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**CITY OF BURLINGTON PARK
DRAFT BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017
6:30PM**

Chairman Darrel Eisenhardt, Commissioners Jennifer Amborn, Clay Brandt, Lori Hintz, Jeff Schopp, Lisa Wasik, Ald. Ruth Dawidziak, Jim Bergles, Director of Public Works, Student Rep. Alexis Meyers

Chairman Eisenhardt called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Jennifer Amborn, Clay Brandt, Jeff Schopp, Ald. Ruth Dawidziak, Jim Bergles, Director of Public Works and Chairman Darrel Eisenhardt. **Excused:** Commissioners Lori Hintz and Lisa Wasik. **Absent:** Alexis Meyers, Student Representative. Also present Jeannie Hefty, Mayor.

Approval of January 12, 2017 Park Board Minutes: Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion for approval of the January 12, 2017 Park Board Minutes. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Brandt. Seconded by Commissioner Schopp. All voted aye, motion carried.

Citizens Comments: None

Aldermanic Report: Ruth Dawidziak: None

DPW Report: Jim Bergles, Director of Public Works

New Business:

- a. **Little League: Nick Hancock:** Nick Hancock came before the Park Board to present costs for the lighting repair/replace at Branen Field. Mr. Hancock had obtained three quotes. He stated that Donnie Hefty, WWTP Foreman and Electrician had looked at the lighting and suggested they replace with LED lighting in a few years.

Costs to repair the current wiring was \$8500.00. Mr. Hancock stated that for all lighting to be replaced the approximate cost would be between \$115,000 and \$120,000. Lighting poles needed would go from 8 to 4. Little League will have it in their 5 to 10 Year Plan. New lighting would be 25 years maintenance free.

The Park Board discussed the amount, and amount they thought would be agreeable to for repayment. A Memorandum of Understanding would be drawn up by Jim Bergles, Director of Public Works and signed by Little League to the terms of a payback agreement.

After some discussion, Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion to approve \$8500.00 for repair of the copper wiring for Little League, with reimbursement of 25% of the \$8500.00 (\$2125.00) to repaid within a maximum time frame of three years. Jim Bergles, Director of Public Works to write or have written a Memorandum of Understanding between the Park Board and Little League payback arrangements. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Amborn. Seconded by Commissioner Schopp. All voted aye, motion carried.

Mr. Hancock also had obtained quotes for the remodel of the bathrooms at the Hintz Complex. This item is not coming from the Park Board Development Funds, and Chairman Eisenhardt asked Mr. Hancock to work with Jim Bergles, Director of Public Works with the quotes he received.

- b. Request for Mackenzie's Memorial Bench at Wehmhoff-Square: Jim Bergles, Director of Public Works:** The family of two year old Mackenzie Schuler had requested to purchase a bench in MacKenzie's honor and have it placed at Wehmhoff-Square. Jim Bergles, Director of Public Works also stated there is going to be a tree planted at Wehmhoff-Square in her memory. He thought it could possibly coincide with Arbor Day.

Jim Bergles thought perhaps the bench could be placed at Echo Park by the playground equipment, but will get confirmation from the family for approval prior to changing location from Wehmhoff-Square to Echo Park.

After some discussion, Ald. Ruth Dawidziak recommended approving the bench to what the family wished. Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion to approve the bench and tree to be placed and planted where the family wished. Seconded by Commissioner Schopp. All voted aye, motion carried.

- c. Geese Control in Parks: Jim Bergles, Director of Public Works:** Jim Bergles, Director of Public Works presented information regarding the removal of goose excrements from City of Burlington Parks, which has become a larger problem in recent years.

Mr. Bergles had contacted a company that specializes in such removals by using dogs. The dogs are trained to scare the geese, without harming them. The company also uses boats in the water. Eventually the geese will leave and not return

The completed process usually takes two years to successfully complete. The cost for a 12 week program would be \$4500.00. The start date would be March 6, 2017 through May 28, 2017. Parks to be done would be Echo Park and Wehmhoff-Jucker. The contract may be cancelled at after four weeks if it is felt the program is not being successful.

