

MINUTES
Public Hearing
Riverfront Park: Phase I
Sports Complex Project
Tuesday March 19, 2019
5:31 P.M.
Community Center Building
480 S. Airport Road in Sycamore, IL

President Kroeger called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Will the secretary please call the roll. Commissioners Graves, Tucker and Kroeger were present. Commissioner Strack was absent.

Commissioner Schulz arrived at 5:51 pm.

The following Sycamore Park District Commissioners are physically present and will be participating in the meeting in person: **Commissioners Graves, Tucker and Kroeger.**

The following Sycamore Park District Commissioners are not physically present, but will be participating in the meeting via video and/or audio conferencing: **None**

The following Sycamore Park District Commissioners are not physically present, and will not be participating in the meeting: **Commissioner Strack and Commissioner Schulz at this time.**
Commissioner Schulz arrived at 5:51 pm.

Staff members present were Executive Director Dan Gible, Supt. of Finance Hienbuecher, Supt. Of Parks Jeff Donahoe, Supt. of Recreation Theresa Tevsh, Supt. of Golf Ops Kirk Lundbeck, and Recording Secretary Jeanette Freeman.

The Sycamore Park District's Engineering Firm was represented by Drew Kustus with Engineering Resource Associates.

Guests at the Meeting:

Drew Kustus with ERA (Engineering Resource Associates)

Ben Doty, Sycamore

Denise Setchell, 23539 Airport Road

Dan Setchell, 23539 Airport Road

Robert Schramer, 23479 Airport Road

Barb Stone, 23459 Airport Road

Bob & Ky Smith, 23667 Airport Road

Roger Stone, 23459 Airport Road

Marcy Stone, 23459 Airport Road

Jeffrey Freise, 23615 Airport Road

Audrey Bundy, 23595 Airport Road

**Summary Review of the Key Aspects of the Riverside Park Plan: Andrew Kustusch,
Engineer for Engineering Resource Associates**

Director Gibble introduced Drew with ERA. This plan has been in evolution for about 4 years and reaching the point that the City has started reviewing the plans. There had been over 70 public meetings during the Action 2020 process where this project was finalized, public hearings about the Soccer Complex site, specifically, by the City of Sycamore, and this was the second public hearing by SPD for the Soccer Complex. Denise Setchel, the only person in attendance at the prior public hearing, was present at this one, as well.

Drew completed a short presentation to the group highlighting the key features of the project, answering questions about setbacks for trees, parking lot, etc. He also answered questions about lighting and drainage. The neighbors sent to Director Gibble a list of questions earlier this day to be addressed. Those were entered into the record and will accompany these minutes when adopted.

Drew gave his presentation on the design with posters and what will be in Phase I and Phase II. He answered questions as they were asked. Specific questions included:

- Traffic
- Screening between the residents and the park
- Drainage
- Traffic and Policing
- Mailboxes being moved to other side of road

Drew, Gibble and the Board provided responses to these concerns:

- Traffic will be addressed by City Permitting and a Traffic Study.
- Policing is the role of the City and County, and Gibble/the Board will share concerns with the Chief of Police and Sheriff/
- Drainage: Because IDNR and the City control codes that improve drainage when construction occurs, these matters should be greatly improved.
- Mailboxes being moved is a federal and post office matter, and the Board and Director have sent requests to Representative Underwood and the local postmaster.
- Screening was already changed on the presented plan to something suggested by the City of Sycamore Planning Department.

After all questions were addressed, President Kroeger asked how the group felt about the plan, and there was general agreement that the newly shown plan displayed by Drew was acceptable. The Board would formally adopt it at their Regular Meeting.

Adjourn

Motion

The Board adjourned the Special Meeting Hearing Session at 6:28 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Tucker. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schulz.

Voice Vote

President Kroeger called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Strack was absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Freeman
Recording Secretary
Sycamore Park District