

**Minutes of the Waukegan Park District
Committee of the Whole
January 26, 2009**

The Committee of the Whole of the Waukegan Park District met in a regular meeting on January 26, 2009 at the Rose Administrative Center, 2000 Belvidere Street, Waukegan, Illinois.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by President Motley.

II. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Durkin, Sarocka, Duffy, Foley and President Motley. Absent: None. Also present was Executive Director Greg Petry, Board Attorney Charles Smith, and Bob Hamilton of Gewalt Hamilton.

III. Topics

Sports Complex Development. Bob Hamilton reviewed the schedule put together by the development team for the approval of the bids for the sports complex. March 19, 2009 is the target date for the opening of bid package # 2 and a special board meeting is requested for March 26, 2009 to award the bids for bid package #2, which would include the utilities, earth moving, and the foundation work making up approximately 50 to 60% of the project. The remainder of the project will be bid package #3 with a projected bid opening date of April 16, 2009 and awarding the bids at a special board meeting on April 23, 2009.

Mr. Petry commented on the proposed schedule concerning the approval of the drawings and the bids and advised the Board that the development team and staff are meeting on January 27, 2009 to review the schedule.

Mr. Petry reminded the Board that on February 4, 2009 there will be a meeting concerning the budget for the project and value engineering will be reviewed at that time. There will be a presentation to the Board at its regular meeting on February 10, 2009 concerning the budget, the value engineering, and the final budget for the project.

Mr. Petry advised that there will be a lottery for positions on the April ballot on February 2, 2009.

On February 2 there will be a special meeting at noon to approve the bids for the Bonnie Brook clubhouse renovations. Bid openings for this project is January 29, 2009.

Mr. Petry reminded the Board of the budget workshop on February 10, 2009 at 2:30 p.m., in advance of the regular Board meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Bob Hamilton then reviewed the drawings for the sports complex and updated the Board as to the location of fences and bathrooms and what items will be bid as alternates and which ones will be bid as necessities.

Mr. Hamilton advised that there are various meetings with other governmental agencies whose approvals are necessary for the sports complex. A meeting with the Village of Beach Park is set for January 26 concerning sewers; on January 29 there is a meeting with IDOT; and meetings on January 30 with Stormwater Management and the Army Corps of Engineers, to finalize the costs regarding wetlands for mediation.

Mr. Hamilton also advised that he is working with the Lake County Forest Preserve District concerning the drainage flow off of the sports complex towards the Savannah.

Commissioner Duffy expressed his concern about flooding problems on the roads. Mr. Hamilton assured Commissioner Duffy that this issue has been addressed and that Stormwater Management tightly regulates discharges from any property.

Mr. Hamilton then reviewed his memorandum of January 22 with the Board. Commissioner Duffy requested cost estimates for a baseball field with an artificial surface. Mr. Petry said that this would be looked at as an alternate bid.

The placement of bathrooms was reviewed. Additional bathrooms are being reviewed as an alternate bid. Commissioner Sarocka suggested that a bathroom near the play area is a necessity, not an alternative, and asked that it be priced out as part of the base bid.

Commissioner Duffy expressed concern about the placement of the playgrounds and the Commissioners agreed that the proposed location presented by Mr. Hamilton was the best location.

Mr. Hamilton explained that all driveways to the facilities will have padlocked gates and protective netting will be in place around the softball fields.

Mr. Hamilton explained that the parking will be handicapped accessible pursuant to the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The following items will be alternative bids: (1) basketball courts; (2) synthetic infield for the northwest softball field; (3) synthetic fields at E2 and E3; and (4) shade structure at the softball complex.

Commissioner Durkin asked for some consideration of a tennis court near the basketball court.

At 4:30 p.m., President Motley left the meeting.

Mr. Hamilton expressed the reason for the alternate bids for synthetic fields at E2 and E3 as being preferable is because heavy use may wear the fields out, but he pointed out that construction of synthetic fields may require additional stormwater detention be added, which may cause the loss of one field.

Mr. Petry updated the Board as to his meeting with Mr. Arnold of Robert Morris College and RMC had very few changes to the contract drafted by the Park District. Mr. Arnold was in particular looking for language that would ensure RMC's right to the use of the facility during those hours that they are requesting to the licensing agreement. RMC is also looking to have the Park District pay for the washers and dryers in the laundry facility.

IV. Adjournment

**Motion by Commissioner Durkin, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to adjourn.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Smith
Secretary