



Wilmette Park District
Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2021
6:15 p.m. – Online¹

AGENDA

- I. Meeting Called to Order:

<u>Members of Committee:</u>	<u>Staff:</u>
Commissioner Mike Murdock, Chair	Superintendent Emily Guynn
Commissioner Cecilia Clarke	Superintendent Kristi Solberg
Commissioner Amy Wolfe	
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. December 14, 2020
- III. Communications and Correspondence
 - A. Email from Thornwood Park Neighborhood Association re: Opposition to Restrooms in Thornwood Park
 - B. Email from Thornwood Park Neighborhood Association re: Irma Nagele
 - C. Letter from Irma Nagele re: Unpleasant Memories
 - D. Email from Katja Steen re: Off Leash Dog Areas
- IV. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors
- V. Unfinished Business
 - A. Community Playfield Potential Path Options
 - B. Garden Plots
 - C. Dog Parks
- VI. New Business
 - A. Community Needs Assessment – Discussion
- VII. Managers' Reports
- VIII. Next Meeting – February 8, 2021
- IX. Adjournment

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To facilitate the conduct of Board/Committee meetings, the following procedures will be followed:

1. A section of each regular meeting is set aside for public comment and will be noted on the agenda as "Recognition of Visitors."
2. During the "Recognition of Visitors" agenda item, audience members should raise their hands and be recognized by the President/Chairperson prior to speaking.
3. When recognized by the President/Chairperson, each audience member should identify themselves and limit speaking to no more than three (3) minutes, unless additional time is granted by the President/Chairperson.
4. Questions are to be directed to the entire Board/Committee.
5. Park Board members may, by addressing the President/Chairperson, interrupt a presenter to obtain clarification and/or further information.
6. A Board/Committee meeting is not a forum for complaints against individual employees. Such matters are handled by directly contacting the Executive Director. Complaints against the Executive Director should be handled by directly contacting the President of the Board of Park Commissioners.
7. During presentation and discussion of agenda items, the President/Chairperson will not recognize speakers in the audience unless the Board/Committee desires additional information from an audience member.
8. When addressing the Board/Committee, all persons permitted to speak shall confine their remarks to the matter at hand and avoid personal remarks, the impugning of motives, and merely contentious statements. If any person indulges in such remarks or otherwise engages in conduct injurious to the civil discourse of the Board/Committee and the meeting, the President/Chairperson may immediately terminate the opportunity to speak. This decision is at the discretion of the President/Chairperson or upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the park board commissioners present.
9. Any person, except a member of the Board, who engages in disorderly conduct during a meeting, may be ejected from the meeting upon motion passed by a majority of the Board present.



WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 14, 2020

Virtual Meeting via "Zoom"

Present

Commissioners/Committee: Chair, Mike Murdock, Cecilia Clarke, Amy Wolfe

Staff: Emily Guynn, Kristi Solberg

Staff: Director Steve Wilson, Sheila Foy, Carol Heafey, Jason Stanislaw, Libby Baker

Visitors: Larry Shanker, Sophie Candido, Pamela Lurie, Walter Keats, Rick Prohov, Van Economou, Kathy and Charlie Hargrave, Kent Nusekabel, Kathleen Sullivan, Neil Ferrari, Arnee Eisenberg, Andrew Levy, Pete Eckert, Mark Schumacher

Absent

None

I. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. November 4, 2020 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Commissioner Clarke moved and Commissioner Wolfe seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2020 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, as amended.

Grammar was corrected on Page 6, paragraphs 3-5, and the word "fitness" was added to Page 7, paragraph 2, 4th sentence.

By a roll call vote, voting Yes, Commissioners: Clarke, Wolfe, and Murdock. Voting *No*, none. *Absent*, none; **motion carried.**

III. Communications and Correspondence

Commissioner Murdock explained that since no recommendations would be made regarding any proposed amenities at Community Playfields, the format of the meeting would not be changed, and public comment will be received prior to the staff presentations.

Commissioner Murdock commented on the emails received regarding the amenities at Community Playfields.

IV. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors

Director Wilson facilitated public comment. The Attendance Record will become part of the permanent record.

Walter Keats, 2514 Laurel Ln. – asked if anyone has checked the viability of the path options. He said more emphasis should be placed on West Park as a dog park.

Kathleen Sullivan, 1225 Colgate St., spoke on behalf of the Thornwood Park Neighborhood Association saying the neighbors are concerned the park district will make decisions before enough data has been gathered from the process at Community Playfields. Ms. Sullivan referenced the email sent by the neighborhood association and cited various statistics. She commented on a 2019 committee discussion that labeled Thornwood Park as a community park, and said the neighbors feel it is a neighborhood park. Ms. Sullivan said she has spoken with several long time neighbors who commented on many issues with the bathrooms that had once been located in the park. She asked the park district to prove a bathroom is a good idea, and concluded by expressing concern that the now passive park will become more active.

Kent Nusekabel, 2530 Laurel Ln. – expressed interest in having a comprehensive plan that includes landscaping for the park.

Pete Eckert – 2520 Laurel Ln. – stated he does not want the Thornwood neighbors to go through the same thing as the Community Playfield neighbors. He asked that once ideas are being developed, everyone present on the same night. He stressed that the neighbors have to be involved.

Van Economou, 601 Hunter Rd., - stated he wants to make sure the board understands his position on the bathrooms. He expressed his surprise that the pumps for the irrigation system at Community Playfields are above ground.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Community Playfield Bathrooms - Update

Director Wilson provided the committee with an update on the potential use of the bathrooms at Wilmette Jr. High. He reported he has had informal discussions with the District 39 superintendent about the bathrooms, and has since sent an email requesting a more formal discussion. The superintendent responded that she believes the school board would be agreeable to discussing an intergovernmental agreement. Director Wilson noted that given the current pressures the school is under, and the time of year, it may take some time for a formal discussion to take place.

Commissioner Murdock suggested, and the committee concurred, that no decision should be made on the location of the bathrooms until it is confirmed that the park district is allowed access to the school's bathrooms.

Commissioner Clarke asked staff to explain what part of the park is used most. Director Wilson said the soccer and baseball fields get used a lot throughout the year, and added that staff will gather more information on usage.

Commissioner Murdock explained to the audience that the earliest any decision would be made regarding the bathrooms would likely not be until February or March.

B. Community Playfield Potential Path Options

Superintendent Solberg reported that since the last committee meeting three new potential path layouts have been developed, none of which would require a boardwalk, but would require a shift in the field configuration. She presented and describe the options. Option 1 would be a combination of the existing path with a new path on the north and south ends of the park. It would be a one-mile loop with various access points. Option 2 would primarily be a new path, with a mile loop. Option 3 would be a little more than a ½-mile loop at the north end of the park, with the option to add another connecting loop.

Superintendent Solberg responded to questions. She explained that a boardwalk would not be necessary with the path being located closer to the playing fields, but the fields would be impacted.

The committee asked her to determine how close the path would be to the bordering homes.

The committee discussed the proposed path options and shared their thoughts. Commissioner Wolfe spoke in favor of Option 2 due to the consistency of the surface and its minimal impact on the fields. Commissioner Clarke spoke in favor of either a mile or a ½-mile loop.

Commissioner Murdock stated he has always wanted a one-mile path, and likes a continuous surface, but has concerns about the distance from the homes and the proximity to the fields. He requested that staff determine the largest possible additional loop that could be added to Option 3.

Commissioner Murdock noted that a recommendation now would not be necessary and should be done when the location of the bathrooms is determined.

In response to a question from Commissioner Clarke, Superintendent Solberg stated that the path configuration options presented were based on an eight-foot wide path, but other widths could be considered.

Commissioner Murdock noted he would like to discuss the path again in January, and explained he would like to make a decision on the path and bathrooms at the same time and that would likely not be until February or March.

