

HUNTLEY PARK DISTRICT

Board Workshop

March 9, 2022

President Keith Wold called the meeting to order at 7:00p.

Commissioners present: Keith Wold, Jerry Nepermann, William Awe, and Jim Blasky.

Commissioner(s) absent: Melissa Kellas

Staff present: Scott Crowe, Executive Director.

Committee of the Whole: Keith Wold; Chairperson.

Steve Konters joined the board in-person to present their proposals for the Strategic Comprehensive Plan. Bobbie Nance from Recreation Results and Dan Nicolas from FGM Architects also joined via Zoom to add to the presentation. This is the second “all-in-one” approach to the planning process similar to the previous proposal presented by PROS Consulting.

Jeff Andreasen from aQity Research & Insights, Inc. presented his proposal specific to their portion of the planning which includes the Community Needs Survey. This would be one of three steps of the “A la Carte” approach to planning.

Darrell Garrison joined the meeting remotely and presented the Master Plan portion of this project which his company Planning Resources, Inc. could provide. This would be one of three steps of the “A la Carte” approach to planning.

Board and staff discussed strategic plan options and the Board gave staff further direction to clarify several items in the proposals and bring a recommendation to the board for the March 23 Board meeting. In addition, it was requested that Director Crowe provide examples to the board of finished plans from other districts that were served by each of these prospective providers.

Scott Crowe gave a short update on the Fieldstone Subdivision by MI Homes. The donation formula is confirmed by the Village so the park district can proceed. Per our last discussion on this topic, the new subdivision is in the middle of three current park service areas. A new park or playground could be justified or not, or something different could be explored. Staff will present some ideas to the Park Committee for further consideration.

Fall Fest agreement will be up for consideration this month if all items are received. Fall Fest Chairperson, Bryant Haniszewski has submitted his request and indicated parking is secured with two private property owners. Scott Crowe has requested confirmation of this permission. In addition, Scott Crowe has requested recognition as a sponsor in equal value of the in-kind donation value of the park, shelters, and facilities that are reserved to deliver this event.

Commissioner Wold left the meeting at 9:00p.

Historical Society Agreement is up this month for use of the Farmhouse. Director Crowe recommends renewing this with no changes.

Heat United Soccer Club is the final Affiliate Agreement to be considered at this meeting. Scott Crowe inquired with the board if there were any additional questions regarding the Affiliate Application and approval process. No additional discussion was necessary.

The Village of Huntley reached out to us last week to inquire about coordinating a Butterfly Garden with them and the Huntley Rotary Club at one of our park sites. The idea is that the Huntley Rotary Club would receive a grant of up to \$1,000 for the initial cost of the project and would maintain the plants accordingly. The hope is to introduce certain plants, flowers, etc. that specifically attract pollinators (butterflies) to the area. The board had no concerns and directed staff to get more details and discussed some prospective locations. Staff will follow-up with the Village to keep the conversation going.

Staff or commissioner comments...

Scott Crowe inquired with the board their level of interest or concern with Scott serving on an NRPA CPRE Test Review Committee and/or as a Board Member for PDRMA. There are immediate vacancies and Scott meets the qualifications with both. There were no immediate concerns expressed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Awe and seconded by Commissioner Blasky. All ayes, Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott M. Crowe, CPRE
Secretary of the Board

Signature on file

Keith Wold, President

Date

Signature on file

Scott M. Crowe, Secretary

Date