

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 20, 2021

6:00 PM

Village Hall

Committee of the Whole

*Village President Keith Pekau
Village Clerk Patrick R. O'Sullivan
Trustees, William R. Healy, Cynthia Nelson Katsenes, Michael R. Milani,
Sean Kampas, Brian Riordan and Joni Radaszewski*

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Riordan participated in the meeting remotely via telephone due to a work commitment.

Present: 7 - President Pekau; Trustee Healy; Trustee Nelson Katsenes; Trustee Milani; Trustee Kampas; Trustee Riordan and Trustee Radaszewski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2021-0675 Approval of the September 7, 2021, Committee of the Whole Minutes

I move to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of September 7, 2021.

A motion was made by Trustee Nelson Katsenes, seconded by Trustee Milani, that this matter be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - President Pekau, Trustee Healy, Trustee Nelson Katsenes, Trustee Milani, Trustee Kampas, Trustee Riordan, and Trustee Radaszewski

Nay: 0

ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION

2021-0691 Therapy Dog Introduction

Chief Joseph Mitchell introduced the Police Department's new therapy dog Leo and performed the Therapy Dog Badge Pinning Ceremony. (refer to audio)

Officer Miller and President Pekau had comments. (refer to audio)

This item was for discussion only. NO ACTION was required.

2021-0673 Semi-Annual Police Department Activity Update

Chief Joseph Mitchell presented a summary of the crime statistics for the Village of Orland Park for 2021 thus far. (refer to audio)

President Pekau had comments and questions. (refer to audio)

Chief Mitchell responded to President Pekau. (refer to audio)

Trustee Healy had questions. (refer to audio)

Chief Mitchell responded to Trustee Healy. (refer to audio)

President Pekau had comments. (refer to audio)

This item was for discussion only. NO ACTION was required.

2021-0683 Parks Master Plan Update

On May 21, 2021, the Village of Orland Park awarded a contract to Wight & Co. to develop conceptual master plans for Centennial Park, Centennial Park West, Schussler Park and phase III of the John Humphrey Complex.

Stakeholder input is a critical component towards developing a long-term vision which will serve as a blueprint for the development of these park sites. To this end, a number of engagement sessions, as detailed below, have been or will be held to gather input from residents, Village athletic organizations, Village officials and staff.

Engagement Sessions

On July 12, 2021, Wight & Co. hosted a kick-off meeting with the master plan team to review existing parks conditions, gain an understanding of staff's goals for each park, develop an overall schedule (attached to the Committee Packet for reference), identify target audiences for engagement and to set dates for potential engagement session dates.

On August 12, 2021, representatives from the Boys Orland Youth Association, Girls Orland Youth Association, the Orland Park Soccer Club, Girls Sparks and the Chicago Fire met with Wight & Co. to share their needs and vision for each of the parks.

On August 24, 2021, Wight & Co. hosted a meeting with the Recreation Advisory Board to gain an understanding of the Board's desired improvements for each park.

Community engagement sessions were hosted in-person on August 30, 2021, and by Zoom on September 1, 2021. Postcard notices were mailed to 877 residents residing near the planned parks inviting resident participation. Additionally, a robust social media campaign, as well as an e-mail to over 7,000, was sent to notify residents of these engagement opportunities. Approximately sixty (60) residents participated providing input centered around nine (9) categories. Participants then provided input and voted on the most desirable improvements (attached to the Committee Packet for reference) for each park.

A collective summary of improvements gathered from these engagement sessions is listed below.

Centennial Park West

Permanent stage / additional restrooms / venue for local graduations / utilize for all Village special events / permanent fencing & lighting / sledding hill / fishing pier / trail connections / picnic shelter / permanent concession stand / improvement to

traffic flow / cross country skiing / add a playground.

Centennial Park

Turf fields (soccer, lacrosse, football, baseball/softball) / improved marina capabilities / development of north parcel / improved ingress/egress / lighted tennis courts / lighted, dedicated pickleball courts / better recreational options on Lake Sedgewick (i.e. paddle boarding) / adding native plantings and creating educational opportunities / new recreational amenities (i.e. climbing wall, in-line skating / batting cages (pregame warm-ups) flexible soccer fields / lighted soccer fields / additional shade structures/pavilions and permanent restrooms / track / dog beach / basketball courts / fitness court / ropes course / improved/extended boardwalk / improve skate park / remove skate park / full-size baseball field(s).

Schussler Park

Lighted, turf soccer, football, lacrosse fields / full-size baseball field / improved parking / upgrade sledding hill / fully ADA accessible baseball field / fully ADA accessible park & playground / fishing outlooks / storm water management improvement / new tennis and basketball courts / new natural planting features / shade pavilion / add a skate park / pickleball courts / permanent / restrooms / aerator/fountain for ponds / zip-line / sensory play / native gardens / monarch waystation / new field lighting / rain garden / ADA accessible paths and parking / kayak launch.

John Humphrey Complex Phase III

Playground / new lighting system / removal of Erwin building / new concession stand / splash pad / native plantings & gardens / habitat learning center / cross country course / bike trail connections / turf fields (baseball, soccer, lacrosse) / batting cages (pregame warm-ups) / improve and develop High Point fields & fencing / more parking / ADA accessible baseball field / pollinator garden / screening along West Ave. / family amenities / improved irrigation & drainage / turf infields/grass outfields / shade structures/pavilion(s) / full size baseball field(s) / dedicated pickleball courts.

An additional tool being utilized to gain an understanding of residents' visions and hopes for each park, includes a statistically valid survey (attached to the Committee Packet for reference) that was mailed to 300 randomly selected Orland Park residents the week of September 13, 2021. The survey will be made available to all residents utilizing the Village's website, social media platforms and a micro-site created by Wight & Co beginning the week of September 20, 2021.

At an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting, Wight & Co. will present survey results, a summary of the community engagement meetings and engage the Board to gather input to be incorporated into the development of each parks conceptual master plan.

In October/November, Wight & Co. will develop three (3) concepts, with cost opinions for each park site. Stakeholder groups previously engaged will be invited to provide input on each design. Each concept will then be refined to one (1) concept with updated costs.

In December, Wight & Co. expects to meet with the Village’s project team to review concepts and costs, making minor updates prior to presenting final plans to the Board of Trustees in January.

Director of Recreation and Parks Ray Piattoni presented information regarding this matter. (refer to audio)

President Pekau had comments and questions. (refer to audio)

Director Piattoni and Public Works Director Joel Van Essen responded to President Pekau. (refer to audio)

President Pekau had additional questions. (refer to audio)

This item was for discussion only. NO ACTION was required.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:37 P.M.

A motion was made by Trustee Kampas, seconded by Trustee Milani, that this matter be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - President Pekau, Trustee Healy, Trustee Nelson Katsenes, Trustee Milani, Trustee Kampas, Trustee Riordan, and Trustee Radaszewski

Nay: 0

2021-0693 Audio Recording for the September 20, 2021, Committee of the Whole Meeting

NO ACTION

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Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick R. O'Sullivan, Village Clerk