Jim Bergles stated goose eggs already in nests can also be sprayed with corn oil. Corn oil will stop the eggs from developing and hatching even if the geese stay on them. After the eggs don't hatch, and the geese continue to sit on them, the geese eventually move on.

The Park Board thought this was something that needed to be done. Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion to approve hiring Migratory Bird Management, LLC to eradicate the geese at Echo and Wehmhoff –Jucker Parks as presented. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Schopp. Seconded by Commissioner Amborn. All voted aye, motion carried.

d. Veteran's Memorial Wall – Echo Park, Mayor Jeannie Hefty and Tom

Stelling: Jeannie Hefty, Mayor and Tom Stelling came before the Park Board to present an idea presented to her last fall from Veterans regarding a memorial wall at Echo Park.

There are currently 1900 names on crosses, and it has become time consuming to write the names on 1900 crosses each year. The proposed wall, drawn by Tom Stelling, Architect, would be a concrete wall covered with granite, with names engraved on the panels. A rendering of the wall was distributed for review.

The pine trees would have to be removed, but the flags currently there would remain on site. The pine trees are diseased and would have been removed this year regardless.

All Park Board members thought the wall would be a beautiful addition and memorial to all Burlington area Veterans. Mayor Hefty stated November 2017 was the targeted completion date.

Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion to approve constructing the Veteran's Memorial Wall as presented. Motion to approve made by Ald. Dawidziak. Seconded by Commissioner Schopp. All voted aye, motion carried.

- e. **Lewis Street Wall/Water Tower:** Jim Bergles, Director of Public Works stated there would be an informational meeting on Monday, February 27, 2017 at the Department of Public Works to discuss the future of the Water Tower and surrounding wall, which has badly deteriorated and the public's input is important to determine the future of both. Cost estimates to replace the wall only would be over \$250,000, and structural integrity of the Water Tower still needs to be determined.

Old Business:

- a. **Discussion regarding dogs in Park:** This item had been previously discussed at the January Park Board meeting. Chairman Eisenhardt asked the Commissioners if they had any alternative ideas regarding allowing animals in City of Burlington Parks.

The Park Board Commissioners discussed not only what the surrounding communities are doing, but what is best for City of Burlington Parks. There was concern regarding the current ordinance of not allowing pets anywhere in Parks, and nothing actually being done to enforce it.

Several Park Board Members felt that perhaps Pets should definitely not be allowed at Festivals or Farmer's Market, even if they should decide to allow leashed pets in certain Parks.

After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that Deb Rintamaki will look up the actual ordinances from other communities to see what the wording is and bring it to the March Park Board meeting. At that time, a determination will be made.

Other Items: Jim Bergles, Director of Public Works stated that there has been an infestation of grubs at Echo Park, which is killing the grass. Spraying for the grubs is the only way to get rid of the them. Other parks may possibly also become infected, leaving large dead areas of grass in the parks.

Originally Mr. Bergles had requested at budget time the approve of purchasing a sprayer, which would make the job completed four times faster than manually spraying, but it was rejected.

Mr. Bergles asked if the Park Board could approve it through Park Board Funds, and perhaps it could be paid back through the Park Dept. budget next year. He stated the price was currently \$3000 less than originally quoted, and action would have to be taken quickly to retain the low pricing. The original quote was \$7500.00.

The sprayer could also be used at the ball diamonds. The Park Board members thought it was a good idea, but since the item was not on the Agenda, action would have to be taken to approve at the March

2017 Park Board meeting. Ald. Ruth Dawidziak motioned to have the item on the March Agenda, and that Jim Bergles, Director of Public Works, should look into funding, possibly by going back to Council for approval, previously to the March Park Board meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Schopp. All voted aye, motion carried.

There being no further items for discussion , Chairman Eisenhardt entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Brandt. Seconded by Commissioner Schopp. All voted aye and Chairman Eisenhardt adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by,

Deb Rintamaki
Department of Public Works