



**MINUTES OF THE OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHACK PARK IMPROVEMENTS
Oakton Community Center
4701 Oakton Street, SKOKIE, IL
AUGUST 4, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING

Board Members Present: President Susan Aberman
Vice-President Mike Reid
Commissioner Ezra Jaffe

Others Present: Executive Director/Secretary Michelle J. Tuft
Superintendent of Parks Corrie Guynn
Office Manager Park Services Dima Kirland

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Ezra Jaffe called the public hearing of the Board of Park Commissioners for the Schack Park improvements to order at 7:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Jaffe introduced himself, President Susan Aberman, Vice President Mike Reid, and Executive Director Michelle Tuft.

Executive Director Michelle Tuft introduced Superintendent Corrie Guynn to present the Schack Park improvements. Ms. Tuft told those in attendance that the Power Point presentation will be posted on the Skokie Park District website tomorrow under the Schack Park tab. Superintendent Guynn's contact information will also be posted.

PRESENTATION

Superintendent Guynn presented the design for the Schack Park basketball courts and playground. Mr. Guynn said School District 72 is renovating Fairview School. The expansion will affect several amenities in the park as the school addition will be added to the south, closer to the tennis courts and playground. The school property line falls within the tennis courts and some of the playground. The school's track falls within the park district's property line.

Changes include the following. The basketball court on the school's property will be removed. A portion of the playground will be impacted. One section of swings (two swings) will be permanently removed. The spinner will be relocated, and the music pieces will be relocated or permanently removed depending on how they were installed. The water fountain by the playground will be eliminated.

The construction company will use the three existing tennis courts to store equipment and materials. The tennis courts need to be closed because of the close proximity to the

construction area. The school district asked to use the courts for staging and in return the school district will resurface the courts. This presents an opportunity to make changes to the courts.

The Park District would like to convert one of the tennis courts to two full basketball courts. The two remaining tennis courts would remain and will have pickleball overlays. Mr. Guynn said this will maximize the existing space.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

A resident expressed that she did not want to see the tennis courts removed as they are heavily used. Executive Director Tuft stated that the Park District proposed this change so the community will gain back the basketball court being lost by the school district and also mentioned that the park district has a large number of tennis courts district wide. The resident asked for additional time to contact other residents and get their input. Executive Director Tuft directed the resident to go to the Skokie Park District website on the Schack Park page and contact Mr. Guynn with the residents' ideas.

The resident also inquired about additional programming at the school site. Executive Director Tuft said that is not our property and the Park District does not have a say so. However, Executive Director Tuft said the park district has a good relationship with District 72 and said she would contact Superintendent Whittaker and discuss this with her.

President Susan Aberman explained the process the Park District goes through when proposing a change in the parks and that is precisely why the Park District schedules public hearings. The Park District gives the residents opportunity to give their input.

The architect for the school district, Mr. George Demarkis commented that the new school addition will be flexible and allow programming for the community.

Another resident inquired if an additional bench can be added on the walking path. Mr. Guynn said that is possible and discussed with the resident the best location.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jaffe thanked everyone for attending and providing input, and adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.



Susan Aberman
President



Michelle Tuft
Secretary

August 16, 2022

Vision Statement

The Skokie Park District envisions a community where all of its residents enjoy a high quality of life through leisure time pursuits, beautiful open spaces, and first-rate facilities.

Mission Statement

The Skokie Park District will realize its vision through teamwork, community partnerships, sound fiscal management, and creativity in every area of its operation.

Core Values

The Skokie Park District will fulfill its mission through:

•Commitment• Integrity• Innovation• Service •Openness •Environmental Stewardship •Inclusiveness