



October 10, 2012, 6:45 p.m. -- Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Submitted by Randi Doeker, Substitute Secretary

In attendance: Betsy Altman, Dina Azoo, Douglas Boehm, Randi Doeker, Paul Francuch, Ellen Isaacson, Ted E. Jindrich, Marc Kramer, Lynn Krohn, Robert Lerch, Emil Martinec, Joann Lacey Martinec, Jill Niland, Becky Rossof

PRESENTATIONS

Mitch Murdock, Natural Areas Manager, Chicago Park District

Improvements are planned for Montrose Point and the Marovitz Savanna area (attachments on website). ADA access paths and fencing were discussed at length. It is CPD's goal to have the paths constructed using materials that are as natural-looking as possible while handicapped-usable. Several natural areas volunteers from Montrose offered detailed feedback for the Park District.

Despite a general desire to avoid fencing in the parks, there is a need for some fencing at natural areas. In the Montrose Point area the fencing will delineate areas where the access hours differ from the park in general, thus allowing the police to take action on the illegal activities. Fences also stop the grass-mowers who often don't notice the border between turf and natural grass. In the Marovitz area some fencing is needed to deter trespassers.

LPAC Meeting

1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM. The Agenda was moved and seconded, and approved.

2. Park District Staff presentations

Jennifer Runge – Margate Supervisor

An additional instructor has been added to the staff and spaces are available in a variety of class. Many Halloween activities are planned similar to previous years. The Haunted Drive-in Movie day is Oct. 25th.

Sandra Olson Lakefront Director

The LP Cultural Center has a new art instructor, which has expanded class offerings greatly.

Thirteen Terrors—the haunted house at Theater on the Lake—will take place the last two weekends of October. Parking will be free at the nearby harbor lots. CPD is expanding its marketing of the event to include things like Groupon sales.

There was a lengthy discussion about various areas where paths needs to be repaired/replaced.

Sandy is still seeking information on where the money from the Nike project is being spent – per a request from Sheli Lulkin.

Marc Kramer commented to Sandy that the general maintenance of the Grandmother's Garden area was much improved this past summer.

Sandy explained that CPD has a big problem with garbage cans being stolen.

3. Park Liaison report

The Park Commissioners approved the use of online “reverse auction” purchasing process for services and commodities. This means that bidders no longer submit a single sealed bid but rather go through an online process whereby they can rebid lower prices against their competitors. This not only leads to lower purchase prices for the buyer (the Park District) but also reduces staff overhead. The company contracted to run the online service is currently used by the City of Chicago.

4. Approval of Minutes

Deferred

5. Treasurer’s report

Deferred.

6. President’s report

Friends of the Parks has submitted to CPD new site suggestions for the location of the Fullerton food concession. (See September 2012 meeting minutes.)

Lou Vasta of Vasta Events has asked to speak to LPAC in January regarding the 2013 Wavefront Music Festival to be held at Montrose next summer (if approved).

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

Marc Kramer expressed concern that some emails sent to the LPAC Yahoo Group list might be construed as official LPAC positions or statements. The webmaster, Randi Doeker, agreed to contact the email sender to ask that each email have a clarification statement so that there is no confusion by readers who might receive any given email through forwarding.

There was a lengthy discussion on the artificial turf information status, in particular the lack of information from the Park District. This was mostly done to get one member up-to-speed; no future actions were discussed.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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Future Meeting Location

November Margate Fieldhouse – possible speaker from Openlands Project