The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Tinley Park-Park District scheduled to be held in the Rickerson Meeting Room of the Bettenhausen Recreation Building on October 19, 2017 was called to order by Commissioner O’Boyle at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Patrick Callaghan
                                  Dennis Mahoney
                                  Bernie O’Boyle

Commissioners Absent: Robert Sanfilippo
                                      Marie Ryan

Others Present: Shawn Roby, Executive Director
                                Ryan Veldman, Superintendent of Parks
                                Sandra Ardolino, Board Secretary

Additions, Clarifications, Corrections or Deletions to Agenda
None

Open Floor
Commissioner Callaghan moved to Open the Floor to the Public, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney and carried by voice vote.

No one in audience wishing to address the board.

Commissioner Callaghan moved to Close the Floor to the Public, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, and carried by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

Park Tours

St. Boniface

Talked about existing drawing but also about moving baseball diamond and soccer field toward the west of the property to move away from the eastern property incline. Talked about removing the south parking lot and possibly expanding it connect to the western parking lot with a drive and placing it in the north eastern section where the incline is located to avoid much earth movement.

McCallister Donation

Board visited the McCallister property to see what possibilities might be available for parks in that area. Looking at the property belief in a small playground with seating and also a memorial to the young man made sense. Concerned about one of the trees along the western edge, it currently touches the neighbor’s house. Maintenance will be trimming the tree back once we officially take ownership.
Vogt Woods

Visited Vogt woods and talked about expansion of the building in the future as well as adding a walking path around the property. In the existing masterplan the idea would be to install a parking lot just north of the football field that will provide two sided angle parking. This would help to stop the cars from backing out into traffic on 171st street. It was pointed out that at one time the village had discussed a more extensive trail connecting all of the properties along that area together to help with pedestrian flow. Questions about possible formalizing a trail throughout the wooded area of the property but concerns that it might need a bridge in order to be of any size were expressed.

Volunteer Park

Volunteer Park has the largest foot print of the parks that were being redesigned. A mention of a possible destination park installation as well as parking lot expansion we debated. The park district might be able to save a sizeable amount of money by just simply repairing areas that already exist instead of removing them and relocating them. Volunteer Park’s eastern edge is parallel to village property that was originally slated to be a street. Due to other construction that has occurred in the area the street will most likely never be built. The park district has approached the village about transferring this land to the park district so additional park development can occur.

Closed Session
Not Needed

Adjourn
Commissioner Mahoney moved to adjourn to the November 1, 2017 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Callaghan, and carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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