



City of Palos Heights
Municipal Grounds and Property Committee
Tuesday, July 25, 2023
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Begley called the Municipal Grounds and Property Committee meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at City Hall. In attendance were Chairman Begley, Alderman Bylut, Alderman Basso, Public Works Director Adam Jasinski and recording secretary Ashley Pala. Public Arts Commission members Lynda Schiappa and Maria DeCaprio Sunta were present. Alderman Lewandowski was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Begley moved to approve the minutes of the Municipal Ground and Property Committee meeting held on June 27, 2023, seconded by Alderman Bylut. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- **Motor Vehicle Maintenance Update:** Two major pieces of equipment needed to be repaired. The skid on the grinding machine had a leak and was sent to the equipment manufacturer. Two hoses were found with leaks and all four hoses were replaced. The jetter truck pump went bad and was sent out for repairs. The hose was replaced on that as well by Public Works mechanics.
- **Menominee Lift Station Landscape:** Vince's Flowers provided an example of what could be used to landscape the lift station area with plants, trees, and steel panels.

Discussion was had of different options. There is an option of plants and trees that can be planted. It can be wrapped and if so, the next step would be deciding on a design. The goal is to use the same design for future lift stations. The Committee agreed to postpone until August.

- **City Hall Parking Lot:** Wold was asked to design the layout of the City Hall parking lot. The attempt is stop speeders and not allow visitors to park directly in front of the doors at City Hall. This design would also include two bike racks. Public Works staff would be able to wrap the curb to prevent parking in front and for those utilizing the handicapped spaces to have access to the front doors. The paving would be completed once the pool closes for the season.

- **City Hall Renovations:** The architects from Wold met and decided on materials that would be utilized for the renovations.

Alderman Begley motioned to approve payment to Wold Architects and Engineers for the design development for the City Hall renovations in the amount of \$4,217.01, seconded by Alderman Bylut. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Professional Services:

Alderman Begley motioned to approve payment for professional engineering services to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. For the Cal-Sag Trail at Lake Katherine, Phase II project in the amount of \$1,536.71, seconded by Alderman Bylut. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Walk NE Corner of 127th St and Harlem: This is to improve the right of way landscaping. Economic Development Coordinator Ken Busse is working on the business district plan by hiring a consultant to make a standard appearance for the entire business district.

Public Arts Discussion: Maria and Lynda of the Public Arts Commission discussed that they wish to be consulted prior to additions or work being done. Lynda discussed that there was a free library installed at the Art Garden without the Public Arts Commission being consulted with. History was given about the Art Garden.

Alderman Begley stated that the Art Garden is a municipal ground and that the jurisdiction is less than what is being envisioned. The City can complete work independently without consulting the Public Arts Commission. She stated the statues are beautiful and that the Public Arts Commission has added a lot of beauty to the City such as the banners. The opportunity to collaborate with the lift station landscaping between both the committee and commission.

Alderman Bylut stated that city officials should not have to go to the Public Arts Commission. He complimented the Public Arts Commission on all the accomplishments. A better partnership is what is needed.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Bylut addressed the Committee of a cul-de-sac that is not being maintained by surrounding homeowners. He received a complement for the Public Works staff for mowing and taking care of it. Other subdivisions are going to follow suit.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Alderman Begley moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Bylut. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Ashley Pala, Recording Secretary