



VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Agenda

April 22, 2021

3:00 p.m.

(Virtual)

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1. Open Meeting
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
3. Charles Brown Park Renovation Project Update
4. Greentree Park Renovation Project
5. Open Item
6. Adjournment

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
DRAFT Minutes
Thursday, February 25, 2021

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was held virtually on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Those in attendance included Commission Members: Aaron Zych, Meredith Castro, Amanda McDonagh, Tim Shanahan and Jim Connell. Also in attendance was Deputy Village Administrator Ashley Engelmann, Trustee Pat Carey, David Thornborough, Parks Superintendent and Julie Ludwig, Recreation Manager.

Roll Call

On Roll Call the meeting was called to order:

AYES: Zych, Castro, McDonagh, Shanahan, Connell

NAYS: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Shanahan and seconded by Member McDonagh to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2021 meeting.

AYES: Zych, Castro, McDonagh, Shanahan, Connell

NAYS: None

The minutes were approved unanimously.

Charles Brown Park Renovation Project

Deputy Administrator Engelmann presented the results of the playground design survey for Charles Brown Park. There were 518 survey respondents. Option A received the most votes with 47.49% of respondents selecting this option. Option B received 27.80% of the vote, Option C 7.14% and 17.57% for Option D. Option A was designed by BCI Burke who also designed the playground at Adler. The second part of the survey asked respondents which equipment they would prefer to have included in the playground. The options included a balance beam, saucer swing, net climber and seesaw. The top two options that were selected were the net climber and saucer swing. She also noted that about 94% of the respondents were Libertyville residents.

The group discussed Option A. It was noted that a saucer swing would most likely not fit in the footprint of the design, but a balance beam may fit.

Deputy Administrator Engelmann stated that the design does not currently include pour-in-play surface. Staff is recommending not to install pour-in-play as it is not required, and it is costly.

Discussion ensued as to whether a pour-in-play path could be added, like the one at Adler Park. The group consensus was to obtain a quote for pour-in-play and try to incorporate it into the design and to work towards navigating the pour-in-play pathway to the ADA components.

The group consensus was to proceed with Option A.

Deputy Administrator also noted that she will check with the vendor regarding whether *Kids Around the World* would take the existing equipment as a donation.

Superintendent Thornborough presented an idea to add to the park which is a new technology interactive activity called Biba games. Biba games is a healthy, game app that parents can download for free onto their phones. The group viewed a video on the product and agreed that staff should pursue a quote for adding it to the park.

A motion was made by Member Castro and seconded by Member McDonagh to recommend proceeding with Option A for the playground design for Charles Brown Park.

The motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Zych, Castro, McDonagh, Shanahan, Connell

NAYS: None

Member Castro noted that there may be an opportunity for a business to sponsor the purchase of the Biba application.

Deputy Administrator Engelmann stated that she would anticipate the playground purchase occurring at either the March 9th or 23rd Village Board meeting and that there will be lead time for obtaining the equipment before construction can occur. The timeline will also be dependent upon the weather.

Open Item

Deputy Administrator Engelmann reported to the group that the FY 21/22 Budget will include conducting a Master Plan for Nicholas Dowden Park as well as renovating Greentree Park. She noted that the master plan can be used to apply for OSLAD funding.

Member Castro inquired about the order for the playground renovations in the master plan. Deputy Administrator Engelmann responded that the order was developed by reviewing the age of the playground, type of playground and use generators. Ms. Engelmann also noted that the playground order can be modified through the review process.

Adjournment

At 3:41 p.m. Member Shanahan moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Connell seconded the motion.

The motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Zych, Castro, McDonagh, Shanahan, Connell

NAYS: None

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Engelmann
Deputy Village Administrator