

**Barrington Countryside Park District
Board of Commissioners-Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 24, 2009**

Meeting Minutes

Richard Lamkey called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Commissioners present were: Richard Lamkey, President; Fred McMorris, Treasurer; Jean Maddrell, Vice President; John Rosene, Secretary

Also present was: Charlene L. Holtz, Partner in the law firm of Tressler, LLP

Visitors present were: Patrick McKevitt, Dennis Kelly, Barb McMorris and Jan Nestrud

Motions:

Motion to retain Tressler, LLP as the Park Board's attorney was moved by Fred and seconded by Jean. 5 ayes, 0 nays

Motion to approve payment of a \$3,250.00 invoice from Marengo Well and Pump Company for well repairs was made by Jean and seconded by Maureen. 5 ayes, 0 nays

Commissioners Descussions:

Charlene Holz spoke on several subjects including introducing her firm and responding to a variety of questions, some of which had been submitted to her by email from the commissioners in advance of the meeting and some raised at this meeting. Subjects and questions included:

- Does the Inter Governmental Agreement require the BCPD to construct a parking lot on Cook County Forest Preserve property? Charlene indicated that the agreement could be interpreted both ways, but in her opinion, the parking lot was a requirement. However, she noted that the IGA does not dictate size or design.
- Subsequent discussion related to the size and design of the parking lot and how closely the finished lot had to match a design submitted by the Forest Preserve, could the design be modified without jeopardizing the grant, and getting additional input on the parking lot plans from the public, especially heavy users such as the people who manage the annual Horse trials and Mini Event.
- It was suggested that the Forest Preserve staff might accept modifications to their design if presented in a positive way, possibly as the BCPD's "interpretation" of the Forest Preserve design.
- As to the how changes would affect the grant, Charlene agreed to approach Dave Sellman to see what kind of flexibility we have in changing the plan attached to our grant application. It was agreed to hold off getting public input and discussing design changes until this issue was resolved.

- Also discussed was how to interpret the IGA as it relates to the use of mountain bikes in Spring Creek Forest Preserve, and did our easement to the Forest Preserve and our parking lot give us any leverage to maintain the Preserve strictly for hikers and equestrian rider. Does the fact that the parking lot would be built using federal funds designating use by equestrians and excluding bikes help us with the Forest Preserve?
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Other subjects discussed were:

Xmas Decorations for the Riding Center. Dick volunteered to provide Christmas decorations at his expense. (Thank you, Dick!)

Snow Plowing. A decision on which vendor to hire will be made at the December Meeting.

December Meeting Date. It was agreed the December Meeting should be rescheduled via email through Rosemary Nero.

The meeting was adjourned sometime prior to midnight.

Respectfully submitted,

John Rosene