

**Minutes of the
Bloomingdale Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
June 16, 2014
Johnston Recreation Center
6:00PM**

PUBLIC INPUT GATHERING RE CIRCLE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Call to Order – Special Meeting

The special meeting of the Bloomingdale Park District Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Andre Burke, Karen Johns, Mike Vogl and Buzz Puccio. Commissioner Childress is excused as he is working out of town. Staff members in attendance were Carrie Fullerton, Sandy Vangundy, Andrea Pindak, Josh Hendricks, Joe Potts and June Fergus.

The purpose of this special meeting was to gather public input regarding the application for an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant offered through the State of Illinois for Circle Park. The application is for a new nature playground, picnic shelter, small skate spot, adult outdoor fitness equipment, rain gardens, increased interpretive nature areas and signage, and improvements to the storm water system and roller hockey rink (for multi-seasonal use). Proposed renovations and additions are derived from the Park District's Strategic Plan, ADA Transition Plan and most recent Needs Assessment.

Recognition of Visitors

Visitors present were residents:

Karima Berrabah, Sue Schembari, Terri Graves, Kay Laureto, Nick and Susan Argentino, Linda Campbell, Steve and Sophia Apostolopoulos, Ted Pacut, Tom and Carol Trunick, Jim Carlquist, Viorel Puscas live near the Circle Park property.

Pastor Bill Calvin was representing Bloomingdale Church and Nick Samuels with Shaw Media (Suburban Life Magazine) was also in attendance.

New Business

Welcome from Executive Director Carrie Fullerton

Director Fullerton welcomed the guests and introduced Mr. John Vann with Land Tech Design Ltd., the landscape architect working with us to create our grant application and park vision/plan.

Ms. Fullerton reviewed the OSLAD grant process and the scope of the project that would be possible if we were awarded grant funds.

Why Now?

- The grant is a 50/50 match from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)

- Applications are due July 1, 2014

General Overview of the Project:

- New Nature-Themed Playground
- New Adult Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- Shoreline Stabilization
- Adapt Roller Hockey Rink to offer Winter Ice Skating
- New Picnic Shelter/Outdoor Classroom
- Interpretive Signage and Walking Trail

Financing

- The current capital budget includes \$167,000 for the playground only
- Full design concept plan with the award of the OSLAD grant would cost \$440,298.00
- The agency would pay \$220,149.00 from capital project funds with the other \$220,149.00 being paid by grant funds

Research Done

- To determine what needed to be done to the Circle Park property, we utilized these key documents:
 - The most recent Needs Assessment (2010)
 - Strategic Plan (2013-2018)
 - Capital Asset Replacement Plan (2013-2032)
 - ADA Transition Plan
- These four documents provided us with information on what our residents want, what our capital needs are to maintain our properties to the best of our ability, and what it would take to make the park more accessible to ALL.

John Vann presented a Power Point outlining the concept plan and reviewed an aerial view of the existing site layout. He requested input from residents as to what changes and additions they would like to see incorporated into these plans. No comments or suggestions from residents were made regarding the design plans for Circle Park.

Residents expressed concerns about the condition of the creek running through Circle Park and the fact that the creek needs to be dredged and cleaned of debris and overgrowth. The board thanked the community for their comments and assured them that the agency would address the condition of the creek immediately.

Adjournment

Commissioner Vogl moved, seconded by Commissioner Johns, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm. On voice vote the motion was approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie A. Fullerton
Board Secretary