

**Elmhurst Park District**  
**December 11, 2006**  
**7:00 – 7:58 pm**

**All Present**  
**Public: 0 Press: 1 Staff: 6**  
**Observer: M. Sullivan**

Consent Agenda  
Board Business

**New Business:**

1. Audio Streaming: Commissioner Kies met with Commissioner Kubiesa on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss audio recording for the Park District's website. They stated that position 5.20 will stand and that audio streaming will be available to the public on the Park District's website after January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007. There will be downloading capabilities with this technology. It was noted that this audio recording picks up noise such as coughs and end-users will get an unedited sound recording of the park board meetings.
2. 2007 Board Meeting Dates were discussed and passed unanimously. It was noted that the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting will be moved to May 29<sup>th</sup> because it falls on Memorial Day. The motion to accept the 2007 calendar was approved unanimously and will meet on the following dates:

Jan. 8 & 22	July 9 & 23
Feb. 12 & 26	Aug. 13 & 27
March 12 & 26	Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>
April 9 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>	October 9 <sup>th</sup> * & 22 <sup>nd</sup>
May 14 & 28 <sup>th</sup> *	November 12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>
June 11 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	December 10 <sup>th</sup>

\*Denotes that the Board will meet on the following Tuesday.

**Old Business:**

1. Approval of FY 2007 Budget and Appropriate Ordinance O-12-06 was set to vote by Park District Executive Direct Grodsky and Director of Finance and Human Resources, Medema. This ordinance is the formal document which legally enacts the budget that has been reviewed and directed to be put in final form. The ordinance passed unanimously.
2. Approval of 2006 Tax Levy Ordinance – O-13-06 and O-14-06 which levies and assesses the taxes of the Elmhurst Park District was approved unanimously.
3. Approval of the 2006 Amended Budget and Appropriation Ordinance O-15-06 which is the formal document which legally enacts the budget that was reviewed was passed unanimously. The approval of this ordinance will enact the legislation informing the County Clerks that expenditures can be made.

Upon approval of all budgetary items Executive Director Grodsky thanked Cathy Medema, Director of Finance and Human Resources, and her staff for their work on the budget.

4. Eldridge Park West Playground Design – Jim Rogers, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, and Jerry Pask, Landscape Architect, discussed improvement plans for the Eldridge Park West Playground. Mr. Rogers noted that the Park District replaces one playground each year and that they are on a 17-18 year replacement cycle. Elmhurst now has 18 playgrounds intended for the tots and youth of Elmhurst. Although more than 200 notices were mailed inviting residents who live in the area surrounding Eldridge Park to provide input to the park’s design, seven residents attended the first public meeting Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Rogers noted that one diseased tree will be taken out but the rest will remain. This project will cost \$232,000. Residents requested:
  - a. Replace existing playground with new equipment and ensure this equipment can be used by both tots and youth
  - b. Install poured-in-place safety surfacing where possible
  - c. Provide more swings
  - d. If possible, do not remove trees
  - e. Provide more shade structures
  - f. Due to the amount of trees, do not provide shade cover on the playground equipment
  - g. Provide more seating and benches
  - h. Do not incorporate a theme in the playground
  - i. Do not incorporate a sand box in the playground
  - j. Incorporate spring animals rather than contemporary, generic spring form devices
  - k. Consider converting one of the two full-size basketball courts to allow younger users to enjoy

Mr. Pask presented four options for the Board to consider and discussed new and unique features (i.e. new sling shot, simulated rock climbing) that the park will provide. Commissioner Ubriaco questioned if there will be any “slow down movement” toward the water. Discussion ensued about installing a foot rail fence near the water, and in addition, a split rail fence to be installed near Commonwealth Lane.

Mr. Rogers also discussed the problem of geese coming into the play area and noted that they have begun removing eggs from Eldridge Island so that geese don’t return to nest.

Commissioner Healy moved to approve option “C” and the motion was passed unanimously. Construction documents will be prepared and the project will be let out to bid. Mr. Roger’s staff anticipates beginning construction next spring in order to have the new playground installed by summer.

C. **Commissioner Information Items/Announcements**

Commissioner Morissette-Moll thanked the Park District for helping with child care arrangements during the Hawthorne School asbestos abatement project.

Commissioner Kies reported that the holiday staff party was great and that the

Courts Plus Triathlon was a huge success. Kies also reported that the Garden Club is going to have an extreme makeover for the herb garden and that they are going for a national award. Don Chapman, Director of Enterprise Services reported that his staff is working on getting better signage for directions to the Sugar Creek Golf course. It was also noted that the East End swimming pool project is moving forward and updated pictures of construction progress will be provided shortly. This week's warm weather will help move construction more quickly. Colleen Callahan, Director of Marketing/Communications, noted that the Elmhurst Historical Museum is showing old pictures of the Park District. She also reported that she will be updating picnic and wedding pamphlets.

**Closed Session:** Pursuant to 5ILCS120/2c5 for the purpose of "purchase or lease of real estate property for the use of the public body including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired." The Board went into closed session to discuss the Wilder Mansion.

**ADJOURNMENT** into closed session at 7:58 p.m.