

Note: This report was taken from the online audio re-broadcast of the Elmhurst Park District meeting.

**Elmhurst Park District
June 25, 2007
7:00 pm – ?**

**Healy arrived late
Public: 0 Staff: 5 Press: 0
Observer: J. Dorner**

President Kubiesa called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Commissioner Kies stated that the Policy Committee will be meeting on Wednesday at 8:00.

Public Comment: Alderman Michael Bram spoke to the Commissioners about opportunities for land purchase that his constituents have suggested that the park district should consider:

- On Belden, butting up to Crestview Park is a little more than 5 acres and is listed for slightly less than \$5,000,000. This lot has a building on it.
- Fremont and Elmcrest behind Liberty Square is listed at slightly more than \$1,000,000.
- Although this property is not currently for sale, rumors about the Gun Club on Grand Ave. seem to imply that this space may become available for purchase.

Alderman Bram asked that he be notified about the possibility of purchase of any of these areas. Commissioner Kubiesa replied that the Board would not be answering his concern at this time, but they were aware of these properties and someone would get back to him.

Consent Agenda: The included approval of the 6-11-2007 minutes, the check registers, and bids for Courts Plus interior remodeling bids. The motion carried.

Board Business

- a. No new business
- b. Old Business
 - 1) Strategic Plan follow-up

Lynn Montei facilitated the discussion concerning the Strategic Plan Development. Twenty Elmhurst Park District stakeholders, comprised of Par Commissioners, management team and team of staff members, convened for two workshops (6/11/07 and 6/18/07) for the purpose of creating the Elmhurst Park District Strategic Plan for 2012. A draft vision, which was synthesized from the two meetings, was presented and the Board discussed it.

Draft Vision

Maintain Current facilities

- Ball fields/athletic fields

Create Green Space

- Create land acquisition fund
- Neighborhood parks within safe walking distance

Comprehensively and strategically optimize current and future District space

- Square footage
- Multipurpose
- Flexible space

Ensure Organizational Health

- Fiscal health, mandated, capital/operations
- Strategic and comprehensive planning commitment
- Continually invest in staff, board and volunteers
- Staffing levels
- Safety

Optimize relationships with organizations, individuals, and the community

- Customer service
- Registration
- Communication
- Engagement of stakeholders

Forecast, evaluate, and implement best practices

- Trends
- Programs
- Demographics

(Note: The observer tried to make the changes in the draft document suggested by the Commissioners.) Commissioner Reinertsen moved to adopt the vision, with revisions, for 2012. The motion was seconded and carried. Once the vision is in place, action plan can be initiated.

2.) Synthetic Turf Field Update

Jim Rogers reported that a site visit was made to Philadelphia and New York to sites that had synthetic turfs installed by the Team REIL to whom EPD had awarded the bid. Mr. Rogers was impressed with the installations and recommended the Board continue with this vendor.

The lighting bid was re-bid as one field rather than two. This re-bid was rejected and the vendor will try again. The Park District hopes that one field will be lighted and another will have the conduit run should funds be available later to light the other field.

Both Commissioners Ubriaco and Kies expressed concern about drainage for this synthetic turf field and the residents around the field. The staff assured the Commissioners that all rainwater will be detained on site and no residents will see any negative consequences.

The field is expected to be substantially completed by Aug. 20th and final completion to be September 17th. The Board concurred that this upgrade will cost no more than \$1,250,515. Elmhurst Eagles are aware of these dates and have scheduled accordingly.

c.) Commissioner Information Items:

1. Commissioners Ubriaco, Kies, and Morissette-Moll spoke about magazine articles, East End Pool and patrons pleasure in the design and staff, and several dates for events and meetings.

3. Committee Reports

- a. Gateway – The budget has requested increases of 3.5% of all participating bodies. They are looking into registration software. They received a \$3,000 donation from the Elmhurst Morning Rotary Club.
- b. PEP – The 2nd annual golf outing made about \$6100. A check for recreation assistance will be cut. There will probably not be a fall event.

d.) Different staff made announcements.