



**PARK SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE
SCHACK PARK - PLAYGROUND DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING
AT WEBER LEISURE CENTER
ON
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017
6:00 PM**

Present from Skokie Park District

Susan Aberman	Park Board President
Mike Reid	Park Board Vice President
Michael Alter	Park Board Commissioner
Khemarey Khoen	Park Board Commissioner
John Ohrlund	Executive Director
Michelle Tuft	Superintendent of Recreation & Facilities
Stephen Ames	Landscape Supervisor
Jon Marquardt	Asst. Superintendent of Recreation
Dima Kirland	Park Services Office Manager

Others Present:

Jeanne Phillips
Cindy Whittaker
Mike Lopatka
Erin Swanson
Melinda Barkov
Alona Ushomirsky
Athanasia Albans
Gretchen Durakavic
Lana Peter
Becky Gaode

Commissioner Reid called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Reid welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

Executive Director John Ohrlund welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. He introduced Joseph Brusseau of Hitchcock Design. Director Ohrlund said all present will have an opportunity to comment on the playground designs presented after Mr. Brusseau's presentation.

Mr. Brusseau thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Brusseau said there are 5 designs to review. The options presented offer different variations based on the design parameters. The playground vendors were tasked with designing a playground on a combined school and park site. He went over the layout of the site and said the sand surface will be removed and replaced by rubber safety surfacing and engineered wood fiber (EWF). The playground will be handicapped accessible. The budget for this playground is \$350,000.

Mr. Brusseau discussed the schedule of this project. Permits are required from the Village of Skokie and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC). As a result of MWRDGC requirements, a rain garden will be added to the site. The footprint of the playground will be reduced but the playground will still be significantly larger than standard neighborhood playgrounds. There will be plenty of space for the new equipment and for kids to run around the area. The storm water ordinance has very strict guidelines and it may take 4 to 6 months to receive a permit from the MWRDGC. While waiting for the issuance of the permit, bids can be prepared and submitted and demolition can be scheduled. Once the permit is received, the construction should take 4 to 6 weeks from start to completion which will likely be in in the spring.

Mr. Brusseau then discussed the 5 options displayed and asked for questions. He stated that climbing nets are very popular. He said that many color options available in addition to those shown on the boards.

After public review and comments President Aberman thanked the citizens for attending and encouraged them to invite their friends who couldn't attend the meeting to view the different design options on the Skokie Park District website. President Aberman said that a design will be approved at the August Park Board meeting. President Aberman is hoping that more people will give their input on the website.

President Aberman adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Susan Aberman
President

John V. Ohrlund
Secretary