VI. New Business

Commissioner Murdock explained that over the last year and a half the committee has been working its way through the various operations of the district, and had asked staff to report on these topics.

A. Garden Plots

Superintendent Solberg reviewed information regarding the garden plots at West Park and Centennial Park, including the size, cost, and number of people on the waitlist. She responded to questions and acknowledged that there has been little movement from the waitlist since people rarely give up their plot.

Following discussion, the committee asked staff to review the current pricing structure and policies related to the plots, consider additional locations, survey the people on the waitlist, and present the information at the January committee meeting.

B. Dog Park

Superintendent Solberg reviewed the list of area dog parks that was included in the packet. She reviewed each park within the park district and presented potential locations for additional dog parks. Locations included Centennial Park, Community Playfields, Earlywine Park, Lockerbie Park, Maple Park, Shorewood Park, Thornwood Park, and Vattmann Park.

Commissioner Wolfe asked why Howard and Mallinckrodt parks would not be available. Director Wilson explained that both parks would require permission from the village, noting that the zoning application for Mallinckrodt prohibits “active” use, and Howard Park is owned by the village. Superintendent Solberg added that Howard Park is used for football and soccer.

Commissioner Clarke asked if there was fencing at Howard, noting that several individuals have expressed interest in having a designated period of time for their dogs to be off-lease. Director Wilson replied that Howard does not have fencing, and agreed that several requests have been made for a dispensation of the leash ordinance at both Howard and Thornwood parks. He said staff determined that enforcement would be difficult, and with other park users, there could be risks. Following additional discussion, Superintendent Solberg explained that depending on the status of the field usage by outside groups, there may be space available for a fenced in area, and agreed to look into this further.

Commissioner Murdock asked for an update on the status of the fencing for the dog park at West Park. Director Wilson reminded the committee that the land is owned by ComEd, and is technically in Glenview. He explained that Superintendent Solberg has made contact with Glenview and is waiting on the permit status.

The committee discussed the various parks, and Superintendent Solberg responded to questions. Centennial, Community Playfields and Howard were identified as central locations. Regarding the playground at Earlywine Park, Commissioner Murdock asked if the park district would consider not replacing it when it reaches the end of its useful life. Director Wilson said the general approach is typically replacement. Commissioner Murdock said that maybe eliminating the playground could be considered when the time comes.

Commissioner Murdock suggested eliminating Thornwood and Vattmann parks from the list of potential locations. Commissioner Wolfe concurred, but said she would like to have more information about Mallinckrodt. Commissioner Clarke expressed interest in Vattmann Park. The committee identified that a potential dog park should be at least .33 acres.

Commissioner Murdock said he would like to discuss the topic again in January and have a recommendation for a third dog park to present to the board.

VII. Managers' Reports

Carol Heafey reported on the following:

- Staff continues to work on program options that meet the current Tier 3 guidelines
- Pop-up sport classes continue to be popular
- Reservations are being accepted for open-gym opportunities
- 79 gingerbread house take out kits were prepared and sold
- Puppy take out kits were also prepared and sold
- Over 165 letters to Santa have been received to date
- 33 children are already registered for the 2021-2020 preschool year

Jason Stanislaw reported on the following:

Pool

- Staff recruiting will begin soon

Ice

- Hockey is on hold due to Tier 3
- Private rentals are being offered
- Limited capacity Freestyle skate times are being offered and are selling out
- Between 20-30 private Learn to Skate lessons are being taken per week
- 20 skaters participated in a holiday exhibition via video

Tennis

- Private 1:1 lessons are available
- Outdoor court reservations continue

Paddle

- With the onset of Tier 3, there has been more interest in paddle; some tennis players are migrating to paddle
- Tennis staff is being cross trained to broaden the pool of instructors
- An intra-club team tournament will be held in January

Centennial Operations

- Doug Bundy, the new supervisor, is off to a good start. He is currently going through the district's on-boarding process.

