

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees

State of Illinois,

Lake County, ss.
Town of Grant,

AUGUST 8th, 2022

Special Public Meeting OSLAD Grant

The Board of Town Trustees met at the Grant Township Administration Building at 26725 W. Molidor Road on August 8, 2022 at 6:00PM

Attendees:

Supervisor:	Kay Starostovic	x__ Present	___ Absent
Trustee:	Robert Hamm	x__ Present	___ Absent
	Bob Selle	x__ Present	___ Absent
	Tom Lippert	x__ Present	___ Absent
	Karen Fischer	x__ Present	___ Absent
Clerk:	Judy Martini	x__ Present	___ Absent

Ms. Kay Starostovic acting as Chairperson and Judy Martini as Clerk, the following official business was transacted:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM with the pledge to the Flag.

2. Roll Call of Officials

The roll was called:

Present: Trustees Hamm, Selle, Lippert, Fischer and Supervisor Starostovic

Absent : None

Also present: Highway Commissioner Kim Kiesgen, Assessor Lisa LaMantia, Administrative Assistant Nancy Rogers, and Consultant from Hitchcock Group Joe Brusseau

Audience:

Kim Isaacson, Ron Hoehne of Fox Lake Fire District, Dani Hoefle, and Colette Kovarik

3. Proposed Preliminary Concept Plan for Township Community Park

Supervisor Starostovic introduced all Officials and updated the audience on the history of Grant Township. She then turned the meeting over to Joe Brusseau of the Hitchcock Group to discuss proposed improvements and upgrades for the Grant Township Community Park.

Joe Brusseau presented the proposed Grant Township Center Park Renovation plans: A Sports Themed Splash Pad, Tennis and Pickleball Courts, Shade Canopy, Fitness Area, Boccie Ball Courts, Aggregate Walk Paths, Fishing Station, Interactive Signage, Walk/Bicycle Paths, Disc Golf Course, Fencing and Gates, Landscape Plantings and Restorations, Rain Garden, 34 stall Parking Lot Expansion, Benches and future plans for additional Splash Pad area, Ice Skating Area and Volley Ball Courts.

Total proposed construction cost is \$1,053,356.80. Consultant Joe Brusseau pointed out to audience that this is just a plan and there will probably be changes. The Township is applying for a OSLAD Grant which would cover \$600,000 of the project and that the Grant application is due by September 30, 2022. The Township will find out if we received the OSLAD Grant in March or April of 2023 with possible completion of project sometime in late 2024.

Trustee Lippert reported that there are many school age and young children in our Township and that there is a lack of amenities to meet the needs of a growing community. He also reported that the Township previously has applied for Grants but did not get them. He hopes that this time the Township will receive help to pay for over half of this much needed project.

4. Public Comment and Answers:

Dani Hoefle: Stated that she currently works in Parks & Rec's for the Village of Buffalo Grove. She thought the proposed plans were quite extensive and commented that we should build all the amenities at once instead of phasing in the projects such as additional splash pad area and volley ball area. She thought there should be a separate tennis court area and separate pickle ball court areas. She also commented on the need for more shade structures and sitting areas and brought to the Board's attention on a new Grant that is used to promote tourism, up to \$500 K and applications have to be in by September 23rd. Dani Hoefle said she thought the plans were fantastic and that the grounds would be heavily used and is much needed.

Kim Isaacson: Was asking questions on the dedicated well system and it was reported that we will be using existing well from the Highway Department. She also asked if the discs from the disc golf course would go into the water. The consultant commented yes and that is what makes it more exciting for the players because it is more challenging that way. She also stated that she was concerned that the paths may be too close to water and also that walkers might get hit by Frisbees.

Colette Kovarik: Stated she lives across street from the Township Building. She is concerned that the Park would become a "hangout" and kids coming all hours of the night like what is happening at the cemetery. She stated that the Board should go into this project with "eyes opened" that there could be safety problem with the proposal and that fencing and enforcement would be needed. Supervisor Starostovic commented that fencing is planned and that the Township might have to hire more employees for Maintenance and monitoring grounds after the project is completed sometime in 2024.

Lisa LaMantia, Grant Township Assessor commented on she thought the project will be well used and that the Township needs to get letters of support from local Officials. Supervisor Starostovic stated that we have already received some letters of support and that she will be reaching out to obtain more letters.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business before the board, Trustee Hamm made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Trustee Selle. All in favor and the meeting was closed at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Martini
Grant Township Clerk