

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND PARK SERVICES COMMITTEE

Willowbrook School
2500 Happy Hollow Road
Glenview, IL
Wednesday, October 6, 2010, 7:00 PM

1. Roll Call:

Chuck Balling called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Present:

Commissioners: Ted Przybylo, Angie Katsamakis

Staff: Chuck Balling, Executive Director; Fred Gullen, Superintendent of Park Services; Robert Quill, Superintendent of Leisure Services; Ken Wexler, Park Planner; Joe Pollina, Manager of Program Services; Cheryl Noll, Recording Secretary

Others: Craig Culp, NSSRA Executive Director; Dan Peterson, NSSRA Foundation and GVPD Foundation Member

Willow Park Neighbors (see attached listing) 10-11

2. Agenda Topics

- a. Presentation of concepts for the Willow Park Fieldhouse and Playground Improvements
- b. Public In-put and Discussion

Executive Director Balling welcomed everyone and discussed how it has been 20 years since the last renovation at Willow Park. The Foundation has been very helpful in providing funds to facilitate this project. The updating will be to the fieldhouse, bringing it up to ADA standards, the pathways and the playground.

Executive Director Balling introduced Executive Director Culp and explained the partnership with NSSRA. Flyers were passed out showing an example of how NSSRA sees the fieldhouse being used on a typical week. A background on the NSSRA was given regarding who they serve and the areas they serve, programming plans and their mission. He explained that it is an agency that strives to include everyone, the able bodied person and the disabled person. It is all about choice.

Discussion between residents and staff ensued regarding how the facility will be utilized. Staff indicated it will be used like other field houses and since it will be updated to conform to the ADA guidelines, it will be more accessible to the disabled population and acclimated for hosting programs with the disabled.

Residents were concerned about the increased traffic into the area, especially at drop off and pick up times for the school. They also wanted to be sure that there would be no conflict with the school for usage. Staff indicated that they would take all these concerns into consideration, perhaps staggering the starting time of programs at the field house and working with the school to make a master schedule for use of the building and the outside facilities

Bob Quill gave the history of field houses, how they were originally used for programming and that the Strategic Plan calls for that again. Research was done on field house usages and this one was one of the lowest, making it appropriate for the renovation and hopefully will entice more usage. Proposed renovations for the building and the funding of the renovations we reviewed and a flyer distributed. A resident suggested at least putting in the infrastructure for audio equipment into the building if not the entire package. Renovation on the field house should start in early spring and be finished by the end of summer.

Executive Director Balling introduced Ken Wexler, to discuss the playgrounds. He explained which elements of the park were in good condition and those that needed attention. That the Park District evaluates parks every 10 years to determine what needs to be replaced or repaired. This park is now 20 years old. This park got a 10 year tune up in 2000 when new slides and climbing components were added to the play piece. Any new playgrounds we put in have two areas, little kids 2-5 years old and a separate area for older 5-12 year olds. There are new ADA guidelines for accessibility that we need to adhere to including rubber surfacing on the ground. At this park we are looking to put an additional structure for NSSRA patrons. The new play pieces would support the NSSRA programs, a highly accessible playground, and an expansion of what is already there. There is no shade on this one and we like to incorporate that into playgrounds.

The cost of this playground is part of the general replacement program. Money has been set aside for this type of work. Vendors were given a limit for their designs, \$100,000 and there will be additional cost for site work. Maybe \$150,000 but the money has been building up through the years. One resident asked for a 50 foot short cut on the walking paths to make it a one kilometer path. Several residents requested that the roller slide remain in tact through out the renovations.

Commissioner Przybylo talked about the budget and capital placement and how the board is involved in the process. In 5 years if we need another roller slide for example, there will be money left to take care of the parks.

Bob Quill went over where the money comes from for this replacement. 1997 NSSRA Foundation was founded and in 1996 the Glenview Park Foundation was founded to raise funds for important projects that wouldn't other wise happen. Money given from the Foundations is all fundraised money, not tax money. The Glenview Park District has given \$100,000 towards this project and NSSRA has matched that. A special recreation levee goes to NSSRA that funds their organization for ADA specific improvements so that \$45,000 would come from the taxpayers. The Park District has \$60,000 set aside for capital improvements, NSSRA will match that with \$60,000, with only a portion of that taxed money coming from the Glenview residents, the rest from the other 12 communities.

How the Capital Replacement fund works was explained. An OSLAD grant from the State of Illinois has been applied for to help fund the sidewalks, playgrounds and fieldhouse renovations.

The residents were encouraged to give their opinion on the choice of playground equipment from the diagrams on hand and to offer any questions or suggestions to the staff.

3. Committee Recommendation(s)

None

4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

ATTEST:

Michael Scholl
Board President

Charles T. Balling
Board Secretary

Approved this 21st day of October, 2010