



PARKS &
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ADVISORY BOARD

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MINUTES
PARKS & PARKWAY ADVISORY BOARD
Ed Burke Recreation Center 11400 NE 9th Court
Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – Barbara Kuhl, Kimberlee Misek and Dan Keys were present; Robert Silverman and Randy Wagoner were absent. Krishan Manners represented Staff.
2. AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS – See item 7C.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT (PERMITTED FOR EACH AGENDA ITEM) – None
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The Minutes of January 21, 2015 and March 18, 2015 were approved unanimously.
5. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. **General median maintenance** – Routine.
 - B. **Tree removal and tree trimming issues** – Work has not commenced. The Board discussed its desire to see that available funding was used to address the more serious tree issues. Krishan advised that his intent was to address safety concerns first and progress to serious clearance issues, structural pruning and appropriate tree removal.
 - C. **Athletic field turf maintenance** – Post and pre-emergent herbicides had been used, but did not appear to have worked. Staff advised that they would be contacting the contractor to move forward.
 - D. **Highway Beautification Grant Proposal made for median of NE 6th Ave** – An extension for completion of this project had been approved through December 2015. Dan suggested that the type of palm in this planting could be grown at the Public Works facility, such that replacement palms could be readily available for planting when damage occurs.
 - E. **Sixth Ave. Bridge Grant** – Staff is ready to plant and requested that Mr. Keys mark the location for planting. He advised that he would be glad to do so and requested that he be contacted when staff was going to do the work so that he could assist in laying out the plantings.



He added that marking the ground in advance of the planting was not the best way to accomplish this.

F. **Discussion of path forward for design and construction of secondary entrance signage related to grant funding** – Solar lighting was being investigated. Staff was not yet sure if the budget would provide for this. The necessary surveys were being paid for through the CITT fund. The Board questioned if curbs would be provided – staff was not sure. The Board questioned the proposed location for the 107 street sign and was concerned that it might be too far from the actual entrance of the Village. Staff would advise.

G. **Tree Fertilization** – In progress.

H. **Million Orchid Project of Fairchild Garden** – Staff installed 18 orchids in trees at the Recreation Center with the assistance of Barbara and Gary Kuhl.

I. **New proposed swale ordinance** – In discussion by the Commission.

J. **Resolution of “Conflicting Tree Location” issues** – See Item #5.2.

K. **Restoration of 6th Ave irrigation** – No progress.

L. **Discussion of landscaping for new administration building** – No plans had been developed and Mr. Manners believed that there was only adequate funding for the placement of sod. He advised that he would provide a digital file of the site plan to the Board (Kemberlee Misk) so that prints could be made for future planning purposes.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Discussion regarding proposal to repurpose athletic field** – The Board proposed and unanimously passed the following motion: “That the Board recommends that the Village not proceed with any plan that would repurpose the athletic field at the Ed Burke Recreation Center”. The Board discussion centered on its assertion that it is short sighted to destroy the Athletic Field uses in perpetuity by the installation of some other use or uses in the spaces necessary for proper athletic field configuration.

B. **Discussion of changes made to landscape in front of 113 Street entrance sign** – Mr. Keys presented the proposal that the landscaping installed by the previous administration in front of the entrance sign at 113 Street be removed. He pointed out that the landscaping for the sign had been professionally designed by a



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landscape architect and that the concept of having a clear or minimalistic ground plain in front of the sign had been an important design consideration during the design process. He further added his opinion that the three layered and very formal planting was simply bad design, particularly in context with the informal design of the rest of the landscape. He pointed out that the installation of the plant material in question was never brought before the Board and in spite of his requests for information regarding the impetus for the planting, no such information had been provided. Barbara Kuhl was of the opinion that she did not mind the landscaping and that it was not worth the argument. Kimberlee Misek advised that she would like an opportunity to look at the planting before commenting. It was agreed that further discussion would take place at the next meeting.

C. **Discussion regarding change in meeting time.** Krishan Manners asked the Board if in light of the fact that some members were finding it difficult to make meetings due to the 6 PM start time, the Board proposed and unanimously passed the following motion: **“That 7 PM be set as the meeting time of the Parks and Parkway Board”**

NEXT MEETING DATE – Set for July 15, 2015

ADJOURNMENT – the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Minutes of June 17, 2015 were approved on _____

By: _____
Dan Keys, Chair