



**MINUTES OF THE OF THE  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING ON IMPROVEMENTS AT PLAYTIME PARK  
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT  
PARK SERVICES  
FEBRUARY 9, 2021 - 6:00 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE AT MEETING**

Board Members Present: President Mike Reid  
Vice-President Khemarey Khoeun  
Commissioner Susan Aberman  
Commissioner Michael Alter  
Commissioner Minal Desai

Others Present: Executive Director/Secretary Michelle J. Tuft  
Superintendent of Parks Corrie Guynn  
Office Manager Park Services Dima Kirland  
Landscape Supervisor Stephen Ames  
Operations Supervisor Jeff Hacker  
Parks Supervisor John Gacki  
Park Specialist Peter Haben  
Park Specialist Jim Hallm

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice President Khoeun called the public hearing of the Board of Park Commissioners for the improvements at Playtime Park to order at 6:00 p.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Vice President Khoeun introduced herself, President Mike Reid, Commissioner Susan Aberman, Commissioner Michael Alter, Commissioner Minal Desai, Executive Director Michelle Tuft, and Superintendent of Parks Corrie Guynn.

**PLAYTIME PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT AND PARK AMENITY UPDATES**

Mr. Guynn presented the design for Playtime Park playground. The playground will be updated, and a portion of brick surfacing will be removed to increase the space for additional playground equipment. The equipment is different than what is in other parks and includes a lot of climbing apparatus, a slide, and a spinner. The swings include two belts, one tot and one plastic molded swing.

Trash cans and benches will also be updated.

The sand will be removed and will be replaced by engineered wood fiber.

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Mr. Guynn asked the attendees to pick color Option 1 or Option 2 from the presented slides and the majority picked Option 1.

The playground apparatus has some shade structures, and the park provides plenty of shade.

Demo will begin as soon as the snow melts. Staff will remove bricks, sand, and timbers. The equipment will arrive in late May and installed by July. The District is currently renovating nine playgrounds.

Staff will review the request to make the hill bigger for sledding. Mr. Guynn does not think there will be enough space.

Staff will do the demolition and recycle anything that is recyclable such as the old playground equipment. Installation of the playground is contracted out.

There are no changes planned for the basketball court, it is in good shape.

The noise during construction will be minimal, the District follows the Village of Skokie's noise ordinance and staff will begin at 8 am and end at 2:30 pm. Work will not occur on the weekends.

To address people from "hanging out" after the park closes, Mr. Guynn said the park monitor can visit the park more frequently. Mr. Guynn suggested calling the non-emergency Skokie police number if there are issues after hours.

There is no change or plans for landscaping on the site.

## **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Vice President Khoeun thanked the residents for their questions and comments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Khoeun thanked everyone for attending and providing input, and adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

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Mike Reid  
President

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Michelle Tuft  
Secretary

### **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