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**MUSEUMS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Glenview Park District-Administration Building

1930 Prairie Street, Glenview, IL 60025

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 24, 2017 @ 8:30 a.m.

**1. Roll Call**

Chairman Bill Casey called the meeting to order at 8:30 am and the roll was called.

**Commissioners present:** Bill Casey, Dave Dillon, Jen Roberts, Angie Katsamakidis, Dan Peterson, Dave Tosh

**Official Staff present:** Executive Director Mike McCarty, Superintendent of Leisure Services Elsa Fischer, Director of Wagner Farm Todd Price, Director of The Grove Lorin Ottlinger, Recording Secretary Tanya Trapani

**Guests:** Andy Howard and Steve Konters of Hitchcock Design, James Tigue of the Village of Glenview, Tom Rychlik of Gewalt Hamilton

**Late Arrivals, Early Departure:** Steve Konters and Andy Howard left at 9:17 am, James Tigue left at 9:42 am

**Commissioners/Official Staff absent:** None

**2. AGENDA TOPICS**

**a. Wagner Farm Interpretive Play Space Review**

In October 2015, farm staff presented to the Museum & Historic Preservation Committee a five-point plan that would help Wagner Farm engage the public in proactive agriculture messaging, create new visitor experiences and improve customer service. The Wagner Farm Interpretive Play Space represents the fourth initiative in that plan.

Steve Konters and Andy Howard of Hitchcock Design presented the interpretive play space concept plan and showed the committee the various sites that were chosen within the farm for the customized play spaces. Steve Konters explained that multiple locations were chosen so that the elements within the design are in close proximity to things that are happening on that site that we are trying to promote and represent with play and education. The committee discussed alternative play pieces and materials. Executive Director Mike McCarty suggested that staff put together cost estimates and a funding plan for further committee review. The cost of design that was presented to the committee is estimated at \$706,172.

The committee recommended that staff move forward with the planning process of the Wagner Farm Interpretive Play Space. Staff will start working on the IMLS grant application as well as working with the Friends of Wagner Farm on a capital campaign. Staff would then need to seek Village approval via the Plan Commission and the Appearance Commission before proceeding with fundraising.

**b. Village of Glenview request to add drainage at Wagner Farm to mitigate flooding**

In 2014, the Village of Glenview and the Glenview Park District partnered to address some flooding issues in the neighborhood surrounding Wagner Farm. This past March, Village staff inquired as to the possibility of providing supplemental storm water drainage through Wagner Farm. Staff are confident that they have come up with a plan that will benefit both the neighbors and Wagner Farm.

Tom Rychlik of Gewalt Hamilton and Village of Glenview Engineer, James Tigue, shared the proposed improvements which was divided into 3 sections; extension of the swale and installation of inlets, north end drainage improvements and replacement of the existing storm sewer. The work would consist of creating a swale that would greatly improve the flooding issues that affect homeowners along Kaywood Lane. The Village will also assist the farm in dealing with water issues that have occurred due to sump pumps discharging from a number of homes along the north property line. Site grading will also be provided that will make more of the pasture area usable for future farming efforts. The committee discussed the flow of water with the proposed improvements. Commissioner Bill Casey and Executive Director McCarty requested that the agreement state that any damage from storm events will be maintained by the Village and regular daily maintenance would be handled by the Park District. James Tigue noted that the project would be Village funded and the 2014 I.G.A. would be updated and could include the proposed additions. Tom Rychlik stated that a MWRD permit would be needed for the drainage improvements and hard surface accounted by the interpretive play spaces, to a reasonable amount, could be incorporated so that the permit can be used for both projects.

The committee endorsed the staff recommendation to continue planning with Village of Glenview to add drainage at Wagner Farm to mitigate flooding in the neighborhood and staff will return to the committee with an agreement for approval.

**c. Wagner Farm Philosophy Discussion**

Director of Wagner Farm, Todd Price, presented some new opportunities that would support the policy, practice and mission of the farm. These ideas have the potential to not only greatly impact the farm's ability to tell the story of where our food comes from but also to positively contribute to the bottom line.

Director Price shared the mission and vision of Wagner Farm and where staff would like to go in the future. Ideas included selling sausage and bacon from Wagner Farm raised animals at the Glenview Park District's farmer's market and directing market animals to local chefs to highlight "locally raised" animals. There is also an option to custom raise heifers that will go into the milking line at Golden Oaks Dairy Farm in Wauconda. Commissioner Jen Roberts noted that providing the full story of agriculture to our visitors is the educational piece that fits the mission of the farm. Superintendent of Leisure Services, Elsa Fischer, stated that the guidelines and policy are in place, staff would now like to follow them. The committee agreed that the staff of Wagner Farm should explore opportunities for the livestock in order to positively education visitors on the story of agriculture and the mission of the farm.

- d. Naval Air Station Glenview Museum & Flight Academy Consultant Recommendation**  
In September 2016, the Board approved a resolution stipulating that if the Hangar One Foundation could raise \$40,000 for a feasibility study for a new Naval Air Station Glenview Museum & Flight Academy, the Park District would proceed with a study. This past spring, Hangar One informed the District that the money had been raised, so staff compiled a RFP for a feasibility study. Eight firms submitted proposals and three were interviewed. Superintendent Fischer shared a copy of the proposal for review and noted that all firms that submitted proposals were made aware that this project was not a guarantee.

The committee endorsed the staff recommendation that the proposal from Holabird & Root in the amount of \$45,000 plus reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$2,000 to the full board for approval at the September 21 Board meeting, under the consent agenda.

**3. Other Business**

None

**4. Matters from the Public**

None

**5. Adjourn**

Chairman Bill Casey moved seconded by Commissioner Jen Roberts to adjourn the Open Session at 10:09 am. On Voice Vote: All present voted aye, motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Robert J. Patton  
Board President

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Michael D. McCarty  
Board Secretary

Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2017