



WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT
Lakefront Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 1, 2019
6:30 p.m. – Mallinckrodt Community Center

Attendees Present

Commissioners/Committee: Chair, Ryrie Pellaton, Shelley Shelly, Bryan Abbott
Staff: Jerry Ulrich

Staff: Director Wilson, Katy Bradford

Attendees Absent

Emily Guynn

I. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Commissioner Abbott moved and Commissioner Shelly seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2019 Lakefront Committee meeting. All voted yes; **motion carried.**

III. Recognition of Visitors

The Attendance Sheet will become part of the permanent record.

Nancy Joob, 1611 Washington Avenue – Ms. Joob stated she has lived in Wilmette since 1988 and due to a family crisis, was unable to return her sailing beach contract for her kayak years ago. Years later, she is still on the waiting list and feels it is unfair there are non-residents on the beach and she is not. She asked that the committee place residents above non-residents in some way. Commissioner Pellaton thanked her for her comments and asked staff if we could prioritize residents in some way. Director Wilson said that while laws prevent from excluding non-residents entirely, it does allow for favor towards residents in both pricing and process. Commissioner Shelley stated this is how we do class registration where residents get to register a week before non-residents. Commissioner Abbott asked if being on the waitlist for years is a long time. Assistant Manager, Katy Bradford, stated the waiting list is only a few years old and now we are starting to get a better understanding of the annual movement on the waiting list. Ms. Joob asked if we would make changes for this year. Director Wilson stated it was not his intent but would take the Committee's direction. Commissioner Pellaton stated he did not think changes at this point for this year are appropriate but could be considered in the future.

Roni Crystal – 250 Vista Court – Mr. Crystal stated he feels the committee should change the process immediately for the 2019 season, within the limits of the laws.

Commissioner Pellaton stated again that making changes as the process is already underway for the current year is not appropriate and can be considered for future years.

IV. Communications and Correspondence

None

V. Unfinished Business

A. Lakefront Project Update

Director Wilson introduced the staff from WB Olson who were present to give an update per Commissioner Pellaton's request. Chris Powell from WB Olson stated that the weather has allowed for good progress to date and if the weather continues to do so, the project will be completed on time with the final touches like landscaping be the things that may have to be addressed after the season begins. Commissioner Pellaton asked about the paving of the lot and if it would be done on time. Mr. Powell responded that paving is currently scheduled to begin after April 22nd when the asphalt plants are scheduled to open and should be completed prior to the season if the weather does not hold back progress. Commissioner Abbott asked when the pavers would be installed. Mr. Powell said pavers are installed after the binder course is put down, and before the final layer of asphalt. Commissioner Pellaton asked when we plan to get a certificate of occupancy. Mr. Powell said that the current plan is the day after Mother's Day. Dan Polfus from WB Olson stated that the budget is in good shape and the contingency amounts are likely not to be fully consumed. The Committee pressed Mr. Polfus for dollar estimates, which he was unable to provide as too much work is yet to be done to state any amounts with certainty.

VI. New Business

A. Review RFP's for Lakefront Concessions

Director Wilson stated that there were two responses to the Request for Proposal and both items are in the packet. After discussion about the two proposals, the Committee discussed and directed staff to negotiate Shark Shack up closer to Organic Life in licensing fees, as they liked the menu better from Shark Shack. If not, work with Organic Life on the menu.

B. Lakefront Access

Director Wilson stated that the Committee received a memo from the District's legal counsel about the matter of adding signage to inform the public of their rights to walk the water's edge. He stated the memo explains that in Illinois, as compared to other states along the great lakes, the rights are not as clearly defined mainly due to the terminology of the historical high water mark and what that means. He added that if the discussion progressed in Illinois, Illinois would likely follow prior precedent. He went on to state that the public has typically walked the water's edge, and that is how the police have enforced it. Commissioner Pellaton stated that reading the memo, he felt that putting up signage as the park district would likely cause more issue than it would cure.

Commissioner Shelley agreed with Commissioner Pellaton. Commissioner Abbott said that he would accept that this because the park district does not want to precipitate a controversy but that does not mean that there aren't other methods of getting the word out like writing a letter to the editor.

C. Park Permit Request

Director Wilson presented a park permit request from Baker Demonstration School for May 24. Commissioner Abbott moved and Commissioner Shelly seconded a motion to approve the permit request. All voted yes; **motion carried.**

VII. Manager's Report

- Katy Bradford reported:
 - Hiring has been completed for the upcoming season
 - Aquatics camp has over 500 enrolled
 - Sailing lottery took place on March 2nd
 - 28 sailors changed rack spaces but not boat types
 - Still working on the waitlists to fill open spots
 - New SUP's have been delivered for the rental fleet

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct, the Lakefront Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes Approved on: May 6, 2019



Committee Chair



Department Head