

Cary Park District  
Board of Commissioners  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
December 12, 2024  
7:00 PM  
Community Center  
255 Briargate Road  
Cary, IL

**Minutes**

Board Members Present: Carasso, Stanko, Victor, Frangiamore.

Staff Present: Jones, Kelly, Horn, Krueger, Mach, Raica.

Guests Present: None.

Public Present: Al Tuman, Jenay DiOrio.

President Frangiamore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Frangiamore asked if there were any Matters from the Public, Commissioners, and Staff.

Under Matters from the Public, none.

Under Matters from Commissioners, Carasso shared she requested in writing to Jones that Policy 1-005, Board Meeting Structure, be added to the agenda for review by the Board at next week's Board meeting.

Under Matters from Staff, none.

The minutes from the November 14, 2024, COW meeting was presented for approval.

Jones provided Commissioners a revised draft of the minutes that included revisions from Stanko for the Board to review and consider. Frangiamore asked for question or comments. Victor and Carasso both stated they had no questions or comments. Frangiamore asked Stanko where the classification "natural area" came from. Stanko stated he is confident it is a classification from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) but can double check to confirm. Frangiamore stated it is not a classification he can find that the Park District used in CMP Update 2016. Frangiamore highlighted a sentence added by Stanko and noted that he does not understand its inclusion. Stanko explained this matter that was discussed is being looked at in a very limited perspective and in his opinion doesn't address the whole picture. Stanko used the example of Water Tower Prairie. Stanko explained it is a site that deserves a sign, but there is no public access to the site. Further, Stanko stated park sites should be given proper names and that it was part of the discussion that took place that evening.

***Stanko moved to approve the minutes as amended. Second by Victor.***

Voice vote: Yes – 3. No – 1. Motion carried.

The first Direction Item was Alden Cary Horizon Development – Utility Easement Request. Jones stated the Board did not need to make a recommendation tonight; this is advisory discussion. Jones stated the Board may review the proposed easement and provide feedback to the developer on if it would consider it, consider it with conditions or are opposed to it entirely.

Jones introduced Michael Bailey from ADG Design. Bailey presented the potential request for a utility easement across a portion of Hoffman Park, to be a source of power for the Cary Horizon Senior Living Community that his group is developing. Bailey utilized multiple visuals/maps to provide a clear understanding of the request. Bailey explained they anticipate ComEd will direct power for the site to be pulled from an existing pole in the right of way of Cary-Algonquin Road in front of Hoffman Park. Bailey stated power would be tied to the site via direction boring and they anticipate the need to request and easement across a portion of Hoffman Park to complete this. Bailey stated they have reached out to ComEd to see if there are other options available where they would not need to pull power from the light pole and construct this easement but are waiting to hear back. Bailey highlighted the other possibilities to run power to the site that do not include Hoffman Park.

Frangiamore asked the Board if it had questions or comments. Carasso stated she would be open to the easement, if the developer is responsible for the construction and all restoration necessary to run power through the site. Stanko asked why the transformer box for the development is in the southwest corner of site if they knew they were going to need to pull from the pole shown? Bailey explained the mechanical room and electrical room are on the backside of the building shown and the transformer will be closer to this room. Bailey stated the largest expense to power the site is from the transformer to the mechanical room. Stanko asked about making the line shorter through another route. Bailey confirmed there potentially are other options that would make it easier for them to connect elsewhere and not even have to go through requesting an easement, but they are waiting to hear back from ComEd. Frangiamore asked for confirmation that the red line on the diagram is the preferred route, and the blue line is an alternative. Bailey confirmed yes. Frangiamore asked if the potential easement would be restricted to only ComEd (power only). Bailey confirmed yes.

Frangiamore stated there was no vote or final decision from the Board necessary at this time. Frangiamore asked if the Board would be open to an easement. Carasso, Victor, and Frangiamore all confirmed they would be open to it, if it is a restricted easement to only the ComEd utility (power). Stanko stated he is not in favor of an easement. Frangiamore confirmed the consensus of the Board was they are open to an easement but would need to consider it in final form in the future should the request be necessary.

The second Direction Items was Ordinance O-2024-25-08, Levy for the Year 2024. Jones stated the Board has reviewed and discussed this item on several previous occasions. Jones stated staff has prepared the direction of the Board in the final form of the ordinance to request property taxes to be collected for park and recreation purposes, for recommendation. Jones further stated the prepared levy ordinance presented, the Park District will not exceed the prior year's tax extension by more than 5%. He noted further that at the previous meeting of the Board on November 21, 2024 the Board announced the levy would not exceed 5% of the previous year's tax extension. Jones stated the Board is required by law to pass and file an annual levy ordinance no later than the last Tuesday in December.

***Carasso moved to recommend Ordinance O-2024-25-08, Annual Levy Ordinance for the Year 2024 to the Board of Commissioners for approval. Second by Victor.***

Frangiamore asked if there were questions from the Board. There were none.

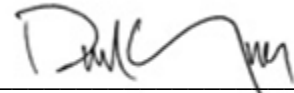
Voice vote: Yes – 4. No – 0. Motion carried.

The first Discussion Item was FY2025-26 Budget Calendar. Jones stated this calendar outlines the budget process now through May when the budget is approved. Stanko asked Jones to remind him of the Executive Director performance evaluation schedule. Jones shared he believed the review documents are distributed to Commissioners at the March Committee of the Whole meeting, returned to the Board President later that month, then Closed Session takes place to discuss the Executive Directors performance in April, and formal evaluation of the Executive Director will take place in late April or May. Jones stated he would provide the Board copy of the schedule and Board policy on the review of the Executive Director and share it the Board.

***Motion to adjourn the meeting by Victor. Second by Stanko.***

Voice vote: Yes – 4. No – None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.



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Daniel C. Jones, Secretary  
Park District Board of Commissioners