Regarding the seasonal staff hiring process, Commissioner Murdock encouraged staff to attract more staff of color, and requested an update for the next meeting.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 11, 2021.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Wolfe moved and Commissioner Clarke seconded a motion to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting at 7:23 p.m.

By a roll call vote, voting Yes, Commissioners: Clarke, Wolfe, and Murdock. Voting No, none. Absent, none; **motion carried.**

Minutes Approved on _____

Committee Chair

Department Head

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From: [Steve Wilson](#)
To: [Libby Baker](#)
Subject: FW: [external] New data, to support our opposition to a permanent restroom in Thornwood Park
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:17:09 PM

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Cc: Candido <sophiecandido@gmail.com>; Gary Knight <grknight@ameritech.net>
Subject: [external] New data, to support our opposition to a permanent restroom in Thornwood Park

Wilmette Park District Commissioners,

We know that the Parks and Recreation Committee is meeting this upcoming Monday, December 14 and we wanted to share some data beforehand which might influence the conversation, in case the conversation includes the topic of permanent restrooms at Thornwood Park.

We believe the Parks and Recreation Committee 11/11/2019 designation of Thornwood Park as a large "community park" vs. a small "neighborhood park" is inaccurate. As we've stated, Thornwood Park is a gem of a neighborhood park, quaint in size with limited organized athletics. We've been collecting oral histories from our neighbors who have lived in the park for decades and who have witnessed the very negative impact that a previous permanent restroom had on the park, before it needed to be demolished. Given the tiny size of the park, there is very little margin for error when it comes to reintroducing an unwelcome amenity. We hope you receive these narratives soon so that history doesn't repeat itself.

Given the lack of previous success of a permanent restroom, we place the onus on YOU to prove to us that this IS a good idea. Give evidence that foul play will not occur in our parks because of a restroom. Show that this won't decrease our property values. Prove that giving the Wilmette Baseball Association a permanent restroom is a sound decision, based on baseball's decreasing participation rate in our country.

We've pasted below some research we've been doing about two topics, related to Thornwood Park.

First, here are some study abstracts from a peer reviewed scientific journal, *Journal of Leisure Research*, discussing property values as a function of park proximity. As we all know, people pay a premium for park proximity, and these studies suggest that the premium is highest for *passive* parks (which we believe Thornwood Park is now) versus an *active* park (which it might become if a permanent restroom invited more visitors and athletic programming). If our "premium" were taken away, our property values would go down.

Second, we were looking at national trends in terms of youth baseball participation, specifically local Little Leagues. Many studies show a decline in the last decade, with predictions of that trend continuing, as more and more kids are encouraged to specialize in one sport at an early age. I pasted the articles at the very end of this email. I don't know the trends within Wilmette Baseball specifically, but we can research that. Again, our group doesn't think we should pay for a permanent amenity for an outside organization whose potentially declining presence at Thornwood Park may not even be permanent. We would be left with a costly structure that would be primarily utilized by non-park users, who are just driving by.

We also wanted to let you know that we are rebranding our organization as the Thornwood Park Neighborhood Association, to reflect our growing numbers and the participation of so many local neighbors who live near and love Thornwood Park. The Colgate Street Neighborhood Association started as a smaller group back when we used to host block parties. Remember those?

We look forward to seeing you at the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Thornwood Park Neighborhood Association

Research on property value premium based on park proximity

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00222216.2019.1637704?src=recsys>

From 2019: The review of 33 studies generally confirmed findings from a 2001 review: House values rose as proximity to a park increased; properties immediately adjacent to a park sometimes had a lower premium than dwellings a block or two away from it; larger parks had higher premiums, and their influence extended over a longer distance; and substantially greater premiums accrued from passive than from active parks. The results suggested a premium of 8%–10% on properties adjacent to a passive park is a reasonable point of departure, which is lower than suggested by previous guidelines. Four additional insights emerged: Percentage premiums were higher for (a) multifamily or small lots than for single-family homes or large lots and (b) for permanently protected lands than for developable lands; recognition was frequently lacking (c) the heterogeneity of open space and (d) differentials among submarkets. Six managerial conclusions and five guidelines for future research are offered.

