

ARLINGTON PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINTUES

Approved

August 29, 2023

The Town of Arlington Park and Recreation Commission came to order for its online virtual meeting via Zoom on Tuesday August 29, 2023 at 6:00pm.

Commission Members: Phil Lasker, Shirley Canniff, Leslie Mayer, Jen Rothenberg, Scott Walker and Sarah Carrier. Josh Fenollosa was not in attendance. Recreation Director Joe Connelly was also present.

Anticipated Speakers: Josh Atkinson, Ngan Han, Adam Fearing, Bob Corning, Katalin Glasscock-Szabo from Stantec. Danielle Desilets, Kyle Zick and Rob Barella from KZLA. Ian Ramsey, Emily Hunt and Andrew Arbaugh from Copley Wolff.

Preliminary Matter: Scott Walker, Park & Recreation Commission Chair, took formal attendance via a roll call and read a statement pertaining to Governor Baker's Public Meeting Law change due to COVID-19 regarding virtual meetings. Meeting business ground rules and procedures were also covered by Mr. Walker.

Landscape Architect Interviews

The Park Commission interviewed the firms of Copley Wolff, Stantec, and Kyle Zick Associates. The format for the interviews was 20 minute presentation and 10 minutes question and answer.

Capital Plan Review

Mr. Connelly presented the Capital Plan for FY 25, 26 and 27.

- a. FY25 – Crosby Courts (CPA), Parallel (Capital), Field Master Plan (CPA and Capital)
- b. FY26 – Playground Master Plan (Capital and CPA), Florence Field (CPA), Thorndike Dog Park (Capital)
- c. FY27 – Buzzell Playground (CPA – pending playground study FY26)

Funding for Menotomy and Parallel is for design only. Build money has not been secured.

Capital –

- a. FY25 - \$720K
- b. FY26 - \$510K
- c. FY27 - \$135K

ARPA – N/A

CPA –

- a. FY25 – \$1M
- b. FY26 - \$750K
- c. FY27 - \$500K

Poet's Corner Discussion – The Commission discussed the need to establish a concept for the town's land and to have concepts ready to work with the new buyer of the Archdiocese parcel. The Commission further discussed how to incorporate Poet's into the Capital request. The Commission discussed the following possibilities:

- a. FY25 – Poet's design instead of Field Master Plan
- b. FY26 – Field Master Plan instead of Florence
- c. FY27 – Playground Master Plan
- d. Poet's Corner – Constructing a dog park? How to maximize field space? Install a playground? What are the needs of the new owners and what can be negotiated?

New Business

Mr. Lasker – Weston and Sampson’s revised proposals for Hills’ Hill have been presented. Suggested doing the full design and phase construction as needed.

Public Comment – N/A

Ms. Canniff motioned to adjourn at 9:14pm, seconded by Ms. Rothenberg and approved 5-0.

The Arlington Park & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes were respectfully submitted by Deanna Stacchi.