

COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022
FRANKFORT, IL – FOUNDERS COMMUNITY CENTER
6:30 p.m.

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

Attendance: Commissioners Ruvoli, Barz, McCarey, Gentry and Ponton; Executive Director, Gina Hassett; and Mary Strand, Recording Secretary.

Absent: None

Guests: None

- I. NRPA Conference Recap – President Barz thought it was a wonderful time and he learned a lot. Gina thought it was better than last year. Shuttle service was good. Porous Pavers, technology items and solar items were among new offerings. Discussion was held on security cameras in parks and wifi connections. Cameras were just added to the Puent Building.
- II. Park Preservation Referendum – The *Patch* printed a press release. Social Media is being utilized. Gina will attend meetings of the baseball and football organizations and she has a contact with Girls softball to reach out to. Commissioner Gentry offered to attend with Gina. There will be two mailings and one is at the printers. Also, a two sided communication showing where tax money goes. They will be at the meetings, and given to friends who will be supporting the referendum. Hopefully Operation Playground can help get the word out. Gina will also reach out to the HOAs. Signs and banners will be put in all the parks. They will have QR Codes to direct them to the website.
 - A. Town Hall Meeting
 - i. October 25 & 29 – Gina suggested one or two commissioners attend.
- III. Will County America Rescue Plan Act Funding – Staff heard back on September 26th about the HVAC so Gina was encouraged that it is moving forward.
- IV. OSLAD – Windy Hill –Design Phase not yet started. The contract documents have not been received yet.
- V. Lincoln Meadows Park
 - A. Design and Grant Program – Gina received the budget and template from the State. She is proposing a Ninja Warrior plan. Copies of the site plan and design were included in the Boards packets. Discussion of the parking and electrical needed and solar was held. It can be ready to start in the Spring. Gina suggested to order the equipment in October to take advantage of the discount that is in the proposal. Approval will be needed at the October Board Meeting. The ball park is being eliminated to accommodate the new equipment. Concerns about the thoughts of the neighbors were voiced as well as concern that other parks are in need of updates. The budget was discussed and perhaps having the Village or the Lions contribute. Concerns that the award of the \$400,000 should be unrestricted as to what it is used for. Also going over budget was objected to.
- VI. Pavilion Rentals
 - A. Grills in Parks – The fees have been increased and the guidelines allowing alcohol and the number of participants have been updated. Discussion was held.
- VII. 2023 Elections – Commissioners Barz and Gentry have picked up election packets. No one else did so far. The filing is December 12-19.
- VIII. Fireworks 2023 – Gina reached out to the Village to have them pay the entire contract for the 4th of July fireworks.
- IX. Outdoor Rentals

- X. Girls Softball Requests
 - A. Expand Dugout at Jackson Creek – no updates yet.
- XI. Educational/Networking – Registration is open for the IPRA conference in January 2023.
- XII. Miscellaneous –
 - A. Splash Pad - A camera was moved to another area at the Splash Park because of vandalism after it closed for the year. A different enclosure design is needed. Also the electrical issues were due to the drive. The permanent panel is due next week and then a new drive will be installed. Warranties were discussed with the attorney.
 - B. Operation Playground – Discussion was held regarding the resignation by one of the members and how the organization will move forward.
 - C. Pours for Park – October 22nd Julie has been working diligently to get vendors. The permit for alcohol consumption was discussed.
 - D. CD&Me – Commissioner McCarey will participate in a MaiTai contest that benefits charity.
 - E. Gina sent out communications to Borg Warner but has not heard back.
 - F. Discussion of the Fall Fest Parade route was held.
 - G. Gina told the Board that LWSRA will be moving forward to add Crete to the Board. A Resolution will be on the agenda for the Board to consider. The vote will be by majority, so if any district objects, it will still go through if at least 4 approve. The consensus is that it will go through. A satellite location is being considered. Discussion was held. General consensus is that all districts will approve the extra .01% as long as it goes to Capital Improvements.
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT –September 27, 2022 Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Strand
Board Minutes Secretary