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## **PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Ela Town Hall, 1155 East Route 22, Lake Zurich**  
**Monday, November 16, 2020**

### **Minutes**

1. Call to Order – 4:02 PM
2. Roll Call – Supervisor Palmblad, Trustee Sikes, Trustee Bowman, Township Manager Stefaniuk, Highway Commissioner Forster and Foreman Meyer.
3. LZ Lacrosse
  - A representative from the Lake Zurich Lacrosse Club discussed requests for improvements at Ela Township Community Park, which included installation of a well and concession stand with electricity. LZ Lacrosse also requested use of Knox Park sports field for up to 4-6 games, including practice for its girls team. Overall, LZ Lacrosse is enjoying the new field at Ela Township after completing their first season this year.
4. Knox Park Updates
  - New sideline drainage installed for the Knox Park football field is working well according to the Highway Department staff. Presently, there have been no complaints from the LZ Flames Football organization.
  - The Committee discussed the Soil Analysis Report that was completed in the Fall season at the sports courts. The recommendation established as a result of the report suggests that a full depth replacement is needed to repair the subgrade foundation prior to rebuilding any sports court structure at the site of the hockey rink and tennis courts. The majority consensus of Committee members expressed an interest to remove the hockey rink foundation and fencing to plant a grass field and list/sell the hockey rink walls on Obenauf Auctions. The Highway Department will perform the work and look into finding a free dump site for the asphalt spoils.
5. Ela Township Community Park
  - Tree Planting/Replacement Program – The Ela Township Community Park (ETCP) had a couple of fir trees that began showing signs of deteriorating conditions on the northside of the park.
  - There was Committee member consensus to not snowplow the ETCP parking lot.
  - The Highway Department performed field aeration in the Fall and is planning to conduct slitseeding in Spring 2021. Installing a well was suggested as a potential solution to help field moisture issues on the main sports field, it may cost around \$9,000 - \$12,000.
6. FY22 Parks Budget
  - The Committee discussed plans to (1) replace the Knox Park security camera system; (2) perform Phase 2 of the Knox Park parking lot project in the lower section of the North-Central Lot; and (3) consider revenues received from the Green Electric Aggregation Program to be used in care of Township parks per

the recommendation of the Township Manager. The Township Manager also explained that he is planning to conduct an on-site review of all Parks playgrounds in the next couple of weeks.

7. New Business

- None

8. Old Business

- None

9. Schedule Next Meeting – TBD

10. Adjournment – 5:14 PM