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From 2017: The real estate market consistently demonstrates that many people are willing to pay a larger amount for a property located close to a park than for a house that does not offer this amenity. The higher value of these residences means that their owners pay higher property taxes. In many instances, if the incremental amount of taxes paid by each property which is attributable to the presence of a nearby park is aggregated, it is sufficient to pay the annual debt charges required to retire the bonds used to acquire and develop the park. This process of capitalization of park land into the value of nearby properties is termed the "proximate principle."

Results of approximately 30 studies which have empirically investigated the extent and legitimacy of the proximate principle are reported, starting with Frederick Law Olmsted's study of the impact of New York's Central Park. Only five studies were not supportive of the proximate principle and analysis of them suggested these atypical results may be attributable to methodological deficiencies.

As a point of departure, the studies' results suggest that a positive impact of 20% on property values abutting or fronting a passive park area is a reasonable starting point. If it is a heavily used park catering to large numbers of active recreation users, then the proximate value increment may be minimal on abutting properties, but may reach 10% on properties two or three blocks away.

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From 2007: The notion that parks have a positive impact on proximate property values was recognized in the debates surrounding the pioneering of large urban parks in England in the first half of the nineteenth century, and subsequently in the spread of this movement to the US in the latter half of that century. The empirical basis for these early assertions was rudimentary and naïve. This paper reviews contemporary research using the more advanced analytical procedures now available to social scientists that has examined this issue. The findings confirm the initial rationale and suggest that a positive impact of 20% on property values abutting or fronting a passive park is a reasonable starting point guideline for estimating such a park's impact.

Decline in youth baseball participation:

<https://frontofficesports.com/little-league-participation/>

<https://www.heraldnet.com/sports/fighting-for-little-league-numbers-down-many-still-believe/>

<https://www.ajc.com/sports/baseball/little-league-baseball-faces-declining-participation/bTzEuMq7XVLZRthhDQFaIP/#>

<https://www.courant.com/sports/hc-sp-little-league-youth-baseball-connecticut-participation-20190710-xq4b4trxdnehbwwodm4z35aulu-story.html>

<https://www.aspenprojectplay.org/national-youth-sport-survey/kids-quit-most-sports-by-age-11>

