



February 10, 2010, 6:45 p.m. Margate Park Fieldhouse
Submitted by Betsy Altman, Secretary

Program precedes the formal meeting

Artificial turf findings from area of concern (task force) meeting, Rebecca Rossof

The area of concern group presented a detailed report (on the LPACchicago.org website). No one from CPD involved with the artificial turf field was present at the LPAC meeting, but Sheli was informed that the questions will be answered fully in writing. The group began from the letter Vickie Matthews wrote to Tim Mitchell in November 2008 (also on the LPAC website). No response was ever received and no speakers agreed to talk to LPAC. One main concern is the composition of the artificial turf. Another is the high temperature on the playing surfaces. Injuries and wounds that occur are a concern, too. Consumer Products Safety Commission in 2008 said that the surfaces are okay but manufacturers should work voluntarily to create a lead free surface. State of Connecticut is preparing to do a study on crumb rubber (tiny pellets). California has set limits (50 parts per million) on the amount of lead in the product, except for the paint (yellow pigment) areas. Chicago has a standard of 600 parts per million for children's toys. Recommendations for safety are stringent. The longevity of the fields is not long (Humboldt Park and Montrose soccer fields). Questions arose on who in CPD can communicate with LPAC on these issues, what are the materials and chemicals in the product, does a bidder need to present testing specs to verify their product, what is the quality control on the fields and its wear and injuries, what is the best upkeep for sanitizing the fields, what is the expected life of a field, what are the disposal methods, should signage be placed on the health concerns, why is the CPD stonewalling LPAC on the issues? Tom Lober, Perfect Turf, spoke to some of the issues. There is a machine to clean the surface. Tom has a product that is 33 parts per million of lead. Many issues now have solutions. Tom's information inspired a second meeting of the area of concern. Becky will announce the meeting on the LPAC list serve.

LPAC Meeting

1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm, and the Agenda was moved and seconded, approved.

2. Park District staff presentations

Derrick Martin reported on 8 questions on artificial turf fields from Sheli. Derrick has not heard back from the Department of Planning. The Lincoln Park and Margate teens are going snow tubing in the suburbs. CPD just hired Joseph Paris to be the director of Community Sailing facilities. Joseph is interested in working with the wood shop program to build boats and take them sailing in the park lagoons. Archery Focus is doing archery classes at Margate, which Derrick wants to expand to Lincoln Park Cultural Center. Derrick is looking for seasonal recreation leaders, 16 years and older working with kids from 8-4. They can go online to apply. Last year, CPD had \$100,000 for day camp scholarships and the camps were not full. This year Parkways Foundation contributed to the program providing a total of \$250,000 in scholarships. The intent is to have full day camps. Jen is away and Cindy had a family emergency.

3. Park Liaison report

The Chicago Park District Board meeting is now presented by webcam for offsite participation. Nothing at the recent meeting had direct impact for Lincoln Park.

4. Approval of Minutes

January minutes were seconded and approved. The minutes are posted on LPAC's website.

5. **Treasurer's report**

Chuck Goes reported on the income and expenses of the Council. The net assets and cash balance is \$448.65. Moved and seconded approved.

Membership renewals will be handled by Chuck and will be sent to him to process. Randi will put a notice on the Yahoo website that dues are due. Chuck will send invoices by email, and then follow up by mail.

6. **Park Survey—Standing Task Force**

Deferred to April program.

7. **Montrose Area and north bridges and underpasses—Planning and Traffic Standing Task Force**

Program for March 10 meeting.

8. **President's report**

Artificial turf. A proposal was made to send a letter to Tim Mitchell on the eight points of concern from the area of concern that evolved from the meeting. Seconded and approved.

July 4th fireworks at Montrose Harbor (It also impacts a nascent nature area at 63rd St beach). **Our concern is the habitat damage.** Regardless of the location, we strongly request that the nature areas are fenced thoroughly and that security be hired and trained to protect the natural areas. If it is held at Montrose, we request that traffic is not permitted on the point. To further protect the natural environment and nesting birds, we recommend that the event be moved to Foster. Moved, seconded and approved to send a letter to the Mayor and copy Tim Mitchell. Jill will check with the Montrose stewards for their input.

Earth Day Work Day. Sheli wondered if we could get a group together to repaint the facilities building at the Montrose soccer fields. The soccer groups will explore this and Sheli will talk to Derrick. Also mentioned is getting the social clubs at North Avenue to clean the beach for Earth Day.

9. **Old Business**

None.

10. **New Business**

None.

11. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

March Program—CDOT upgrade plans to intersections at Montrose, Wilson, Simonds underpass and Simonds bridges, Tanera Green, Project Manager, Chicago Department of Planning, 6:45 pm, March 10, 2010, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Also, Discussions with Friends of the Park, Jill C Heise

April Program—Park Survey, Coleen Blake