

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024
FRANKFORT, IL – FOUNDERS COMMUNITY CENTER
7:41 p.m.

- I. Call Committee to Order – President McCarey called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.
Attendance: Commissioners Ruvoli, McCarey, Ponton, and Gentry;
Executive Director, Gina Hassett; Edward Newton, Supt. Building and Grounds; and Mary Strand, Recording Secretary.
Absent: Barz
Guest: None
- II. Public Comment - None
- III. Facility & Property Update –
 - A. Indoor Facility Exploration – Gina said she is thinking about an RFP for next fall. She is looking at prices for what it would cost to promote a referendum.
 - B. Founders Center -
 - i. Gym
 - ii. HVAC
 - C. Fort Frankfort – Gina presented a rendering of the proposed changes to the park. Perimeter fence was discussed. The proposed structure is not fully ADA accessible. The colors of the equipment will be determined when ordering. The time frame to go out to bid is November for demolition with a plan to start demo in the spring. The sled hill will be fenced off. The shelter structures were exhibited and are larger than what is there now. There is an area for games like bags. The proposed budget is \$2,007,230 which is \$307, 230 over the 1,700,000 Grant. ADA funds of \$301,322 can be used to offset the overage. The old wood pickets are not being used and some people want them back. It was suggested that the pickets be repurposed in some way but their condition is a concern. Also, the bricks that are engraved need to have a plan of what is done with them. A small dedication of the original Fort Frankfort and Operation Playground and Phil Simmons was discussed. It was suggested that Operation Playground help to design and fund the entrance.
How to reduce some of the costs was discussed. Commissioner Ruvoli wanted to note that some of the reductions considered, to reduce costs, would not necessarily be noticeable to the public. He also doesn't want to exceed the grant money. Change orders were discussed. At the next meeting, Gina will present the ADA fund balance and impact on the budget along with some cuts to bring down the proposed cost. The topography was a concern that might affect additional costs. Ed

has been keeping track of what future growth might be needed. George's Landscaping has offered to look at the site plan to make suggestions. Things pulled out might be able to be put back in down the road.

D. Five Oaks Park

E. Founders Center

F. Windy Hill Rededication – It will be scheduled for the spring, 2025.

G. Old Stone Park Parcel – No further conversations with them since Gina attended their HOA meeting.

IV. Recreation

A. Special Events

- i. July 4th, 2025 – Staff provided a spreadsheet showing the cost of providing the Fireworks, Activities and entertainment for the event over the past 10 years. Two proposed budgets for 2025 were shown for comparison and planning. Gina's memo recommended keeping the 2025 event like 2024 and then revisit after July 4, 2025 when the current fireworks contract is up.

V. Election Cycles

A. Board Positions – Three positions are up and filing petitions are due in November.

B. Referendum

VI. Tax Levey Preparation

VII. Operation Playground Foundation

VIII. Miscellaneous - None

IX. Executive Session – None

X. ADJOURNMENT – With nothing further to discuss, President McCarey adjourned the Committee Meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully
submitted,

Mary T. Strand
Board Minutes
Secretary