

Elmhurst Park District Board
July, 10, 2006
7:01 pm to 8:13 pm

All Commissioners Present
Visitors: 9 Staff: 6
Observer: G. Anderson

Public Comment: Chuck Forrester conveyed information regarding the dismissal of his son from employment as a lifeguard at the Smalley Pool. He questioned the grounds for dismissal and requested the matter be looked into with possible compensation to his son for lost wages.

Commissioner Kubiesa requested an addition of Closed Session at the end of the agenda so the Board could be brought up to speed on the matter addressed in Public Comment.

Consent Agenda: The Board approved, 7 to 0, the Regular Minutes from the June 26, 2006 meeting; check registers and 2006 Paving Bids.

Board Business:

The Gold Medal Video was shown and it was related that the EPD is 1 of 4 finalists in contention for the medal.

The amendment to User Policy for Parks and Facilities Ordinance (O-07-06) was unanimously approved. These changes were necessary to amended state law and state that:

1. If a person knowingly commits battery to a government official engaged in the performance of their duties the crime will be upgraded to aggravated battery.
2. The Illinois Parental Responsibility Law, with a maximum fine of \$250,000 applies when recovering fines from an individual who violates a regulation in the Ordinance.

Group II Bid for Site Utilities at East End Pool was awarded to Pat McNally Construction Co. in the amount of \$150,800.00 with a unanimous vote.

A motion made by Mary Kies at the June 26, 2006 meeting regarding the Wilder Mansion/1964 addition building was discussed at length. Highlights of the motion include that the EPD would be exclusive owners of the property at 211 Prospect and that use of the building would be exclusive according to the policies governing all other Park District facilities. Commissioners discussion included the motion being a moot point as this information is already in the agreement and the need for mentioning the whole property in a motion may lead some to mistake the agreement to pertain only to the Wilder Mansion portion of the old library and not include the 1964 addition. The motion failed 5 to 2.

These topics, regarding usage/plans for the Wilder Building, were decided upon for early review at upcoming meetings: (in no particular order).

*Let the City know in writing the intent to seek Historical Preservation of the Wilder Mansion. Information as to National, State and Local ordinances will be researched before applications are made.

*Staff recommendations for use of the building will be provided at the Aug. 14, 2006 EPB meeting.

*Visions for future plans at Wilder Park to be included in discussions.

*President Goworowski will see that EPB members will have access to any pertinent documents needed in these discussions.

Announcements were made regarding the upcoming Garden Walk July 9 and availability to purchase Elmhurst PD Commissioners Cookbook.

East End Pool Ground Breaking Ceremony and Last Splash Party will be on Aug. 5, 2006.