

MINUTES
DeKalb Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 31, 2017
Hopkins Administrative Building
1403 Sycamore Road, DeKalb, IL

Special - Public Meeting
4:30 p.m.

I. Meeting Called To Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

President Phil Young called the meeting to order at 4:29 p.m.

Board Members Present: President Phil Young, Commissioner Dag Grada, Commissioner Keith Nyquist and Commissioner Dean Holliday.

Staff Members Present: Executive Director Amy Doll, Superintendent of Finance and Administration Karin Johns, Superintendent of Marketing & Golf Operations Scott deOliveira, Human Resource and Payroll Manager Autumn Kelly, Accounting & Administrative Assistant Emily Bidstrup, and Superintendent of Parks and Development Mat Emken.

II. Action on the Agenda

Commissioner Nyquist made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Grada. Motion carried by voice vote.

III. Public Comments

No public Comment.

IV. Sled Hill Discussion

Executive Director, Amy Doll, advised the Board about the exciting opportunity to bring a sled hill to the District. The DeKalb Sanitary District has offered to supply the District with dirt from their improvement project. After looking at multiple different areas within the District's parks, the location at Hopkins Park makes the most sense being that it is adjacent to the sanitary district which saves times and tax payers dollars. Commissioner Holliday asked staff to point out exactly where the sled hill will be he also asked if sleders would be running into the road. President Young referenced a specific spot on the GIS map provided by the sanitary district and asked if that area is the property that the District leases. Superintendent of Parks & Development, Mat Emken, advised that the lease is 50 years.

President Young asked if the dirt would be transported from the bottom up. Mr. Emken advised that no trucks would be transporting on the Districts roadways or sycamore road. President Young asked the start and end time for the project. Ms. Doll stated that dirt could start arriving in August and the build could last 12-18 months,

but whoever is doing the excavating would determine the timeline. President Young asked for a rough completion time and if the dirt will be piled in one spot. Ms. Doll advised that ideally the project would go out to bid and it's possible that the same contractor who is completing the sanitary district's project could complete the park districts. Commissioner Holliday advised to request the dump be preliminary and not just dumped in one spot. He then asked if the leftover dirt could be brought somewhere else for future use. Ms. Doll stated that option is possible.

Commissioner Grada stated he would like to accommodate the sanitary district the best we can by taking 100%, which would benefit the District and save them a lot of money. President Young asked if the figure of 7,000 truckloads of dirt is correct. Commissioner Grada asked if the loads included concrete from the homes that are being excavated. Mr. Emken stated he believes they would only be receiving dirt. Commissioner Holliday asked what location most of the dirt is coming from and how many homes are being excavated.

Commissioner Nyquist asked if staff had talked to PDRMA about the general concept of building a sled hill in the park. Ms. Doll stated no, but she has looked at general guidelines. Commissioner Holliday asked if stairs would be built to access the top of the hill. Commissioner Holliday and President Young referenced the sled hill at Russell Woods. Commissioner Grada asked if staff have thought about restricting access to the site during the building process and stated that the large dirt pile would draw attention. President Young asked if there was thought about making 2 sled hills, one for children and one for adults. Commissioner Holliday agreed and stated that the older generation seems to always take over. Commissioner Nyquist asked if a scenario is anticipated where the District decides to move forward but then PDRMA comes back saying they don't approve. Ms. Doll stated that a call could be made to PDRMA stating what the plans are. President Young advised calling the Sycamore Park District since they are in the process of creating a sled hill right now. Commissioner Holliday asked if the District is assuming all liability. Ms. Doll advised that the sled hill would be held to the same liability as any of the other locations in the District. Commissioner Holliday asked if waivers could be signed by those using the sled hill. Ms. Doll stated that would be hard to do, so the sled hill liability would be the same as the skate park is currently. Commissioner Holliday stated that users of the golf course sign a waiver. Ms. Doll advised that fees are charged at the courses so waivers are easy to sign there.

V. Action to Approve Sled Hill Location

Commissioner Nyquist made a motion to approve the parcel of land leased from the DeKalb Sanitary District between the baseball fields and the apartments as the site to construct a sled hill, seconded by Commissioner Holliday. Motion carried by roll call vote. Aye: Nyquist, Grada, Holliday, Young. Nay: None. Absent: None. (4-0-0)

VI. Executive Session

a. Performance of Occupant of Public Office 2(c)(3)

VII. Adjourn Public Meeting

President Young made a motion to table the Executive Session. President Young read a statement from former Commissioner Bryant Irving which stated that due to health reasons he was resigning from the Board. He enjoyed his time at the District, his time with Park District Staff and helping the public. President Young thanked Mr. Irving for his time on the Board and wished him luck. Commissioner Nyquist thanked Mr. Irving for his service.

VIII. Adjourn Public Meeting

Commissioner Nyquist moved to adjourn the public meeting, seconded by Commissioner Holliday. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm.