

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TINLEY PARK-PARK DISTRICT
TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS
HELD ON FEBRUARY 1, 2023

The committee meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Tinley Park-Park District scheduled to be held in the Rickerson Meeting Room of the Bettenhausen Recreation Center on February 1, 2023 was called to order by Commissioner Ryan at 6:05 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Don Cuba
Bernie O'Boyle
Lisa O'Donovan
Ashley Rubino
Marie Ryan

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Shawn Roby, Executive Director
Ryan Veldman, Superintendent of Parks
Meghan Fenlon, Superintendent of Recreation
Sean Caddigan, Facilities Manager
Carol Bradtke, Marketing Manager
Sandy Ardolino, Board Secretary
Michael Hayes, Attorney
Pat Carr, Village Manager
Hannah Lipman, Village Assistant Manager
Donna Framke, Village Marketing Director
Steve Bauer, D.R.Horton Builders

Public Comment

Mr. Bauer addressed the board regarding the housing development, D.R. of Oak Ridge community. He is looking for confirmation that the park district is wanting to accept park site in new housing development (Oak Ridge Subdivision).

Agenda Items for Discussion

OakRidge Subdivision

The Park District originally attempted to work with the developer but previous council suggested we wait till some sort of mechanism was in place so as not to create a liability for the district. Our previous council was working on an IGA but we never finished prior to switching council. We have been providing recommendations and analysis on plans provided to use via the Village request as recommended by council on plans but have not been able to work directly with the developer. We need to complete the IGA in order to complete the process.

Weed Control Service Contract

We recently opened bids for a three year service contract for Weed Control at our park sites. Fifteen invitations were sent to contractors with three contractors picking up specifications and two contractors submitting bids. This contract covers all maintained turf areas at all park locations and would run through

2025. C&T Lawn and Landscape of Lynwood was the lowest bidder and we have used them successfully for turf maintenance and landscaping in the past.

Fertilizer Service Contract

We additionally opened bids for a three year service contract for Fertilizer Applications at our park sites. Fifteen invitation were sent to contractors with three contractors picking up specifications and two contractors submitting bids. This contract fertilizer application covers all maintained turf areas at all park locations and runs through 2025. Forever Green of Crown Point Indiana was the lowest bidder and we have used them successfully for fertilization in past contracts.

Content agenda item F is to be removed due to an additional bid received after board report written.

Bulk Salt Purchase

Superintendent of Parks Veldman announce that we have secured a source to purchase bulk salt (used for parking lots.), Orland Township Highway Department cooperatively purchases through Illinois State Purchase Program for bulk salt and has agreed to sell salt to the park district at their cost of \$70.76 similarly to what we had previously worked with the Village of Tinley. Our corporate council is drafting an IGA for this purchase moving forward.

Fourth of July Celebration

Since our last meeting, the Village of Tinley Park announced their intention to move the 4th of July event by creating their own event and hire a new firework company. They have also reached out trying to have the Park District participate in their event. The public outcry was quick and visceral. We received two emails at this point both attempting to blame this issue on “not ideal communication” or “we not being interested in participating on the 3rd”, thus both claims are false.

As mentioned, the park district has had made several attempts to confirm participation with the Village before we signed our fireworks contract. The only communication went one way, from us to them, until a simple message of we are talking about this on January 17, 2023 came back with no mention of a new firework contract or new event.

Recent press coverage from the Village has indicated the change in venue is due to safety issues with having such a large event in the open area of McCarthy Park. The Park District was never made aware that there were such safety concerns and would like Chief Walsh to give us a briefing to the park board on where these concerns may be.

Commissioner Donovan asked if the village has requested a permit for the use of Freedom Park for their July 3rd celebration. Executive Roby stated not as of yet, and believes we would need some type of insurance coverage for any damages especially for the brand new synthetic field installed in 2022.

8K Running of the Green

The Village of Tinley Park has rejected our original permit request to run the annual 8k Running of the Green event. A secondary date was selected and approved yesterday with the additional cost of 16 police officers, EMA and public works employees of around \$2,500. We never needed this many village employees before, the race route has not changed and we have never been charged for the village staff in the past.

Commissioner Cuba moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m., seconded by Commissioner O'Donovan by voice vote.