



City of Palos Heights
Municipal Grounds and Property Committee
Tuesday, May 23 2023
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Begley called the Municipal Grounds and Property Committee meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at City Hall. In attendance were Chairman Begley, Alderman Lewandowski, Alderman Bylut, Alderman Basso, City Administrator David Strohl, Public Works Director Adam Jasinski and recording secretary Ashley Pala. Guests consisted of Matt from Wold Architects and residents Anne Girzadas and Mary McKinstry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Begley moved to approve the minutes of the Municipal Ground and Property Committee meeting held on April 25, 2023, seconded by Alderman Bylut. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anne Girzadas approached the Committee to discuss the need for a bike rack at City Hall. Anne recently was injured as there was not a place to lock her bike up when entering City Hall. She stated that City Hall used to have a bike rack but after the landscaping was redone, it was never put back. Chairman Begley asked resident Anne Girzadas where she believes a good location would be. Anne stated it would be best placed by the mailboxes. Resident Mary McKinstry stated she is also in favor of installing a bike rack at City Hall.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director Adam Jasinski presented the following reports/considerations:

- **Motor Vehicle Update:** There have been a significant amount of Police Department vehicles for routine maintenance. The clamp for the bucket on the excavator is unable to hold and is being repaired.
- **Harlem Ave Banners:** The banners were up last week with the designs approved by the Committee. As the Public Arts Commission should not approve reimbursements to themselves, the Committee can approve them. Alderman Begley stated she will

Alderman Begley motioned to approve reimbursement to Vanessa Sunta for the design hours and artwork for the revised City banners on Harlem Avenue in the amount of \$1,500.00, seconded by Alderman Bylut. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- **Lake Katherine:** The overlook deck was redone and has received a significant amount of compliments. The door at Lake Katherine is not ADA accessible.

Alderman Begley motioned to approve payment to Beaver Den Builder Inc. for the Lake Katherine Overlook project in the amount of \$7,110.00, seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Begley motioned to approve payment to The Door Authority to furnish and install replacement double doors and windows on the outside doors of the auditorium in the amount of \$14,690.00, seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- **City Hall Renovations:** Matt from Wold Architects and Engineers presented the Committee with a slideshow of the schematic design for the City Hall renovations. The biggest concern and most expensive part of the redesign will be the restrooms. The restrooms are not ADA compliant and in order to abide by the rules there would need to be three fixtures for each gender. The current estimate is 1.6 million dollars. Matt stated the renovation would be completed in phases and went over each phase with the Committee. Alderman Begley asked how involved Wold would be throughout the project to which Matt stated throughout the entirety of the project.

Alderman Begley motioned to approve payment to Wold Architects and Engineers for the schematic design of the City Hall renovations in the amount of \$7,243.74, seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Begley motioned to approve the installation of a bike rack at City Hall with the agreed upon design (upside down U) once the resurfacing project is completed, seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Basso presented the Committee with a slideshow with examples of landscaping at one of the entrances of Navajo Hills. The landscaping would be able to hide certain structures. He showed trees, bushes, and decals that can be utilized. He showed the Committee examples from other communities. Director Jasinski stated this can be included on the next report. He will have a conversation with Alderman Basso to further this conversation to determine which route to proceed with.

Alderman Begley motioned to include the landscaping at the entrance of Navajo Hills on the next agenda, seconded by Alderman Bylut. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Alderman Begley moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Ashley Pala, Recording Secretary