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Sullivan
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Irma Nagele
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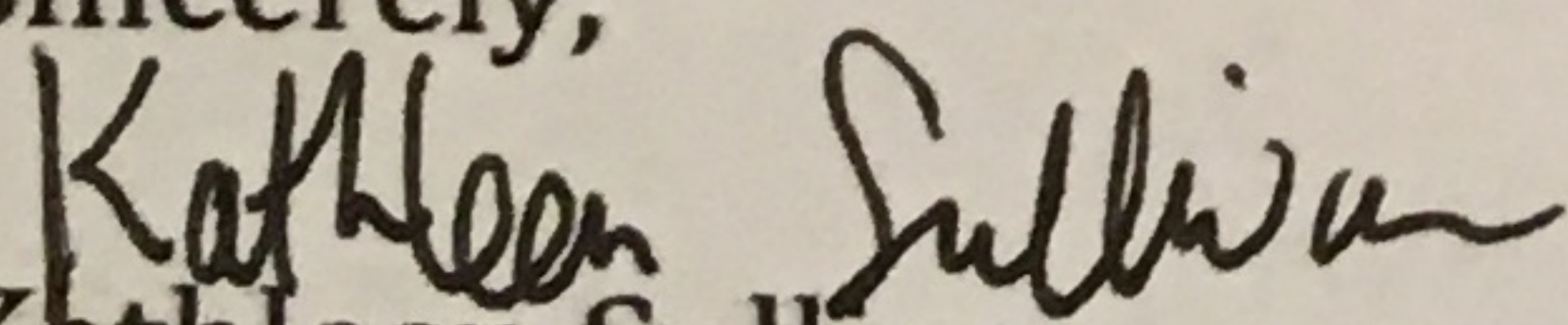
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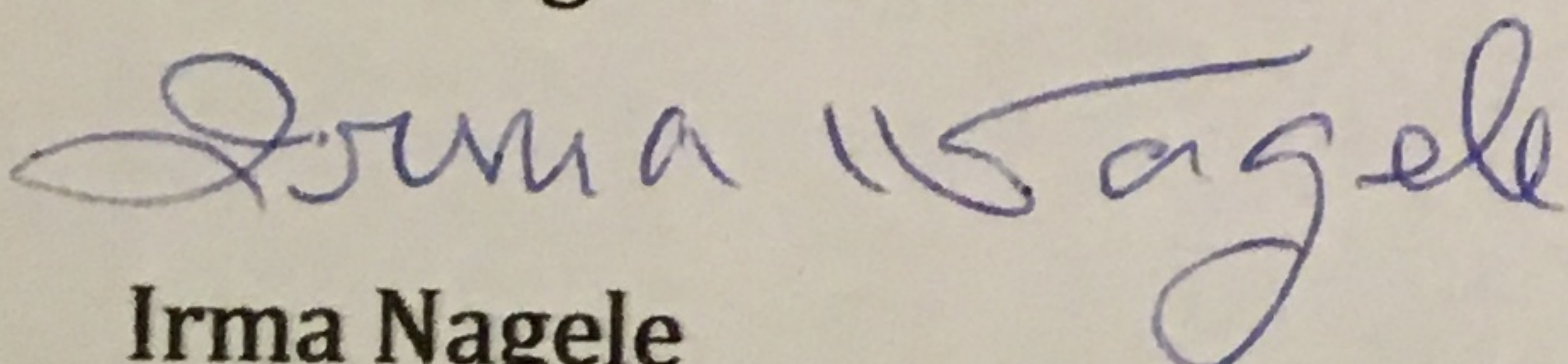
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Irma Nagele

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From: ceciliaclarke@comcast.net
To: [Libby Baker](#)
Subject: [external] FW: dog off-leash areas in Wilmette parks
Date: Sunday, December 13, 2020 12:17:18 PM

In case you didn't receive this from one of the other Commissioners.

Cecilia

From: Katja S <katja.steen@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 6:44 AM
To: ceciliaclarke@comcast.net; Mike Murdock <mikemurdock@comcast.net>; Amy Woolf <amynwoolf@gmail.com>
Subject: dog off-leash areas in Wilmette parks

Dear Park District Board Members,
thank you, first of all, for your continued service and leadership in these uncertain times, when so many urgent issues need to be addressed.
The issue of dog parks in our village does not carry the same urgency as many others, I readily admit. However, I believe an argument can be made that now it is more more important than ever to provide outdoor spaces for citizens of Wilmette to safely socialize outdoors, to offer them opportunities for in-person contact at a time when many struggle with the restrictions that we experience in our lives.
About a year ago some fellow dog owners and myself reached out to the Park District Board to (re)start a conversation about off-leash areas for dogs in Wilmette. We were happy to find many on the board sympathetic to our wishes. I would like to renew my and our request for areas in Wilmette's parks that allow dogs to safely run and play and for their owners to safely socialize. Ideally, we would have several of these areas in several parks throughout the village to allow neighbors to walk their dogs to their nearest park instead of driving. It may also be worth considering making certain areas of parks available as temporary dog parks, during the time of year when they are not being used for outdoor sports.
Thank you for your time and consideration.
I wish you healthy and happy holidays,
Katja Steen

On Thu, Nov 14, 2019, 9:55 PM Katja S <katja.steen@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello, Cecilia and Mark,
I wanted to thank you again for your quick responses to my inquiry about dog parks in Wilmette. My daughter and I did come to the board meeting last Monday, but arrived at 7pm (which is what I thought was the start time) and so missed recognition of visitors. I was glad to hear that Eleanor Lipinski was able to make her remarks, and I am attaching a written version of what would have been my short statement. As you can read there, I am hoping that we can meet to discuss ways in which more and safer off-leash areas for dogs can be created in Wilmette's parks.
Please let me know when and where would be a good time for you to meet with me and other member of Wilmette's dog owner community.

