

**THE LISLE PARK DISTRICT
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SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: President Cook called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. in the Lisle Park District Recreation Multipurpose Room, 1925 Ohio Street, Lisle, IL 60532.

Roll Call:	Commissioners Present:	Hough Carballo Morse Cook Kanzler
	Also Present:	
	Director	Garvy
	Superintendent of Recreation	Toohy
	Superintendent of Parks	Cerutti
	Superintendent of Finance	Silver

DISCUSSION, Capital Expenditure Planning

Director Garvy explained that staff has prepared a compiled list of the park district's capital equipment replacement schedules, a financial summary page which shows beginning and ending fund balances of the district's Capital Projects Fund taking into account annual allocations for capital equipment replacement.

Superintendent Silver explained the fund balances and how they'll be affected year to year. Director Garvy stated there are certain projects outside the capital replacement schedules that are necessary. He explained the importance of addressing shoreline erosion at Arboretum Woods Park and Community Park, the need to consider additional indoor storage at the Parks Department headquarters, and erosion occurring at the Van Kampen Memorial Stage in Community Park. He referred to the 2006 Master Plan where maintaining existing parks and facilities was noted as a high priority as was expanding the parks department facility to provide for more appropriate equipment storage. Superintendent Cerutti explained he had recently met with a contractor who also works with DuPage County in assessing existing conditions of ponds around the county. He stated he would like the park district to consider retaining similar services to aid in refining cost estimates and better prioritization.

Commissioner Kanzler stated she's not convinced the beginning and ending fund balances are as accurate as they need to be. Superintendent Silver reported he didn't disagree and that the report submitted is staff's first draft of what will continue to be reviewed and modified.

Director Garvy again referred to the 2006 Master Plan and 2010 Community Survey, both of which he stated demonstrate the community's desire to maintain existing facilities as well as improved bathroom facilities at certain parks. He stated Surrey Ridge Athletic Complex and Community Park should be a priority. He also stated staff is reviewing the feasibility of adding lights to Community Park ball fields #1 and #2. Commissioner Morse asked that staff present the potential added revenue and use those two fields would generate with lights. Director Garvy explained staff is in the process of doing so and reported other groups, including soccer, football and possibly lacrosse would benefit from additional lighting in Community Park.

Commissioner Carballo suggested staff identify other projects that might not be an immediate priority of the park district that could be desirable for other entities to fund such as Partners for Parks, Eyes to the Skies, Lisle Baseball Softball and others. Commissioner Hough stressed the importance of identifying these potential projects and presenting them to other entities and businesses so they can incorporate them into their budgets. President Cook stated it's not just local businesses that we should be pursuing. He reported that he spent some time and identified quite a few potential sources including the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Illinois Department of Natural Resources and others.

Superintendent Silver stated that just because a given item is on the schedule doesn't automatically translate to it being replaced. He suggested that Superintendent Cerutti continue to evaluate the existing conditions coupled with other prioritized projects and push some replacements out further. Commissioner Kanzler suggested different layouts to better follow trends in the district's capital spending. She said the next step should be to identify the minimum balance the district is willing to carry from one year to the next. Superintendent Silver suggested \$1 million in case of an emergency but that can certainly be discussed and adjusted.

Director Garvy offered a summary stating the priorities at this point are erosion at the Van Kampen Stage, erosion at Arboretum Woods and Community Park ponds, improved restroom facilities at Surrey Ridge Athletic Complex and Community Park and additional indoor storage for the parks department headquarters. He explained the importance of maintaining what the district currently provides and that this was emphasized again and again in the district's 2006 Master Plan and again in the 2010 community survey. Superintendent Cerutti explained the logistics of improving our levels of service as it relates to park restrooms, reporting that additional staffing will be required.

Director Garvy reported land acquisition should be considered, especially in the Warrenville Road/Leask Lane area. President Cook stated the district should keep an open mind and be sensitive to the position of the residents in this area and keep an eye out for reasonable opportunities. He also suggested the shortage of facilities in the Oakview area.

Director Garvy reported the 2006 Master Plan indicates a desire for and unmet need in off-leash dog parks within the park district. Commissioner Morse stated the forest preserve provides a very nice and large facility off of Greene Road in Woodridge, and anything Lisle Park District would provide would be nowhere near the caliber of this other facility. The consensus of the board was this would be a low priority but staff could still investigate its feasibility.

President Cook stated he would like to see a park district volunteer program that can offer incentives to participants. He explained a similar program offered through the Morton Arboretum. Superintendent Cerutti explained various programs he and the parks department has facilitated with park neighbors, scouts, service clubs and others. Commissioner Morse added that students are in need of service hours and the park district could be a good source for them.

Director Garvy summarized the discussion and recommended a park tour in the spring where the board can view the project sites that will receive priority.

Commissioner Hough asked that staff look into creating a teen center that can work in conjunction with the existing senior center. Director Garvy reported Superintendent Toohey, Recreation Manager Gianatasio and himself have already been in discussion with Lisle Teens With Character and he expects them to make a presentation to the park board in March or April.

ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

MOTION: Commissioner Hough moved to adjourn the open meeting at 10:26 a.m. Commissioner Carballo seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by voice vote.