

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON TUESDAY EVENING OCTOBER 23, 2006**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call. Mayor Calderone stated that Village Clerk Moritz is on vacation and Deputy Village Clerk Sally Cody will take her place for tonight.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner that the minutes from the Regular Council meeting on October 10, 2006 be approved without reading, as everyone has received copies thereof and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

None.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian that the Resolution providing for the payment of bills be adopted. The Commissioner of Accounts and Finance has reviewed the bills as applicable to each department and found the aggregate amounts to be

**R-50-06
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$969,965.35
APPROVED**

correct and recommends payment when funds are available.
The bills totaled \$969,965.35.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Steinbach
and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Doolin

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Commissioner Steinbach and seconded by Commissioner Doolin to approve the specifications presented to the Council pursuant to Section 1-8A-4 for the removal & installation of a fence and door for the public park located at 16th & Circle. Commissioner Gillian stated that it is apparent the door and the fence need replacing; however he was concerned about the protocol used to move forward with the proposal used. The memo submitted to the council reflects the Recreation Board asked Director Bob Kutak to obtain proposals for the project. Commissioner Gillian stated that instruction should have come from the Village Council, the Commission in charge of the department or the Village Administrator adding that it is not in the realm of the Recreation Board to direct staff. In addition, he stated that these items are not included in the budget. Lastly, he wanted assurance that this project was reviewed for safety and security in addition to aesthetics. Commissioner Hosty recommended that the Village Engineer review all the fences at village owned parks because he has heard comments about the way the fence at Circle and Randolph looks more like a prison fence rather than a park. He would ask them to assess all of the parks and possibly bid them out at one time to save money across the board. Commissioner Steinbach stated that she is the liaison to the Recreation Board and can clarify most of the questions adding that the Recreation Board has been looking at all of the parks since the inception of its new chair at the beginning of the summer and they have submitted a plan for both the north park and the south park. The south park has received a lot of citizen input due to a number of problems at that location over the summer. She stated that public works has two employees are certified in playground

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE
SPECIFICATIONS
PRESENTED TO THE
COUNCIL PURSUANT TO
SECTION 1-8A-4 FOR THE
REMOVAL AND
INSTALLATION OF A
FENCE FOR THE PUBLIC
PARK LOCATED AT 16TH &
CIRCLE AVENUE
TABLED**

safety inspections and have submitted written reports to Dir. Kutak. She also stated that Sgt. Murphy from the Police Department was also consulted. She added that the south park is mainly used for soccer and children ages 8 and under. The residents in the neighborhood are very active and the issue surrounding the problems at this park was discussed at one of the Mayor's Crime Prevention meetings. Commissioner Steinbach also stated she gave permission to Bob Kutak to seek proposals and Bob had assured her there was enough money in the budget to cover the costs associated with the project. She does not see the need to get the engineers involved. Bob Kutak took the microphone and stated that each vendor who submitted a proposal was given identical specifications to work with. The specifications required that the top of the fence would be "knuckle down". Commissioner Steinbach added that they did look at a wrought iron fence similar to the Thomas and Adams park but the proposal was too costly. Commissioner Hosty stated that he would like to review the plan the Recreation Board drafted before moving forward and he asked for confirmation that there was a line item for the replacement. Commissioner Steinbach confirmed that the overall plan was not submitted to the Council at this point and this was just an initial project outlined in the plan. Mayor Calderone asked Bob Kutak to confirm the line item and Bob stated that there is money in the overall budget but not specifically laid out in a line item. Commissioner Gillian stated he felt that if more improvements are needed at the south park that the fence should be the last item installed. He added that he has no doubt the Recreation Board has worked very hard but he doesn't know if any of the members are landscape specialists and he would like to see an overall plan for improvements before making this initial investment. He also stated that he doesn't know which line item this money would be pulled from and the Council needs to be careful when moving money around. Mayor Calderone asked if the Rec Board had spoken to a landscape architect and was advised that Hitchcock architects who designed the traffic calmers in town was recommended to the Rec Board by the Village Administrator but they have not yet met with them. Mayor Calderone stated that essentially the proposal before them tonight is to take down one fence and replace it with another and he feels that the council should be looking at the overall enhancement of the park. Commissioner Steinbach stated that the Rec Board has an overall plan for the park and this is just one piece of the project. She added that the residents requested this type of fencing. Mayor Calderone stated he is not an advocate of fences around parks because he feels park should be inviting. Commissioner Doolin asked

if we levy for Parks and Rec and was advised that we do not. Commissioner Steinbach stated that she would be happy to invite the Rec Board to the next meeting to clarify any issues. Commissioner Doolin recommended this item be tabled because it appears there is a lot more information that wasn't provided to the council that the Rec Board has been working on and the council should be party to these long term plans before making a decision. Commissioner Gillian agreed with Commissioner Doolin and felt it would be appropriate to have a professional consultant to work with the Rec Board at this point in time. It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Doolin to table this item.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and Seconded by Commissioner Hosty to adopt the Ordinance amending sections 6-4-1 and 6-9-9 of the village code regarding Handicap Parking fines/penalties.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian to adopt the Ordinance granting and permitting site plan approval and approving variations in the regulations of the zoning ordinance re: 233 Desplaines Ave.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: Commissioner Doolin and Steinbach

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

**O-60-06
ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTIONS 6-4-2 AND 6-9-9
OF THE VILLAGE CODE
REGARDING
HARNDICAPPED PARKING
FINES/PENALTIES
APPROVED**

**O-61-06
ORDINANCE GRANTING
AND PERMITTING SITE
PLAN APPROVAL AND
APPROVING VARIATIONS
IN THE REGULATIONS OF
THE ZONING ORDINANCE
RE: 233 DESPLAINES
APPROVED**

It was moved by Commissioner Doolin and seconded by Commissioner Hosty to adopt the Ordinance amending paragraph B of section 6-5-5 of the Village Code regarding turning restrictions. Commissioner Steinbach stated that some of the changes require IDOT approval and asked if IDOT authorization would be required first before adopting the ordinance. Village Engineer Mike Stirk stated that the ordinance was written in the spirit that IDOT would provide approval. It would be highly unlikely that IDOT would not approve the recommended changes at the two locations specified. Commissioner Doolin clarified that there are twelve locations being changed with two of those locations requiring IDOT approval.

**0-62-06
ORDINANCE AMENDING
PARAGRAPH B OF
SECTION 6-5-5 OF THE
VILLAGE CODE
REGARDING TURNING
RESTRICTIONS
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Gillian to direct the Fire and Police Commission to select two police officer candidates from it current eligibility list to fill two vacancies.

**MOTION TO DIRECT THE
FIRE AND POLICE
COMMISSION TO SECLECT
TWO POLICE OFFICER
CANDIDATES
APPROVED**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Doolin, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried unanimously

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Steinbach motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Cody
Deputy Village Clerk