

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Monday, April 22, 2019**

Chairman Waverley called the Special Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7:06 pm in the Memorial Building Board Room.

Members Present: Chairman Alice Waverly; Commissioners John George, Chris Boruff, Darren Baker, Steve Keane

Absent: Commissioners Heather Hester and Greg Moore

Others Present: Dan Filice, Tollway Engineer, entered the meeting via phone at 7:45.

Staff Present: Brad Bloom, Assistant Village Manager
Sammy Hanzel, Recreation Supervisor

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OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and Approve Updated Landscaping Designs Provided by the Illinois Tollway for Veeck and Peirce Parks

Assistant Manager Bloom gave an overview regarding berms at the sight wall and the screening of trains at Veeck and Peirce Parks from park goers. The slopes have been redesigned, and now park goers would see more of the maintenance track and trains. The proposed slope is very similar to what already exists. The new plan has additional landscaping and a sixteen foot wall at the edge of the berm and Village right-of-way in order to maximize screening from park users at Veeck.

The Commission and Mr. Bloom discussed the culvert at Peirce Park and the fence. Mr. Bloom confirmed the fence will be a wall considered a Symtec fence.

The Commission discussed maintenance vehicle parking on the shoefly BNSF track and visibility from park.

The Commission's overall concern is regarding seeing maintenance train from either park.

The Commission is more concerned about the line of sight on Peirce side than gaining park space since it may not be usable park space (i.e. baseball diamonds).

Chairman Waverley expressed concerns about the line of sight and how much of the trains and maintenance vehicles would be visible from the homes across the street.

The Veeck side is not a concern of the Commission.

A RECESS was called at 7:45 PM to call Dan Filice, Illinois Tollway Engineer.

The Meeting resumed at 7:50 PM. At this point, Dan Filice entered the meeting via phone.

The first question was regarding the wall on the North Peirce Park side. Chairman Waverley asked why the line of sight on the diagram is drawn through the sixteen foot wall. Mr. Felice confirmed it should be drawn to meet the bottom of the wall and the train on the track instead. He further clarified the decision to utilize sixteen foot walls instead of twelve foot walls.

The second question was regarding the slopes of elevation at Peirce Park. Commissioner Boruff asked why the Tollway is using three sections of elevation, as opposed to two sections with a higher slope to raise the wall higher. The Commission does not want to lose flat land, but they would like to see a higher elevation from the center of the culvert to the tracks to increase the height of the wall. Mr. Felice said that the Tollway will take a look at the intermediate slope to see if it can be changed at all. Ideally, the Tollway wants to maintain the 2:1 slope coming off the tracks. The Tollway will also look into how much this will raise the fence line, but it might only be by about a foot, so there wouldn't be much gain.

Chairman Waverley motioned to approve the presented Landscaping Proposal by BNSF, dated April 11, 2019.

Commissioner George seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58PM.

ATTEST: _____
Maggie South, Administrative Assistant