



Seneca Park Land Swap Proposal

On June 21, 2021, a public hearing was held to discuss Lubavitch Chabad's proposed land swap for a portion of Seneca Park. Residents were invited to listen to the proposal and provide feedback. At that meeting, residents largely opposed the swap as presented and the swap was rejected.

Lubavitch Chabad has expressed interest in looking at other options to address the concerns of the residents. If and when they come back with another proposal, a second public hearing will be scheduled, with the time and place posted on the [Skokie Park District website's board page](#). If a second proposal is presented to the board, residents will be invited to attend and provide feedback and commentary.

While the park board cannot vote on the proposal at a public hearing, after the public hearing, the board could move forward with a vote on the issue by adding the land swap to the agenda of a regular monthly meeting.

[Park board meetings are posted on the district's website](#) and generally occur on the third Tuesday of the month at the Weber Leisure Center. The board agenda is always posted at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Information regarding the proposed land swap

- Lubavitch Chabad owns the property at 8729 Karlov Avenue and wishes to swap that land for a portion of Seneca Park, in order to build a parking lot of approximately 18-24 spaces.
- The swap would be an equal exchange of property. **Seneca Park would not decrease in size.** This is actually prohibited by park district code.
- The current alley would be reconfigured with the alley exit on Karlov Avenue moving one property south, to the south side of 8729 Karlov Ave.
- The cost of any work required to update the park would be at Lubavitch Chabad's expense.
- If trees need to be removed, they would be replaced.
- The parking lot, although owned by Lubavitch Chabad, would be available for all residents to use while visiting Seneca Park.