We look forward to cooperating on this issue with you.
Thank you,
Katja Steen



Memorandum

Date: January 8, 2021

To: Steve Wilson, Executive Director

From: Kristi Solberg, Superintendent of Parks and Planning

cc: Emily Guynn, Superintendent of Recreation

Re: Community Playfields Amenities Discussion

As a follow up from the December 14th committee meeting and a request by a committee member, below is the requested information to help the ongoing discussion of the walking path.

- Walking path cost and layout
- Distance from path to property line
- Distance of loops west of the tennis courts

Walking path material cost

Exhibit 1- 3,992 lf at 8' wide in cinder \$63,872 for material

- 1 mile path that uses a portion of the existing concrete bike path
- The path will be located in the runout in some of the soccer fields
- Practice fields south and west of the cottonwood grove will need to be removed or reconfigured

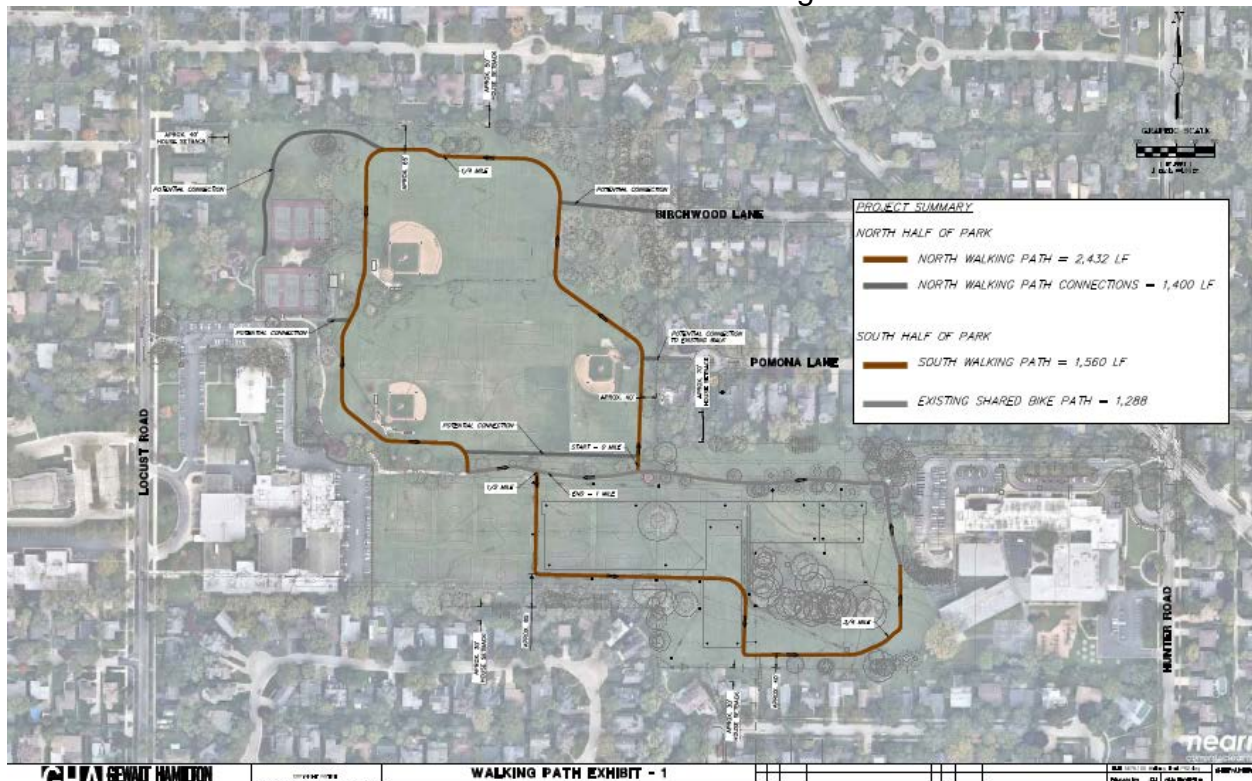


Exhibit 2-5,280 lf at 8' wide in cinder \$84,480 for material

- 1 mile loop with perpendicular crossings of the bike path
- The south loop of the path will be in the runout zone in some of the soccer fields



