

**Carol Stream Park District
Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
February 25, 2019
6:00pm**

Call to Order	Commissioner Sokolowski called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.
Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance	Present: Commissioners Powers, Gramann, Bird, Sokolowski, Jeffery and Del Preto. Commissioner Jaszka arrived at 6:11 Staff: Executive Director Reuter, Directors Bachewicz, Hamilton, Rini.
Discussion	<p>Community Park</p> <p>Executive Director Reuter presented an overview of Community Park. It is located in the south east quadrant of town surrounded by several apartment complexes, including senior and low income housing. Residents of these complexes are within walking distance to the park.</p> <p>1. Amenities include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two pavilions (one with restrooms) • two playground structures • a swing set • two basketball courts • two tennis court • two volleyball courts • two back stops with player benches • two sets of soccer goals • two checkers tables • 12 benches throughout the park • 15 picnic tables throughout the park • Walking paths <p>The parking lot needs to be resurfaced, and probably made larger. We may consider takin out the sand volleyball court in the center of the parking lot to allow for more parking spaces. Commissioner Gramann observed during our visit last spring there were not many cars in the parking lot. She doesn't want to spend lots of money on something if it is not being used.</p> <p>The backstops and fields are not being used for baseball; instead the grassy areas are being used for soccer. The bathrooms need to be upgraded but the building is structurally sound and all utilities are in place. We should consider increasing the size, or adding more picnic shelters. The playgrounds are safe but should be updated.</p> <p>There is a sanitary easement running through the park from Gunderson to Thornhill. Any plans will need to work around that easement.</p> <p>The Village has been awarded a grant to repave and widening the paths throughout most of the park. They hope to eventually connect to the Carol</p>

Stream bike path system. Commissioner Bird asked if these paths will be ADA compliant. Executive Director Reuter said they will be. The sidewalks leading to the park on Thornhill Drive are not part of the park.

2. Budget

We have allocated \$100,000 in the Capital Improvement Plan to Community Park. The District is having a plat of survey prepared for the portion of the park that will be transferred to the Park District. The Village has agreed to split the cost the Park District. Commissioner Gramann asked how big the park is. Executive Director Reuter has 34 acres on record. When the property is deeded to the Park District, we will get it appraised. According to his research, the value of the land can be used for Land Matching for a future OSLAD grant. Funding for this project will come from multiple sources.

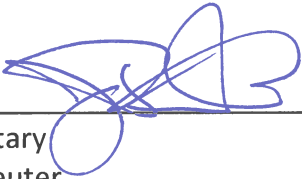
- OSLAD funding. That type of grant provide 50% reimbursement.
- CDBG funding would cover 80% of the approved costs; 20% from the District. This project is a good candidate for this grant due to the proximity of low to moderate housing nearby.
- Special Recreation funds can be used for a portion of the project.
- Governor Pritzker said there will be discretionary funds available to state senators and representatives who recommend suitable projects.
- Home Depot has Community Impacts Grants available for underserved communities in the amount of \$5,000 for the purchase of tools, materials or services.

Commissioner Sokolowski asked if we can apply for both CDBG and OSLAD. Executive Director Reuter said yes. OSLAD is state funded and CDBG is Federal funds. Commissioner Gramann suggested there may be other corporations that offer grants.

3. A Master Plan will provide an overall plan and cost estimate for Community Park. Amenities or changes will incorporate input from local residents and community. Grant applications will require we received community input. Community input meetings will provide the opportunity to educate the public about funding and emphasize that the park improvements will be done in phases as funding becomes available through grants. A consultant who is an expert in landscape architecture will be able to estimate the cost of park amenities and design a system so we can budget the different phases over time. Commissioner Gramann noted when we visited the park last spring how many people visited the park. Do you think the apartment residents will show interest in community meetings for this park? Commissioner Jeffery noted there was a good turnout for the Carolshire Community Input Meeting. Commissioner Sokolowski suggested the Village Department of Social Services would be a good resource to learn more about the community. Commissioner Bird asked about the cost to put together the Master Plan. Executive Director Reuter qualified that a very rough estimate would be \$10-15,000. The District could give designers an idea of the budget we have in mind when we put out the Request for Quotes.

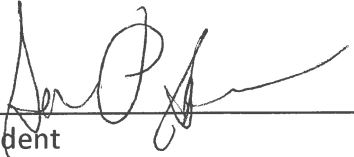
4. As we move closer to Village transferring the property to the Park District, we would benefit by having a Committee or Task Force with several Board members to provide direction for staff to develop the plan; board liaisons can also report progress back to the full Board. Commissioner Bird, Sokolowski,

	<p>Gramann and Powers expressed interest in sitting on a committee. There was some discussion about when the committee would meet but that can be decided at a later date. The committee will be a starting point before we move on to working on the master plan.</p> <p>5. Forest Preserve</p> <p>Two weeks ago staff attended a meeting with staff from the Village and Forest Preserve to discuss Community Park. The Forest Preserve did not seem interested in stepping into managing the wooded area or water ways. Commissioner Gramann said they will have to deal with it eventually. Executive Director Reuter emphasized we are only interested in the high and dry parcels. Commissioner Sokolowski suggested he could get in touch with Commissioner Al Murphy. The Park District continues to proceed as planned.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Commissioner Jeffery made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bird. Voice Vote taken. Motion passed 7-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.</p>



 Secretary
 Jim Reuter

March 11, 2019
 Date



 President
 Brian Sokolowski