

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING ON PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS AT  
TECUMSEH PARK AND CAROL PARK  
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT  
PARK SERVICES  
6:00 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE AT MEETING**

Board Members Present: President Mike Reid  
Vice-President Khemarey Khoeun  
Commissioner Susan Aberman

Others Present: Executive Director/Secretary Michelle J. Tuft  
Superintendent of Parks Corrie Guynn  
Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Perez  
Landscape Supervisor Stephen Ames  
Operations Supervisor Jeff Hacker  
Parks Supervisor John Gacki  
Park Specialist Peter Haben  
Park Specialist Jim Hallm  
Peggy Keller  
Deborah and Hans Dethloft  
Maritza Espino

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Reid called the public hearing of the Board of Park Commissioners for the playground improvements at Tecumseh and Carol Parks to order at 6:00 p.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

President Reid introduced himself, Vice President Khoeun, Executive Director Michelle Tuft and Superintendent of Parks Corrie Guynn.

**TECUMSEH PLAYGROUND/AMENITY REPLACEMENT AND SCHEDULE**

Mr. Guynn began the meeting stating that Tecumseh and Carol Parks playground equipment are about thirty years old and in need of replacement. The sand surfacing is being eliminated and replaced with wood chips. Drainage will be installed to help remove some water that collects in certain areas. The brick patios will be removed and replaced with concrete.

Mr. Guynn discussed the new playground equipment including a new parent/tot swing. New benches, a picnic table, garbage cans and water fountain will be installed. The benches have an inset for memorial benches.

Mr. Guynn said the timeframe for replacement of the playground equipment will begin in mid-August. Some brickwork and concrete would be removed in early summer. Mr. Guynn anticipates the project will be completed in October.

## **CAROL PLAYGROUND/AMENITY REPLACEMENT AND SCHEDULE**

Mr. Guynn discussed the new playground equipment structures for Carol Park. The equipment includes two belt swings, two spinners and a parent/tot swing. Commissioner Aberman said this such an improvement to the park. The timeframe for replacement of the playground equipment will begin in mid-August with completion sometime in October.

## **DISPLAY DESIGN BOARDS AND PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Guynn invited the residents to view the display design boards and asked the residents for any questions. Mrs. Dethloft and Ms. Espino asked if there would be a sandbox at Tecumseh Park. Mr. Guynn said that the plan is to remove the sand. Commissioner Aberman voiced concerns with sand as it relates to the current Coronavirus outbreak. A decision to add a sand box will have to wait to see what develops as she does not want to expose residents to a possible health risk. Mr. Dethloft asked about an area on the east side of the park where water collects, especially in the summer which causes a mosquito issue. Mr. Guynn said the property belongs to ComEd. Mr. Guynn said he could reach out to ComEd regarding the area.

Commissioner Aberman suggested planting a rain garden in the area. Mrs. Dethloft said the ComEd trucks drive through the area so planting flowers is not a good option.

Ms. Keller asked if there would be any changes to the basketball court. Mr. Guynn responded there would not be any changes.

## **CLOSING COMMENTS**

President Reid thanked the residents for their questions and comments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Reid thanked everyone for attending and providing input, and adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

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Mike Reid  
President

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Michelle Tuft  
Secretary