Business

Commissioners reviewed 2019 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance #19-505.

Vice President Richardt moved to approve the Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #19-505 and all appendixes which include the Mission & Vision Statement, Organizational Chart, Goals and Objectives, Personnel and Benefits Plan, Strategic Plan, Capital Replacement Plan and Fee History, as presented. Commissioner Kuderna seconded the motion. On a roll call, six ayes (Richardt, Bachner, Kuderna, Nolan, Scalzo, Kundrot). Motion carried.

New Business

Director McCann recommended approval for Shamrock Florist to sell presentation bouquets for the 2019 Dance Recital.

Commissioner Kuderna moved to approve the sale of presentation bouquets by Shamrock Florist at the 2019 Dance Recital. Commissioner Bachner seconded the motion. On a roll call, six ayes (Bachner, Kuderna, Nolan, Scalzo, Kundrot, Richardt). Motion carried.

Director McCann recommended approval for Zaker Video Productions to film and sell DVD's at the 2019 Dance Recital.

Vice President Richardt moved to approve the filming and sale of DVD's by Zaker Video Productions at the 2019 Dance Recital. Commissioner Kuderna seconded the motion. On a roll call, six ayes (Nolan, Richardt, Scalzo, Kundrot, Kuderna, Bachner). Motion carried.

Director McCann recommended honoring Itasca Park District's pool pass holders at Paradise Bay during their bathhouse construction project.

Commissioner Scalzo moved to authorize staff to honor Itasca Park District waterpark pool passes from August 19, 2019 until September 2, 2019 at Paradise Bay Water Park. Vice President

Richardt seconded the motion. On a call for the vote, six ayes (Bachner, Kuderna, Kundrot, Nolan, Richardt, Scalzo). Motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed the request from Stanford's Battery for the use of Four Seasons to conduct their Civil War Encampment event.

Vice President Richardt moved to approve the request from Stanford's Battery for the use of Four Seasons to conduct their Civil War Encampment event with a motion to waive: 2.03 Animals and Pets, 2.06, Boating, 2.07 Camping, 2.08 Charitable, Religious, Political, or Non-Profit Activities, 2.10 Commercial Sale, Exhibition, or Distribution of Goods or Services, 2.16 Erection of Structure/Wires, 2.17 Fairs and Special Events: Sale and Distribution of Merchandise; Soliciting, Contributions, 2.18 Fires, 2.22 Interference with Other Users, 2.26 Parades, Public Assemblies or Meetings, 2.30 Protection of Property, 2.34 Restrictions Applicable to Specific Recreational Activities and Facilities, 2.39 Sleeping on District Property, 2.42 Weapons and Fireworks, 3.05 Driving Areas, 3.16 Parking, 4.01 Hours, from 9 a.m. Friday July 27 to Sunday July 29 for the Civil War Encampment at Four Seasons contingent upon obtaining all necessary local, county, state and federal permits. Commissioner Kuderna seconded the motion. On a roll call, five ayes (Nolan, Richardt, Scalzo, Kuderna, Bachner) one nay (Kundrot). Motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed Abatement Ordinance #19-506.

Commissioner Scalzo moved to approve Ordinance #19-506, an ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2018 to pay debt service on the General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017A, as presented. Vice President Richardt seconded the motion. On a roll call, six ayes (Richardt, Scalzo, Kundrot, Kuderna, Bachner, Nolan). Motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed IMRF Early Retirement Incentive Resolution #2019-1,

Commissioner Bachner moved to approve IMRF Early Retirement Incentive Resolution #2019-1 as presented. Vice President Richardt seconded the motion. On a roll call, six ayes (Scalzo, Kundrot, Kuderna, Bachner, Nolan, Richardt). Motion carried.

The Year End Review was presented and will also be available on the District website.

Commissioner Comments

The February Board meeting will be moved to Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

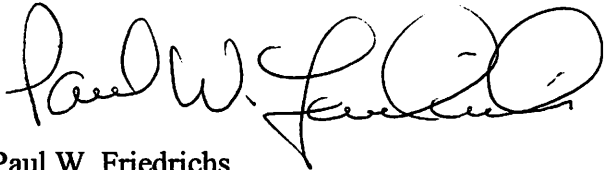
There being no further discussion, at 7:29 p.m. Commissioner Kuderna moved to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting and move into Closed Session: 2(c)1 Performance of Employee and 2(c)11 Pending or probable or imminent litigation. Vice President Richardt seconded the motion. On a roll call, six ayes (Kundrot, Richardt, Bachner, Kuderna, Nolan, Scalzo). Motion carried.

Commissioner Kuderna made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting and reconvene the regular meeting. Vice President Richardt seconded the motion. On a call for the vote, six ayes (Bachner, Kuderna, Kundrot, Nolan, Richardt, Scalzo). Motion carried.

President Kundrot said that the Board met in Closed Session under Section 2(c)1 and 2(c)11 and no final action was taken.

There being no further business at 8:14 p.m., Commissioner Kuderna made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of January 22, 2019. Vice President Richardt seconded the motion. On a call for the vote, six ayes (Bachner, Kuderna, Kundrot, Nolan, Richardt, Scalzo). Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul W. Friedrichs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" and last name "Friedrichs" clearly legible.

Paul W. Friedrichs
Secretary

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