



Wilmette Park District **Board Brief**

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

Discussions and Motions for the Lakeview Center Renovation Project

Village Hall was filled with visitors at the October 18 meeting. The meeting began with a brief summary of the Lakeview Center Renovation Project history and concept plans from Director Wilson. The floor was then opened for Public Comment with the majority of visitors voicing feedback, input, questions and suggestions for the Lakeview Center Renovation Project.

Following the Public Comment section, commissioners took time to respond to specific points that had been brought up. Each commissioner took a turn to provide clarification and answers, and to explain their own perspective and share feedback they had gathered from their own community interactions and research.

At the conclusion of the Lakeview Center Renovation Project discussion, a motion was made to approve the design concept for the Lakeview Center. This motion was passed, and then a subsequent motion was made to approve the design services proposal for the Lakeview Center. Director Wilson explained that this proposal would move the conceptual designs through to a detailed design development which would be used to facilitate a bid process as well as construction work. The proposal would cover all 3 phases of the Lakeview Center Renovation Project; however, the timing and implementation of these phases would be discussed and voted on at a later date by the park board. The motion was approved.

Golf Committee Report

At the October 18 meeting, it was reported that the Golf Cart Path Project is off to a great start with construction moving along at a rapid pace. Director Wilson explained that due to a delayed start to the project, workers are clocking longer days and will be working Saturdays in order to make up for lost time. The project had an original completion date of December 3, but project managers are aiming for November 19. The golf course is closed, and the driving range is



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open. Commissioner Duffy reported that an email had gone out seeking bids for the golf club restaurant space. Enquiries will be accepted for the next month, and the current vendor will be in place through December 2021.

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Centennial Committee Report

President Murdock gave the Centennial Committee Report at the October 18 meeting. “Paddle is bursting at the seams, which led to the bulk of the conversation,” said Murdock. The committee has been discussing a variety of improvements to West Park, including adding pickleball and paddle courts, expanding the paddle deck and the paddle hut, and relocating the playground to allow for the pickleball courts. The committee has identified ways for these improvements to fit together without affecting the community gardens or access to the facilities building.

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Financial Planning and Policy Committee Report

Commissioner Clarke provided a brief summary at the October 18 meeting regarding the Financial Policy and Planning Committee. She recapped that the district is doing very well financially, and that from the Committee of the Whole meeting the previous Wednesday, the board operations manual is being reviewed for provisions needing more board policy decisions. “Our attorneys know what the board is looking for and will present a draft to the Financial Planning and Policy Committee to then make a recommendation to the board,” explained Clarke.

Executive Director’s Report & New Business

At the October 18 meeting, Director Wilson gave recognition and thanks to all the people involved with the successful Ouilmette Foundation Beach Bash last month. He also reported that the agency’s traditional seasonal event, Halloween Happening, will not be taking place this year due to the pandemic and the indoor, high-attendance nature of the event. “Instead, an alternative event will be held at Mallinckrodt Park called Pumpkinpalooza,” he explained.

Director Wilson also discussed an amendment to the IGA with the Village of Wilmette regarding the Village Stormwater Project. Wilson explained that “the amendment would provide flexibility to the usage of the funds provided to Wilmette Park District, and sets a clock on when those funds must be expended.” The amendment identifies that the money must be spent with invoices submitted to the village by December 2, 2024. The resolution for this amendment was approved.

Strategic Planning was briefly touched upon by President Murdock and Commissioner Anderson. Anderson commented that she had already begun research into how other agencies in the area and surrounding regions addressed their own strategic plans. “I feel very strongly that it’s something we should pursue, and the first step is understanding how our surrounding districts developed theirs,” she said. Director Wilson was in favor of focusing on a strategic plan, noting that such a plan “will help guide the agency into the future, as well as the board.”

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, November 8 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.

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