

The Workshop Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Cohen at 7:30 p.m. in the Administrative Offices of the Deerfield Park District located in the Jewett Park Community Center. Attendance was taken and the following were:

Present: Caron, Cohen, Lapin, Patinkin (4)  
Absent: Antokal (1)

And there was a quorum in attendance. Also in attendance was Jeff Nehila, Secretary/ Executive Director; Jay Zahn, Linda Anderson, staff members; Darrel Garrison, Steve Halberg, Bob Collins, and Ben Kutscheid, Planning Resources, Inc.

**Matters from the Public**

No members of the public were present.

**Jewett Park Master Planning**

Darrel Garrison, Planning Resources, Inc., (PRI), began the discussion by explaining the master planning process. The plan is only as successful as the information gathered from users of the park. There are a series of focus groups that will be completed by mid-May. The first focus group is with the board tonight. This will help PRI gain an understanding of how the board thinks.

Bob Collins provided a series of questions to act as a guideline to facilitate discussion.

The following are important issues the board and staff would like to have addressed at Jewett Park:

- Vice-President Patinkin commented that Jewett Park is the crown jewel of the park system. He explained from the time children are little it is a bonus to play baseball under the lights and would like to maintain the lights.
- President Cohen would like to see a feature that would attract older children/young teenagers.
- Commissioner Caron would like to see a pedestrian entrance at the north end of the park.
- Commissioner Caron would like to see an outside community gathering place for concerts etc.
- Treasurer Lapin expressed an interest in having a natural space with walking trails through natural growth.
- Treasurer Lapin would like to see Jewett Park be a family destination.
- It was agreed that we should keep the skate park and space for ice skating.
- Staff would like to see a turnaround on the west side of the community center that could accommodate a bus.

The following are current items that work well at Jewett Park:

- Baseball
- Playgrounds
- Skate Park

The following are design elements whether programmatic or problematic that the board would like to see incorporated into the plan:

- Circulation plan
- The Northwest Quadrant Pedestrian Access Plan
- Better access from north end of park to library

- A more visual entrance to the park

The following items are complaints heard from park users:

- Ballfields too small
- No homerun fences
- Safety concerns from errant baseballs
- No warm-up area for ball players

The schematic timeline is as follows:

- Data collection and information gathering by mid-May
- Development of a site plan by end of May
- Conceptual design phase during June
- Conceptual design presentations to board in July
- Final design plan created by end of July
- Final design plan shared with village in early August
- Design development
- Draft concept plan with budget number in early October
- Final concept plan with budget number mid-October
- Phase 1 implementation in early 2019

**Other**

**Volunteer Recognition Reception**

The Volunteer Recognition Reception is on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at the Deerfield Golf Club.

**Hazel Avenue Properties**

Director Nehila provided a brief update on the Hazel Avenue properties.

Motion made by Commissioner Caron, seconded by Treasurer Lapin, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 8:35 p.m. Voice vote as follows:

AYES: Caron, Lapin, Patinkin, Cohen (45)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Antokal (1)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jeff Nehila, Secretary