

**The City of Lake Forest
Parks and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2022
Zoom Remote Meeting**

I. Call to Order

The Parks and Recreation Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Best at 6:30p.m. The following were present via Zoom meeting:

Board Members: Mr. Paul Best
Mr. Kevin Carden
Ms. Nancy Duffy
Mr. Patrick Marshall
Mr. Marc Silver
Ms. Kaci Spirito

Staff: Ms. Sally Swarthout, Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Joe Mobile, Superintendent of Recreation
Mr. Chuck Myers, Superintendent of Parks, Forestry & Special Facilities
Ms. Dani Spann, Administrative Assistant

Public Attendees: Mr. Tom Ford
Mr. Richard Chun
Ms. Kate Rother
Mr. Brian Dacy
Mr. Alton Shader

II. Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes of the January 11, 2022 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting were presented and approved.

Board member Silver motioned for approval of the minutes and Board member Marshall seconded. The Board meeting minutes of January 11, 2022 were then unanimously approved by roll call with 6 yeas and 0 nays.

III. Opportunities for the Public to Address the Board on Items not listed on the Agenda

Mr. Ford called in to show support of synthetic fields at Deerpath Park. Mr. Dacy expressed his support of synthetic fields at Deerpath Park. Ms. Rother thanked the Board and Staff for their hard work and expressed her support to move forward with synthetic fields at Deerpath Park. Mr. Chun mentioned currently there is little alternative for fields year-round as they are unplayable a lot of the time and residents have to go outside of the community to play sports and stated his support for synthetic fields at Deerpath Park.

IV. Approval of Townline Park Splash Pad

Superintendent Chuck Myers is seeking approval for a Splash Pad at Townline Park. Mr. Myers gave an overview of the project, and funding. Fiscal Year 2023 Advanced funds from Parks & Public Land Fund and Special Recreation Fund will be used as the funding source for the project. NuToys and Landscape Structures will be the vendor for the Splash Pad. Superintendent Myers talked about the cost and purchase process. The project will cost a total of \$300,000 (\$273,967 + \$26,033 contingency). SourceWell will purchase through the RFP process at no cost to the city. Mr. Myers went over the proposed timeline.

The proposed timeline is as follows:

1. Present to City Council for approval on February 22, 2022
2. Place order by March 11th
3. Start April/May
4. Open weekend of June 17th

Superintendent Myers went over some details and features of the Splash Pad.

- 3 play zones available for suitable age groups
- 1500 sq. feet
- Includes stream jets, hydro helix, tot shower dome, flora swirl, splash pack frog and other water areas of play
- 2 options of systems for water flow
 - o Recirculation throughout pad while being treated
 - o Flow thru sanitary system to drain in basin or bioswale
- Design will remain consistent with current playground color scheme
- Total flow rate is about 50 gallons per minute

Lengthy discussion followed on the location, maximum capacity and security of the splash pad.

Director Swarthout stated Townline Park is a popular park with lots of people using the playground along with the walking path. Liability insurance for the splash pad will be covered under IRMA at no additional cost. Staff will discuss a solution for the monitoring of the location for safety. The geese at the park should not be an issue with the splash pad. Future revenue opportunities and ideas were mentioned. Board member Duffy mentioned it will be nice to have a water feature and it will be well received.

Requested Action: *City Staff requests approval for an advancement of Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Funding for the purchase and installation of a splashpad at Townline Park, to Landscape Structures, Inc., in the amount of \$300,000.*

A motion was made by Board member Duffy to approve an advancement of Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Funding for the purchase and installation of a splashpad at Townline Park, to Landscape Structures, Inc., in the amount of \$300,000. The motion was seconded by Board member Spirito. The motion passed with a roll call of 6 yeas and 0 nays.

V. Comments by Director

Director Swarthout reminded the Board to submit their comments and responses from the Athletic Fields Community Workshop by February 24th. The link will be available on the City's website. There will be 4 schematics and options presented. Ms. Swarthout encouraged residents to vote and give input. Discussion on the Board member's involvement followed. Director Swarthout stated a presentation will be shown at the next Park Board meeting on March 15th with a Board

recommendation to move forward to City Council in April with synthetic, natural, or hybrid turf. City Staff will then move forward in May with the decision approved by City Council. Director Swarthout mentioned Joe Mobile, Superintendent of Recreation, will be the point of contact for any questions.

Ms. Swarthout also informed the Board of the upcoming programs and local events.

- Lake Forest Fitness Membership Special- 20 days for \$22
- Flannels & Flapjacks!- March 5th from 9am – 10:30am
- Passion to Dance- March 12th at 7pm
- Summer Internship at Wildlife Discovery Center

VI. Board Member Comments

Board member Silver complimented Staff on the hard work and success of the ice rink.

VII. Adjournment

Board member Duffy motioned for adjournment and Board member Carden seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Dani Spann
Administrative Assistant