

MINUTES OF THE
BERKELEY PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021

The regular meeting of the commissioners of the Berkeley Park District was held on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at Berkeley Park District's Lind Park building.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

Roll call: Commissioners present: J. Traina, P. Smith, K. Lowe, and T. Larem . Commissioner Ditchfield arrived at 7:35 p.m.
Others Present: A. Schenone, Treasurer – P. Graham, Director – A. Hord, Secretary- L. Hammar, Village Liaison
T. Larem, Police Chief – Bill Casalano, River Grove VFW

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the May 5, 2021 meeting by Commissioner Lowe and seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Commissioners voting "aye" were: J. Traina, P. Smith, K. Lowe and T. Larem

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the June 2, 2021 meeting by Commissioner Lowe and seconded by Commissioner Traina.

Commissioners voting "aye" were: J. Traina and D. Ditchfield

Commissioners abstained were: K. Lowe, P. Smith and T. Larem

Treasurer's Report:

Receipts for the month of May were \$22,566.22

There was no payroll for May were none

Disbursements for the month of May were \$5130.65

Commissioners voting "aye" were: J. Traina, D. Ditchfield, P. Smith, K. Lowe, and T. Larem Motion carried.

Receipts for the month of June were \$746.54

There was no payroll for June were none

Disbursements for the month of June were \$8779.26, ratify to \$5279.26 after payment of \$3500.00 to Romano Landscaping.

Commissioners voting "aye" were: J. Traina, D. Ditchfield, P. Smith, K. Lowe, and T. Larem Motion carried.

Art reported that the financial report was completed and copies were given to each commissioner. A discussion took place regarding the bill for \$3500.00 from Romano Landscaping for repairing the ballfield located at Berkeley Park that Mayor Lee had requested. The matter will be taken up with the mayor at the Ad-Hoc meeting on July 14, 2021.

Correspondence: None

Report of Commissioners:

- A.) No Report
- B.) No Report
- C.) No Report
- D.) Report will be given under new business
- E.) No Report

Director's Report: Pete reported that wood chips for Berkeley Park have been ordered.

IT Report: No report.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- A.) Cell Towers- A discussion took place regarding the ownership of the property located beneath the water tower. Attorney Posey is looking into this matter for next meeting.
- B.) Commissioner Ditchfield's reported he had contacted Williams Architect and explained Berkeley Park District did not have the money needed for the \$139,000.00 the public engagement and drawings, and that they will proceed with the Public Engagement in the amount of \$16,000.00. This is to see what the needs of the public are for the park space. Williams agreed to scale down the conceptual to \$58,000.00 for a total of \$74,000.00. An Oslate Grants will be applied for in September. The commissioners agreed that updating the Berkeley Park area in stages is a good idea, with starting with adding exercise stations and making the blue court area usable to the public.

New Business:

- A.) A motion was made by Commissioner Ditchfield and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Public Engagement with Williams Architects for the amount \$16,000.00, pending an attorney review. Commissioners voting "aye" were: J. Traina, D. Ditchfield, P. Smith, K. Lowe, and T. Larem Motion carried.
- B.) A discussion took place regarding the bill for \$3500.00 from Romano Landscaping for ball field repairs at Berkeley Park, which was requested by Mayor Lee. Commissioners will speak with the mayor. To be tabled to next meeting
- C.) VFW event: Police Chief Larem attended the meeting along with Bill Casalano from River Grove VFW. Bill was requesting permission to hold an VFW Reenactment event in Berkeley Park on August 7, 2021 from 9-5. It would be open to the public to view exhibits of what took place during different wars through history. The event had been planned to be held in River Grove and fell through. They would be working with our local VFW and be set up along the Prairie Path, and a Blackhawk helicopter in the ball field.
A motion was made by Commissioner Ditchfield and seconded by Commissioner Larem to approve the request of usage of Berkeley Park for the River Grove VFW to hold a Reenactment Exhibit.
Commissioners voting "aye" were: J. Traina, D. Ditchfield, P. Smith, K. Lowe, and T. Larem Motion carried.

Public Comment: Liaison Larry Hammar apologized for not enough communication between the Berkeley Park District Board of Commissioners and the Village Hall. Mayor Lee is asking for the next Ad-Hoc meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 14, instead of Thursday the 15th due to music in the park taking place, and to walk the park together to discuss location ideas. Commissioner were in agreeance. Larry also said that ComEd had attended a village meeting and stated the electric for the parking lot and the library are free of charge. They are checking if Berkeley Park would be included. The village also applied for a \$10,000.00 ComEd grant to help with the lighting enhancement project for along the Prairie Path. He also extended an invitation to come to the village on August 10th at 10:30 a.m. when CMAP would be there explaining the possible improvements along the Taft Avenue Business Corridor.

Next Meeting: Regular meeting- Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

Next Ad-Hoc Committee meeting – Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowe and seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Commissioners voting "aye" were: J. Traina, D. Ditchfield, P. Smith, K. Lowe, and T. Larem Motion carried.

Ann Hord
Secretary