

**Elmhurst Park District**  
**November 27, 2006**  
**7:00 - 8:51 pm**

**All present**  
**Public: 3, Press: 1 Staff: 5**  
**Observer: G. Anderson**  
**arrived at 7:20 pm**

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**BOARD BUSINESS**

- a. New Business**
- b. Old Business**

**1. FY 2006 Budget**

Observer arrived during discussion of swimming pool fees. Park District nets \$110,000 from the pools. For a family of four (4), there will be a 33% increase in fees in 2007. Number of lifeguards at pools will increase and lifeguard salaries will also increase. There is a scholarship program available for pool passes and Park District programs for families/individuals unable to pay the fees.

**2. Comprehensive Park Plan Analysis**

Richard Twitchell, of Edwards and Kelecy, presented an overview of his inventory and assessment of all parks and facilities within the Elmhurst Park District. On-site visits, public comment, survey results and staff recommendations factor into the recommendations. The document includes general recommendations for parks and facilities and a description, rating and recommendations for each individual park and recreation facility. Each park was evaluated independently and not in comparison to the other parks. Rating scale is on a 0 - 10 basis. Highest rating was The Hub with a 9.4 and lowest was Crescent Park with a score of 2.9.

The report suggests:

- Standardization of site furnishings and amenities - benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles, drinking fountains, bicycle racks, etc.
- Landscape improvements at all parks
- Improving and replacing of old signage
- ADA accessibility improvements - picnic tables, concrete pads under tables and concrete walkways to seating areas, etc.
- Toilet facility improvements with shading
- Athletic field/courts upgrading with re-cut fields; improved lighting, irrigation, fencing, and increased attention to safety issues
- New facilities/Redevelopment of Site Master Plans at: The Abbey, Wilder Mansion/Administration/Conservatory, Plunkett Park/Courts Plus, west side of Eldridge Park, Crescent Park, Wild Meadows Trace, Kiwanis Park, York Commons and Berens Park/The Hub

**c. Commissioner Information Items/Announcements**

1. Commissioner Ubriaco stated that the recent Turkey Trot was well attended and beautiful.
2. Committee Reports - Commissioner Kies attended the Lizzadro meeting on 11/16 and reported that the museum received a grant from the city for their advertising and will renovate the front steps and storage space underneath with these funds. The museum reports receiving many gifts and donations and there were no parking complaints.
3. Future agenda - policy committee to meet Dec. 1 at 8:30 am.

d. Staff Information Items:

- Cathy Medema, Director of Finance/HR - performance appraisals are in process.
- Jim Rogers, Deputy Director of Parks - property at 647 Crockett has been subdivided so the Park District will receive increased tax revenue. Tree lighting in Wilder Park is Dec. 1 at 6:30 pm.
- Angela Ferrentino, Division Manager, Facilities - East End Park pool work was going well with the good weather.
- Don Chapman, Director of Enterprise Services - Golf course also saw increased revenue with the good weather. Tennis courts were approximately 77% full. Courts Plus has new counter tops, and other improvements were completed.

\*Commissioner Kubiesa noted the IADP conference is in Chicago. Information will be distributed on the events soon.

MOTION to suspend normal rules to allow for a citizen arriving late to make a public comment was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** A citizen stated the land for sale on Spring Rd. just north of the tracks and Silverado Restaurant is not worth the asking price, and is not the right location for a Park District property.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Motion was made to go into closed session to discuss Wilder Mansion - purchase or lease of real property. Commissioner Ubriaco objected to going into closed session for these discussions citing the Open Meetings Act. President Goworowski stated that these discussions could be handled either in or out of closed session. Motion passed 5-2.

**ADJOURNMENT** into closed session at 8:51 pm.