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PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Ela Town Hall – Upper Level Conference Room
1155 E. Route 22, Lake Zurich, IL
Wednesday, August 15, 2024 – 8:30 A.M.

MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED September 12, 2024

1. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order by Chair Ufodike at 8:34 a.m.
2. Roll Call
Present was Chair Trustee Ufodike, Assistant Chair Trustee Bowman, Supervisor Palmblad, and Foreman Meyer. Township Manager Marciniak is excused.
3. Public Comment
4. Knox Park
 - a. Pickleball Court Cameras
Manager Marciniak received one quote so far for cameras. The cost was extremely expensive and he is working on receiving additional quotes.
 - b. Banner for Pickleball Court
Committee discussed the suggestion and decided this was not a priority.
 - c. Discussion of converting Tennis Courts to temporary Pickleball courts
Committee discussed this idea but the consensus was to leave the tennis courts strictly for tennis at this time.
 - d. Discussion on Knox Park sign
Supervisor Palmblad reminded everyone that the submitted permit request was denied due to a new signage ordinance. The ordinance does not allow exposed posts taller than 24". Supervisor Palmblad had a preliminary drawing created with an additional sign added to the bottom to meet the new guidelines. They were submitted to the Village and deemed acceptable. The consensus was to leave the sign up through football season. The highway department would then take the sign down to check the condition. If the condition is good, it will be repainted and reinstalled in the new location with the additional signage underneath. If the sign is in poor condition, the Township would secure quotes to have a new sign made.
 - e. Gaga pit – concrete has been poured, tiles have been glued down. Additional tiles have been ordered to complete project. Once installed, gaga pit will be installed. Manager Marciniak has been tasked with looking into a new sign for the gaga pit.
5. Knigge Park
Berger Construction has been working on the drainage project and is almost complete. A couple of things were brought to our attention that should also be included. A basin near Midlothian has disintegrated and needs replacing, as well as the need to replace a pipe with the proper pitch to the new line. Waiting for estimates to be submitted for further discussion at the C-O-W next week.

6. Ela Township Community Park – no report.
7. Ela Park – no report
8. Tree Replacement – no report
9. New Business
 - a. Discussion on parks maintenance report
Reviewed latest report. Noted those projects that have since been completed. We all agreed this was an ongoing “honey do” list.
 - b. Discussion on new trailer
Foreman Meyer stated they need to drive current trailer, when now in use, to the dealer to find a replacement. Expecting new semi-custom trailer to run between \$10K and \$15K.
 - c. Supervisor Palmblad recently noticed pieces of brick missing from backside of the building and requested suggestions. Former employee, John Sacamano, was a bricklayer and may have some ideas. Supervisor Palmblad to follow up with John.
 - d. The new parks truck is ready to be rolled out. The Highway Department will begin the process of selling the old truck at auction.
10. Old Business
 - a. Parks Rental Agreement updates
The committee all agreed about the suggested change: *Park rentals will only be considered for 501c3 organizations with Ela Township addresses.* This item will not go to the full Board for approval.
 - b. Strategic Plan
Supervisor Palmblad reviewed the updated plan with the committee. All in all, most of the goals from 2022 have been met. New ones added since have either been completed or are in the process.
11. Set Date for Next Parks Committee Meeting
Next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for November 12th at 8:30 a.m.
12. Chair Ufodike adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: *Supervisor Gloria M. Palmblad*