

MINUTES
Public Hearing
Riverfront Park: Phase I
Sports Complex Project
Tuesday September 25, 2018
5:30 to 6:30 P.M.
Sycamore Park District Maintenance Building
435 Airport Road in Sycamore, IL

President Kroeger called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Will the secretary please call the roll. Commissioners Schulz, Strack, and Kroeger were present. Commissioners Graves and Tucker were absent.

The following Sycamore Park District Commissioners are physically present and will be participating in the meeting in person: **Commissioners Schulz, Strack and Kroeger.**

The following Sycamore Park District Commissioners are not physically present, but will be participating in the meeting via video and/or audio conferencing: **None**

The following Sycamore Park District Commissioners are not physically present, and will not be participating in the meeting: **Commissioners Graves and Tucker.**

Staff members present were Executive Director Dan Gibble, Supt. Of Parks Jeff Donahoe, Program Supervisor Lisa Metcalf, Supt. of Recreation Theresa Tevsh, Recreation Specialist Melissa Dobberstein and Recording Secretary Jeanette Freeman. Commissioner Graves arrived at 6:20 pm.

The Sycamore Park District's Engineering Firm was represented by Drew Kustus and June Kanicko. The firm is Engineering Resource Associates of Warrenville, Illinois.

At the start of the meeting, no public were present.

Guests at the Meeting:

Drew with ERA

June with ERA

Denise Setchell, 23539 Airport Road (she arrived at 5:55 pm)

Open Viewing of plans/documents related to the Sycamore Park District Sports Complex

Project – Director Gibble noted that this is another one of many public hearings we've had either partially about this project or all about this project. A few years ago, when we developed our long-range plan, we met with the Sports Groups independently and we had public hearings on the overall plan of which this project was a part of. This soccer complex is a two phase project over a number of years and the one we are applying for this year for OSLAD is for Phase I. Drew with ERA will be focusing on Phase I of the Soccer and Football Complex. Drew with ERA went over the maps of the Phase I project including the entrances. Direct Gibble noted that the entry point has been reviewed with the County, who currently has Dominion over that portion of Airport Road. It has also been reviewed with the City of Sycamore because our property itself is in the City of Sycamore. We will be doing the screening and landscaping on the berm closest to the homes per the City of Sycamore ordinance. Drew noted there will be 12 soccer fields, a football field, and playground and a community shelter, drinking fountains, and well water. We will also have a detention ponds to meet the City detention requirements for storm water.

Open Viewing of plans/documents related to the Sycamore Park District Sports Complex Project-cont'd – Director Gibble noted there will be electricity here for safety lights only, at this time. He also noted that if you do an Aerial view the west side of the property is one of the few places along the old flow, where you can still see where the old meander is. There is also a lot of potential for storm water holding capabilities. This project is designed to drain away from the houses to the detention basins.

Community Member Denise Setchell arrived at 5:55 pm. Director Gibble let her know there were handouts showing the project that she could have along with looking at the large maps in the room. Denise Setchell noted that one of the issues they are concerned about is the drainage. She noted they have standing water when it rains. She noted the Park District did fix the issue with some of the homes tying in their septic fields to the farm tiles. Director Gibble noted there are still a few homeowners that are being difficult, and this is a County issue that is out of our control at this point as Mrs. Setchel's property and her neighbor's property are not in the City or the Park District. She said that it seems that some of the tiles on Park District property are breaking and there is standing water. She is hoping the Park District can work with the County to correct this. Director Gibble noted the homeowner's septic's sit on County property and we have tried to get the County to take care of these issues. The tiles that the septic's tie into are on our property. Denise noted she is mainly concerned about the drainage being away from their homes. Director Gibble noted we have met with the City on the drainage and they will have a final review on this. Drew with ERA noted the property will all be draining from the properties and the Park District parking lot and sports fields toward the river. Director Gibble noted there will be a field tile study done to see if there are any field tiles that are broken. He noted the area should drain better than it does now. He also noted there was going to be berms and trees to screen the parking lot from her property. Denise asked how big the parking lot is and Drew from ERA noted this is 179 spaces which is required by the City, and referred her to the location on her map and the large plan display in the room. Director Gibble noted if the Grant is awarded next spring the work could potentially start next year in later summer or early fall with the completion the following spring. There will be another year for the turf to be playable, so probably wouldn't be much activity until 2021.

Adjourn
Motion

The Board adjourned the Special Meeting Hearing Session at 6:20 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Schulz. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Strack.

Voice Vote

President Kroeger called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Tucker was absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Freeman
Recording Secretary
Sycamore Park District