Walking path from 10-28-2020 Total \$201,600 for combination of cinder and boardwalk

- North loop in cinder 2,200 lf at 10' wide-\$35,200 for material
- South loop cinder and boardwalk 2,000 lf at 8' wide-\$166,400 for material



Distance of the path from the property line

Exhibit 1

North portion of path

-The closest the path will be to the property line on the north end is 45 feet and on the east end it is 40 feet.

South portion of path

-The closest the path will be to the property line near the cottonwoods is 85 feet and 40 feet along the south property line south of the cottonwood grove.

Exhibit 2

North portion of path

-The closest the path will be to the property line on the north end north of the tennis courts is 25 feet and on the east end it is 40 feet.

South portion of path

-The closest the path will be to the property line near the cottonwoods is 60-85 feet and 40 feet along the south property line south of the cottonwood grove.

Exhibit 3

North portion of path

-The closest the path will be to the property line on the north end is north and west of the tennis courts is 25 feet and on the east end it is 40 feet.

Walking path from 10-28-2020 with combination of cinder and boardwalk

North portion of path

-The closest the path will be to the property line on the north end north of the tennis courts is 25 feet and on the east end it is 40 feet.

South portion of path

-The closest the path will be to the property line near the cottonwoods is 40-65 feet and 40 feet along the south property line south of the cottonwood grove.

Distance of loops north and west of the tennis courts



If you have any questions please let me know.



Memorandum

Date: January 8, 2020
To: Steve Wilson, Executive Director
From: Kristi Solberg, Superintendent of Parks and Planning
cc: Emily Guynn, Superintendent of Recreation
Re: Follow up-Garden Plot information

As a follow up to the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on December 14th below is the requested information to help the discussions regarding the needs of the Park District's Garden Plot program.

Garden Plot renter contract

Every year each Garden Plot renter receives a letter and the Garden Plot Rules in February. This letter requests the renter to complete their yearly contract for the upcoming gardening season. The renter has approximately 2 weeks to return the contract with their fee for the year. The rate to rent a garden plot in 2020 was \$40.00 and \$70.00, for residents and non-residents, respectively. The Garden Plot fees were raised two times over the last 4 years by the Parks and Planning staff. The fee was raised \$2 every other year since 2017.

Waitlist info

- Average time on the waitlist
 - Centennial-3 years
 - West Park-2 years
- Number of opening over 3 years
 - Centennial-4-9 openings
 - West Park-6-10 openings
- Number of people on waitlist
 - Centennial-66
 - West Park-19

Please let me know if you have any questions.



Memorandum

Date: January 8, 2021

To: Steve Wilson, Executive Director

From: Kristi Solberg, Superintendent of Parks and Planning

cc: Emily Guynn, Superintendent of Recreation

Re: Updated Dog Park information and potential locations

As a follow up to a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on December 14th. The staff has prepared additional details pertaining to the development of community Dog Park within Howard Park, West Park, Centennial Park and Mallinckrodt.

Centennial Park-no changes

Community Playfields-no changes

Howard Park-fenced area added to NE corner of park.

Mallinckrodt-in discussions with Village of Wilmette to understand the definition of a passive park.

West Park-still working with Village of Glenview in regards to permitting

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Potential Dog Park locations

- **Centennial Park-.53 acres**



- **Community Playfield-.33 acres**



- **Howard Park-.39 acres**



- **Mallinckrodt Park-no dog park allowed within Park**

- West Park-.56 acres and .38 acres

