

PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Ela Town Hall – Upper Level Board Room
1155 E. Route 22, Lake Zurich, IL
Thursday, April 4, 2024 – 8:30 A.M.

MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED APRIL 11, 2024

1. Call to Order: Second Chair Trustee Bowman called the April 4, 2024, Parks Committee meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.
2. Roll Call: Present were Second Chair Trustee Bowman, Supervisor Palmblad, Township Manager Marciniak, and Superintendent DePouw. Chair Trustee Ufodike entered the meeting at 8:36 AM. Highway Foreman Meyer was absent.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Knox Park: The Ela Township pickleball courts are now open for the season. The decision was made by the committee to leave the pickleball rules sign as is for the time being. The snow fence was removed from the football field. Playground mulch was installed at Knox and Ela Park. The Parks walkthrough is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th at 10:30 A.M., weather permitting. Further discussion regarding moving the Knox Park entrance sign closer to the street during the walkthrough. Concrete to be poured under the pickleball paddle holders outside the courts. Two spots of the foundation have bowling ball like divots, Highway Superintendent DePouw to contact the contractors. Water at Knox Park to be turned on in May.
5. Knigge Park: Highway Superintendent DePouw received an email from the engineers requesting a walkthrough of the route for the stormwater project at Knigge. Ela Township received DCEO grant of \$48,000.
6. Ela Township Community Park: Discussion of potentially moving Flames practice to ETCP for the upcoming season since lacrosse will not be using the park for practice. Supervisor Palmblad will speak with Flames to discuss further.
7. Tree Replacement: New trees will be installed when there is more consistent weather.
8. New Business: The 2024 Flames Football Agreement was discussed, including a potential increase of their annual fee. Supervisor Palmblad will discuss it with Flames and a final agreement will be presented at the April board meeting. Parking lot resurfacing at Town Hall completed last year included the center lot. Currently scheduled FY24/25 parking lot improvement is for the west lot, however, we may consider the southernmost lot in FY24/25, and complete the west lot in FY25/26.
9. Old Business: The new parks truck was delivered and has had the liner installed. The quote for lights and decals is still pending. Quotes were received to repaint the stairs at Ela Historical Society. Highway Superintendent DePouw will reach out to a company that does mobile sandblasting to compare pricing. This option would include Highway employees painting the staircase.
10. Set Date for Next Parks Committee Meeting: June 12, 2024, at 8:30 AM.
11. Adjournment: Chair Trustee Ufodike adjourned the meeting at 9:21 AM.

Respectfully Submitted: Township Manager Marciniak