

Present: Chairperson Schmitt; Vice-Chairperson Greening; Members: Davis, Harmon, Mooney and O'Reilly

Absent: Cobleigh

Also Present: Public Services Director, Spallasso

Chairperson Schmitt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Village municipal building at 18500 W. 13 Mile Road. The board members engaged in a moment of silence for the victims, their families, and all those who were involved in the shocking events last week at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Pennsylvania.

Cobleigh's absence is excused due to illness.

WAIVE NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

RESOLVED by Greening, supported by O'Reilly, to waive notice of special meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Resolution passes unanimously.

Schmitt updated the board on the timing with respect to CMI grant availability and progress on the park improvement program. He has been informed by Manager Murphy that the Governor has signed the CMI supplemental appropriations bill. A date has not been set for the state sponsored workshop that is required to be attended by representatives of the Village before grant plans can be submitted to Lansing. It is anticipated that the workshop will be scheduled for the middle of October. Plans can then be submitted, after which time the state has ten days to object to the plans. Schmitt stated that the four weeks required for the bid process will probably bring the calendar to the end of November, which will probably be too late in the season to begin a paving project.

COMPLETE CMI GRANT ITEMS

Playground Equipment

Hubbell, Roth & Clark has submitted a revised plan and cost estimate for the playground area based on discussion at the August 30 Parks and Recreation Board meeting. A subcommittee of the board met with HRC representatives to review the modified playground layout and select the equipment design. Landscape architect Steve Pyc displayed and described the revised plans proposed as a result of these deliberations.

Board members reviewed the plan. Questions about the equipment and layout were addressed by Pyc. He noted that playground equipment lists will be provided to more than one manufacturer for bid purposes. The playground equipment work will be subcontracted to one of the large playground equipment manufacturers.

MOTION by Greening, supported by Mooney, to recommend approval of the playground plan prepared by Hubbell, Roth & Clark.

Motion passes unanimously.

Parking Lot

Architect Larry Ancypa displayed a site plan of the parking lot area and described the changes resulting from the board's review of the plan at its August 30 meeting. The parking lot will be re-stripped to show angle parking and a counter-clockwise traffic flow that will promote one-way traffic. The size of the aisles will be increased. A couple of walk-through area will be provided in the island for pedestrian use. The parking lot will be paved with asphalt with rolled asphalt curbing.

Ancypa outlined the drainage plans for the parking lot. There will be two catch basins with restrictor plates. A grade will be established that will cause the drainage to flow towards a bio-swale that will be installed southeast of the parking lot. From there it will drain out to existing storm sewers on Allerton at an agricultural runoff discharge rate no greater than the current discharge.

MOTION by Harmon, supported by Davis, that the Parks and Recreation Board reaffirm its recommendation for approval of the revised parking lot plan proposed by HRC.

Motion passes unanimously.

Tree Selection

Harmon commented that an original concept was to consider planting Pin Oaks in the parking lot island. He remarked that acorns would be a negative aspect of this proposal. Board members discussed HRC's recommendation to plant male Ginkgo trees in the center island and Autumn Purple Ash along the perimeter of the parking lot.

MOTION by Harmon, supported by Mooney, to recommend planting male Ginkgo trees in the center island of the Beverly Park parking lot and Autumn Purple Ash on the perimeter of the parking lot.

Motion passes unanimously.

Ecological Garden

Harmon has submitted a written proposal to the board for an ecological garden to be installed in the park. The purpose of the bioswale is to contain plants that can accept the flooding and periodic drying out in order to reabsorb runoff from the parking lot. The board discussed the location and installation of the ecological garden with Ancypa, Pyc and Spallasso. Board members suggested that the distance between the bioswale and the tennis court be maintained at approximately six feet to allow a path for walkers.

HRC will work on developing engineering details for the bioswale that will include the elevation and the excavation required. Spallasso noted that there is an existing drain that goes from the small ice rink to the storm drain on Allerton.

Other Loose Ends

Ancypa stated that HRC representatives and board members resolved a number of issues at the August 30 Parks and Recreation Board meeting with regard to aesthetics and materials to be used on the fence and entranceway. Pricing on the entrance gates has been received from Tony Martinez, and costs are consistent with the estimate sheet provided by HRC at the last meeting.

A new drawing shows the revised alignment of the pedestrian sidewalk from the flagpole to the Beverly Road crosswalk. Spallasso stated that, on the northwest corner of Beverly and Norchester, the crosswalk and cross bar will be re-engineered, a new sidewalk will be installed, and the stop sign at Beverly and Norchester will be adjusted to accommodate the crosswalk. The engraved brick pavers will start at the entrance to the park.

Ancypa remarked that HRC has the direction it needs from the Parks and Recreation Board with respect to the CMI grant projects. They will move forward with the engineering and specifications when final approval is received from Council.

Schmitt thanked Spallasso for attending tonight's meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

**Phil Schmitt, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Board**

**Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk**