

**GRAYSLAKE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

July 6, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm Vice President Swearingen. Upon roll call the following were:

PRESENT: Commissioners Cinke, Fabbri, Swearingen, Toth, Whalen. (Absent: Ryan, Weinert). Staff: Nehila, Splitt. Guests: Bruce Bassett and David Emanuleson. Board Recording Secretary Shari Raven.

MOTION: by Cinke that the Park Board of Commissioners approve the July 6, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda as amended. Move up Agenda Item #6 Other Matters to after Item #3 Approval of Agenda. Second by Toth. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Other Matters:

Director Nehila administered the Oath of Office to Terry Toth.

Village Trustee Bruce Bassett discussed the proposed development Mercy Health Senior Living Center to be constructed south of Rt. 120 near Lake Street. He is inquiring about a 3 acre strip of land, and asking if the Park District is interested in developing and maintaining the land and possibly constructing an overlook that connects to the parking lot.

Board Members concerns are:

1. Park District costs to maintain it.
2. A sidewalk would need to be built.
3. Street safety for the public and ADA accessibility.
4. Need to construct shoreline stabilization.
5. Very limited usage.

Nehila will look at the parcel of land and report his findings at the July 20, 2011 Park Board Meeting.

Nehila recommended Board Members consider hiring a firm to conduct a community survey. He stated the potential values of performing a community needs assessment/survey include:

1. A survey is significant component of a comprehensive master plan.
2. A survey would be a required standard for any grant request.
3. A survey could provide clarity/direction on specific initiatives/opportunities.

David E. Emanuelson of Public Research Group from Naperville was present and discussed his company's success with the comprehensive data gathering process. His firm uses a combination of mail, phone and email along with a "Delphi" focus group involving community leaders. He discussed the order of events which included:

1. Schedule of dates, kick off meeting with staff.
2. Send out emails from the Park District data base, GLPD website and mailings.
3. Meet with Board Members-brainstorm ideas on "What the Public Wants i.e. amenities, programs, recreational activities.
4. Meet with staff and create a "Delphi" committee with community interest groups.
5. Invite the general public to Board Meetings and present findings to them and gather input.

Emanuelson stated the entire process takes three and half months beginning to end. The survey would be a component for the comprehensive master plan, allow the park district to apply for grants, and to go for referendum in one-two years for the purchase of land acquisition. The Board thanked Emanuelson for his presentation.

Spitt stated the annual picnic and fireworks held on July 2, 2011 went very well. Board Members praised staff on a job well done.

Nehila stated the second weed control application for Grayslake is scheduled for July 12th. The application will target Clasping Leaf Pondweed, that was prevalent late last summer. A number of the districts detention ponds have developed algae this year. The algae growth is promoted by spring runoff and shallow, clear and warm water. Staff has received input from residents along the College Trail pond and is researching removal and treatment methods.

The district has submitted the Cullen Park OSLAD grant and another newly created grant to IDNR for additional summer hires. The summer hires will be utilized to supplement the parks maintenance crew.

MOTION: by Cinke to adjourn at 8:25pm. Second by Fabbri. Upon roll call all Park Board Members voted "aye" No nays. Motion passed.

Adjourned 8:25pm.

Gayle Cinke, Secretary
Board of Commissioners