



Wilmette Park District **Board Brief**

Updates of interest from your Wilmette Park District Board of Park Commissioners

Consent Agenda to Begin Future Meetings

The June 14 meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners introduced a new standing agenda item titled Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda will include items not commonly debated by the board.

Public Comment for Gillson Park

The main topic of the Public Comment section at the June 14 meeting was the Gillson Comprehensive Plan and its impact on local traffic, park aesthetics and use of the space.

Village Stormwater Update

At the June 14 meeting, the Village of Wilmette Engineers gave a presentation on the state of the Village Stormwater Project for each of the three phases, with a focus on the planning and development of phase 3, Thornwood Park. It was confirmed that with the final adjustments to the design of the three vaults, 98% of the homes in the flood areas of the project will be protected from flooding – a great improvement from the originally anticipated 70% of homes.

Financial Report Commended

A presentation was given at the June 14 meeting by Independent Auditors to discuss the Park District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020. Congratulations were in order, as the Park District received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, one of the highest honors awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association.

Engagement Continues at Gillson

Consultants from Lakota Group attended the June 14 meeting to discuss and present on the Gillson Comprehensive Plan. An explanation of the process, planning, ongoing communication with the public and analysis of gathered information was provided. As the plan is moving into the Envision phase, consultants emphasized that the third and final stage of the plan will continue



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to involve community engagement and feedback. Be on the lookout for more news regarding Open House opportunities/dates to provide feedback on the plans for Gillson Park.

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Updates from the Lakefront Committee

Commissioner Goebel reported on the Lakefront Committee at the June 14 meeting. Concepts for improvements to the Lakeview Center were reviewed at the committee meeting the week prior. The committee will be evaluating additional input over the next few weeks.

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News and Progress from the Parks & Rec. Committee

The Parks and Recreation Committee report was given by Commissioner Duffy at the June 14 meeting, and covered a few key topics:

- The Board moved to no longer consider Howard Park for a dog park location, and the motion passed.
- The Community Playfields Fitness Path Configuration, as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Committee, was passed, and the path will be one mile long. Commissioner Murdock explained there are still a lot of details to be determined – this decision allows the process to move forward into cost projections and authorizing a contractor, but final configuration decisions will return to the board for further approval.
- The Maple Park playground designs, as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Committee, were passed. Final details are still to be determined including bids and cost estimates. This information will be discussed and approved by the board after further planning and evaluation by the committee.

To read the full minutes from our past Board meetings, click [here](#).

Minutes are posted after they are approved at a subsequent meeting.

Next Board meeting: Monday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Village Hall at 1200 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette. All meetings are open to the public. Details will be posted on the [Park Board](#) page on our website.

Meetings will be available on Channel 6 locally for Comcast subscribers, as well as available on our shared YouTube channel with the Village of Wilmette.

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