

Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

Members Participating Virtually: Trustees: Badger, Hammer, Metcalf, Schmidt, Senor-Moore and Theilen

Members Participating in Person: President Sgro

Members Unavailable: None

Others Participating Virtually: Lynn Saputo, Director of Recreation and Rob Cross, Legal Counsel

Others Participating in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director, Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration and Jason Graham, Director of Parks

A virtual meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on March 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Members of the public were provided an opportunity to participate through a tele-broadcast, compliant with the Governor's executive Order issued as a result of the COVID-19 procedure temporarily suspending various requirements of the OMA.

President Sgro opened the meeting and declared the following:

“Based upon the COVID 19 outbreak and the Governor Executive Orders, the Board declares in person meetings impractical at this time and not prudent based on the nature of the disaster.”

No one from the public was in attendance.

Zoo Update

Lynn Saputo, Director of Recreation, explained after much research the HRZoo has begun the process to attain accreditation through Zoological Association of America (ZAA). They feel it is a better first and more cost efficient for a facility of the HRZoo's size and may also help in the search for a new director. The previous zoo director left in February 2019.

Zoo staff is also working on a list of potential projects to present to the Board at the April meeting for consideration to utilize the \$152,000 bequeath received this past December.

Trustee Theilen entered meeting in progress at 5:35 p.m.

Bequeath to Lincoln Park

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration explained he has been working with Mr. Thomas Kramp, the executor for Don and Betty Borden. Mr. and Mrs. Boarden lived across the street from Lincoln Park for sixty years and it was their wish to leave \$10,000 to the Park District with restrictions to be used in Lincoln Park. It was proposed to use these funds for sprucing up the exterior porch area of the pavilion, which Mr. Kramp was in support. President Sgro asked that a tree planting also be included in the project. Staff will proceed with the project as the Board agreed to the direction of the project.

Barker Park Cash Lease

Staff has prepared a Cash Farm Lease with James Heissinger for the 15.7 acres of tillable farmland at Barker Park. Terms are the same as the previous 3-year lease with a yearly fee of \$3,925. Staff recommends approval of the lease as this has been a good working relationship. President Sgro asked that the lease amount be earmarked for an additional piece of playground equipment to be installed at Barker Park.

Iles Park Development Bid Results RE: 1D – Pathways & Paving Area Improvements

The following bid opening was held on February 24th for Pathways and Parking area at Iles Park:

Three bids were received ranging with the low bid received from Furman's at \$237,878 and the high bid at \$343,000. Staff recommends the Board accept the low bid received from Furman's at the March Board meeting. This is the last project to bid for the Iles Park project. It was noted the playground installation is anticipated at the end of March, weather permitting.

FY22 Budget

Stephen Flesch, Director of Finance & Administration informed the Board the FY22 budget ran in the State Journal-Register's Legal Section on Tuesday, March 9th and on file, available for public inspection, fulfilling state requirements. Staff was available to answer the Board's questions. A public hearing will be held immediately prior to the March 17th board meeting. The Board can take action at the March Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before
The Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.