

FRANKFORT PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL
MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019
140 OAK STREET, FRANKFORT, IL 60423

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Barz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Barz
Commissioner Ruvoli
Commissioner Schedin
Commissioner Bickett

ABSENT: Commissioner Reilly

ALSO PRESENT: Executive Director, Gina Hassett; Stacy Proper, Supt. of Recreation; Edward Newton, Supt. Building & Grounds; Lisa Slattery, Business Manager; and Mary Strand, Recording Secretary.

GUESTS: Residents, Phil Simmons and Kris McGuire. Representatives of Design Perspectives, Inc.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Approved as presented.

5. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE – None

6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT – None

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. Approval of Ordinance 19-07-05 Rescinding Annexing Certain Territory – Gina explained that she was informed that the property is not contiguous to the Village and should not have been annexed by the FPD.

Commissioner Ruvoli made a motion to approve the Ordinance 19-07-05 an ordinance rescinding an ordinance annexing certain territory to the Frankfort Park District – Robert D. Watson III Property PIN 21-14-08-300-007-0000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schedin. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: (4) Bickett, Ruvoli, Schedin, Barz,
Nay: (0)
Abstain: (0)
Absent: (1) Reilly

Motion approved

- B. Pickleball Court Bids – Since no bids were received for the court work, it is not necessary to reject the bids. However, two bids were received for the fencing. It is necessary to decline the acceptance of the bids. At a later date the District will solicit bids on behalf of the Operation Playground Foundation if an OSLAD Grant is not received. President Barz asked for a motion.

Commissioner Schedin made a motion to not accept the pickleball fencing bids and Commissioner Ruvoli seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: (4) Ruvoli, Schedin, Bickett, Barz,

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (1) Reilly

Motion approved

8. OSLAD GRANT PUBLIC MEETING – **President Barz opened the public meeting at 6:36.** Todd from Design Perspectives, Inc. addressed the Board and Residents in attendance. He gave them an overview of what an OSLAD Grant is and how it is awarded by the State of Illinois. Their specialty is working with Parks & Rec, master planning, grant writing and design. They write 3-5 grants each year and never lost one. He exhibited several proposed designs of refurbishing and enlarging the splash pad. A comment was made from a resident that the turnout of residents was very small. Landscaping additions and improvements are what Design Perspectives, Inc. would be doing. Many elements and amenities will be included in the grant application – enlarge walking paths, add a shelter, relocate a shelter, replace the splash pad with improved elements and enlarging, well improvements, relocating the swings, adding a zip line, fencing and landscaping. The residents made comments and asked questions. A question was raised concerning why the Board is not considering a pool instead the splash pad. President Barz noted that this question was brought up on social media by residents Meghan Marie Glaser, Dawn Winnie Camodeca, and Jennifer Medenwald Turiello, in addition to others. He noted that while a pool would be a great addition to the entire community, the District does not have the financial resources to pay for one. The grant pays for 50% reimbursed of \$800,000 project. The application will be sent in August 19th. The awarding of the grant takes about 6 months. It is projected that the start of the project would be next spring. Kris McGuire asked if lights for the tennis courts were considered. The scope of this project is kind of small, and lights would cost a large part of the budget.

IDNR informed Todd that the Pickleball Court proposal and certain elements of the splash pad are not eligible for an OSLAD Grant until after 2025. The Pickleball courts proposed by Operation Playground can go ahead next spring, but cannot be part of the grant. Improving the well must be done.

President Barz closed the Public Meeting at 7:25 p.m.

The financial considerations were discussed along with ADA improvements and ADA funding. Features to include or exclude of the proposals were discussed. The elements that are submitted and approved by the grant, must be included in the final improvements. The budget was discussed.

Because the OSLAD Grant was announced now, work should be done before the Plan is finalized. Improvements proposed should be good PR for the District. The general consensus was to submit the plan of any elements that can stay within the budget discussed - \$950,000.

Stacey was directed to evaluate the open sessions of the Splash Pad and fees if the capacity is increased.

9. ATTORNEYS REPORT – None
10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Discussion of completion of the Master Plan was held. It would cost approximately \$30,000. Gina will get an RFP together to put out to bid.

11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT – ***President Barz asked for a motion to adjourn the Frankfort Park District Board of Commissioners Special Meeting of July 30, 2019 at 8:02 p.m. Commissioner Ruvoli so moved and Commissioner Schedin seconded the motion. Hearing no objections all present voted Aye. Motion passed by a voice vote.***

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Strand
Board Minutes Secretary