

**GENEVA PARK DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
LONG RANGE CAPITAL PROJECTS MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2011
6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

President VanderVeen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

At 6:00pm President VanderVeen called for the roll. Treasurer Peggy Condon, Commissioner John Frankenthal, Vice President Todd Karas and President Susan VanderVeen answered present. Commissioner Lenski was absent.

Staff members present were Director Sheavoun Lambillotte, Supt. of Parks & Properties Larry Gabriel, Supt. of Finance & Personnel Christy Powell, Supt. of Recreation Jay Kelly, and Manager of Peck Farm Park Interpretative Center Trish Burns.

Press present: none.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Lambillotte opened the meeting by pointing out that the District's Capital Plan is put together each year and is guided by a multitude of inputs such as the Community Survey, the District's Master Plan, the District's Short & Long Range Plan, Surveys, Citizen input, the Board as well as staff recommendations.

Director Lambillotte discussed the present and ongoing project initiatives and their current status. Those projects which are ongoing include: Community Gardens, Island Park Bridge Replacement, Bennett Shoreline Restoration, Nature Playground at Peck Farm Park and the Peck Prairie Restoration Section E. Those projects already complete include the SRFC/GCC Renovation, Outdoor Ice Rink Upgrades and Peck Prairie Restoration Section F.

Director Lambillotte then reviewed the upcoming park replacement schedule from the long/short range plan and mentioned that staff would be recommending moving up the replacement of the Island Park playground to coordinate it with the closure and work that would be going on with the Island Park Bridge Replacement. This would prevent the park from being closed for an additional time period at a later date.

Director Lambillotte then reviewed possible future capital project initiatives for projects under \$500,000. She stated that projects in bold were those that ranked high on the Community Survey. Those projects included: developing and maintaining **walking and biking trails** (resurfacing the Fox River Trail at Bennett Park and Island Park), prairie development at Peck North, (Ms. Lambillotte highlighted the hundreds of thousands in funds that had been saved with staff seeding these sites in-house versus contracting out seeding and stewardship services), constructing a new historic front porch at Peck House, **developing a dog park**, incorporating environmental initiatives (energy/utility upgrades, recycling, paperless office, community gardens), **installing drinking fountains at parks, installing manufactured shade at parks, planting natural shade at parks**, repairing the basement walls at Peck House (staff explained that this was not merely aesthetic but a structural need), expanding the Wheeler Green House, upgrading existing sports fields, updating parks, replacing the sprayground surface, replacing the spray amenities at Sunset Pool, installing an additional restroom at Peck Farm Park (Ms. Lambillotte stated this was necessary with all of the current activities going on at Peck Farm in the Orientation Barn, Butterfly House and Peck grounds and future needs with the addition of the nature playground), utilizing the gray storage barn at Peck Farm, and renovating/upgrading Island Park.

Director Lambillotte then reviewed possible future capital project initiatives for projects over \$500,000. Those projects included: **acquiring open space** (Ms. Lambillotte reviewed the Community Park Analysis from the Master Plan to highlight identified future park locations), **developing and maintaining walking and biking trails** (Ms. Lambillotte reviewed the potential additions to the Peck Farm trails, Wheeler Park trails and the potential Nicor trail extension as well as the Trail Analysis from the Master Plan), converting a barn into Nature Center at Peck Farm, constructing Water Sprayground west of Randall Road, **completing the Third Phase Sunset Pool Expansion** (Ms. Lambillotte stated that the District is updating the current drawings and has requested some of the original drawing amenities to be paired down, such as the lazy river, to make the project more affordable), constructing a new mini golf hut to include game and party room, developing additional soccer, football and baseball fields, as well as additional tennis courts (Ms. Lambillotte reviewed the Soccer and Football recommended future sites from the Master Plan), **constructing an indoor pool** (Ms. Lambillotte stated that the Board had previously discussed tabling this issue until better economic times and at a time when the project could be jointly funded with another government agency), constructing a gymnastics center, indoor sports complex, and golf course (Ms. Lambillotte stated that the current area is saturated with golf courses), updating parks, constructing an outdoor sports complex, replacing the SRFC roof and HVAC system, expanding the SPRC fitness center (Mr. Kelly highlighted that this could be a future need given the growth and demand for the facility), and future development of Peterson property.

Director Lambillotte asked the Board to choose five projects from those over \$500k and those under \$500k that they felt most important. Ms. Lambillotte would compile the results of the voting and then communicate the results at the November Board meeting.

HEARING OF GUESTS

There were no guests present.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Frankenthal made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Vice President Karas seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Secretary

Submitted By: Sheavoun Lambillotte / Christy Powell