



February 9, 2011, 7:00 p.m.  
Museum  
Submitted by Betsy Altman, Secretary

XX Margate Park Fieldhouse

Peggy Notebaert Nature

Deborah Cohen spoke on the proposal for lights on the athletic field at Francis W Parker School. The proposal is for stadium lights on artificial turf. It is a four light-stanchion system with nine lights on each, 58 ft height with high intensity lights. The intent is for the lights to be used 100 evenings a year until 9 pm in the spring and fall playing seasons. The lightning towers would be positioned 60 feet from Grandma's Garden. The use of the field has not been defined and could include third party rentals.

Taylor Jacobs, North Region Permits Coordinator for green space (beach and field are separate people), from Park Services talked about the permitting process. They have 14 days to review a permit request and then must deny, extend the review period for an additional 14 days or issue a conditional approval of the event. The conditional approval depends on finalization of details such as insurance and approvals from the Alderman. Approvals are not conditional on Advisory Council approval. Park Services is working year to year to improve the use of the park and works with Natural Resources to be proactive on protecting the landscape. Permits provide exclusive use of spaces. Redmoon received a multi-year agreement for the permit at south Belmont. Permits would like us to email them time and date stamped photos rather than phoning with license plates of offending vehicles to do with events. Taylor's phone is 312 742 4676 and email is [taylor.jacobs@chicagoparkdistrict.com](mailto:taylor.jacobs@chicagoparkdistrict.com).

We asked questions about the polo event, how much time they requested and received, fees paid and donations made. We were told we will have to FOIA this information. The event is likely to occur.

#### LPAC Meeting

**1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda**

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm, and the Agenda was moved and seconded, approved.

**2. Park District Staff presentations**

Sandra Olson, Lakefront Director  
Cindy Jahraus, Cultural Center Manager  
Jennifer Bice, Margate Manager

Sites tried to open on Wednesday of the snow storm but drifts prevented opening the doors. Paths are being cleared but back hoes are needed for all snow removal, not just snow blowers. We questioned the amount of salt being used on the path. Salt is required where ice can build up and sand won't work. Call Sandy if something needs to be done. It may have been missed because of the amount of snow.

There is no news on the playground at Contemplation Point. They have to have a public meeting and Sandy invited them to hold the meeting at LPAC.

**3. Park Liaison report**

Randi reported that the Board met at Valley Forge Fieldhouse, a brand new facility on the west side. They approved a process to get more special support contractors (like backhoes). It was noted that park district removed snow from paths before side streets were cleared during the snow storm.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

January minutes were approved with corrections. The minutes are posted on LPAC's website.

5. **Treasurer's report**

Chuck Goes reported \$602 in the bank. Chuck reported that a bunch of renewals were received. The dues notice is on the website. The report was moved, seconded and approved. The dues notices will go out in March before the next meeting.

6. **Harbor Advisory Council**

Grant Crowley reported on a meeting with Friends of the Parks about the Montrose Boat Park. They researched past problems and learned that only the City may file a law suit regarding lack of Plan Commission review. The area that is now boat storage uses public parking space as well as boaters parking. Erma, Eleanor and Grant went to talk to Reuben Hedlund, former Chair of the Chicago Plan Commission, who said he was surprised that the Plan Commission wasn't informed. He made suggestions for approaches to pursue the issue. Alderman Schiller has been asked to look into the issue and consider asking Corporation Council to file a suit against the park district for not going to the Plan Commission. Additionally, there is concern regarding when the public will be able to use the Montrose parking lot and when boater parking will be available.

7. **President's report**

The Advisory Council formally acknowledged the effort that Randi Doeker put forth in creating the Aldermanic questionnaire that is posted on the LPAC website.

Sheli suggested we look into the viability of a 501 C 3 entering into a lawsuit with other parties.

We discussed involvement in regard to the Parker lights and field issues. We discussed the impact of actions on private land with high intensity lighting on the park, whether at Grandma's Gardens or elsewhere in the park.

Sheli and Betsy will head a task force to stay informed on plans for revetment plans between Oak Street and North Avenue.

Jill attended the Friends of the Parks Advisory Council meeting. They talked about landscape, garbage pick-up and coal cans placement. Jill suggested an information guide in English and Spanish to give to picnickers to explain why to dump coals in coal cans and not at the base of trees. Sheli will talk to Sandy about logistics and getting the word out. It was suggested that the information be at the bathroom buildings and kiosks.

Sheli appointed Betsy Altman, Chair of Nominating, and Grace Chun. Everyone is invited to bring a friend to join the board. The rules are that three meetings and dues payment by May 1 2011 are required for eligibility for Board Membership.

8. **New Business**

Speakers for future meetings: Marc Kramer will contact the Chicago Area Runners Association in hopes they can send a rep to talk to us about their interest in park maintenance. Jill will contact Natural Resources or Landscape to talk to LPAC.

9. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

**2011**

**March Program—Loyola Sustainability Project from Foster to Devon, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum**

**April Program—TBD, Margate Park**

**May Program—Annual Meeting, tour of the board walk at the South Pond**

**June Program—TBD, Margate Park**